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Latest Release

There are several different versions of Octave available for download:

stable

This version is well tested and is the recommended version for most users of Octave.

development

The most recent snapshot of the development sources (if one is available). Use this if you want the latest features and it doesn't bother you that you might run into a few problems. These snapshots are **not** regular Octave releases. They are only provided for testing purposes, for people who would rather not bother with getting sources from the Mercurial archive. If you do find problems in the development snapshots, please report them to the maintainers@octave.org mailing list (but first read [the bug reporting guidelines](#)). If you are interested in the absolutely-latest-up-to-the-minute changes, you may use the sources from the public Mercurial archive instead (see below for details).

Octave version label	Version number	Release Date
Stable	3.4.3 (.tar.gz) (.tar.bz2)	10 October 2011

Contributed Packages

A collection of contributed packages for Octave is available from <http://octave.sf.net>.

Binaries

Please note that all binary distributions of Octave are built by volunteers. We make no promises about these binary packages. If they are out of date and you would like to help keep them current, please contact the people who are responsible for the sites that distribute the various packages.

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Binaries for Linux distributions are generally available with the distribution. [Debian](#), [Fedora](#), [SuSE](#), and others have packages.

Mac OS X

- [Octave Forge](#)
- [Mac OS X High Performance Computing](#)
- [The Fink project](#)
- [MacPorts](#)

Sun Solaris

The site <http://www.sunfreeware.com> has a binary distribution of Octave for Sun systems.

Windows

- The [Octave Forge](#) project hosts a native Windows binary distribution of Octave built with the MinGW compiler.
- <http://www.cygwin.com> The [Cygwin](#) project hosts binaries for Cygwin users. Look in the math category for the Octave package when installing.

Mirror Sites

The primary ftp site for Octave is now <ftp://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/octave>, which has many mirrors around the world. You can find a list at <http://www.gnu.org/prep/ftp.html>.

Development Sources

The latest development sources of Octave are also available via anonymous access to a read-only [Mercurial](#) archive.

The primary archive address is <http://www.octave.org/hg/octave>, which currently redirects to <http://hg.savannah.gnu.org/hgweb/octave>.

If the primary HG archive is unavailable, a secondary site is <http://velveeta.che.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/hgwebdir.cgi/octave>.

If you decide to use the development sources from the Mercurial archive, please read the file HACKING that is available with the source files.

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Assuming you have Mercurial installed on your machine you may check out the latest development version of Octave sources with the following command:

```
hg clone http://www.octave.org/hg/octave
```

Once you have the repository checked out, you can resync with the archive by doing

```
hg pull http://www.octave.org/hg/octave  
hg update
```

See the Mercurial manual for additional information.

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