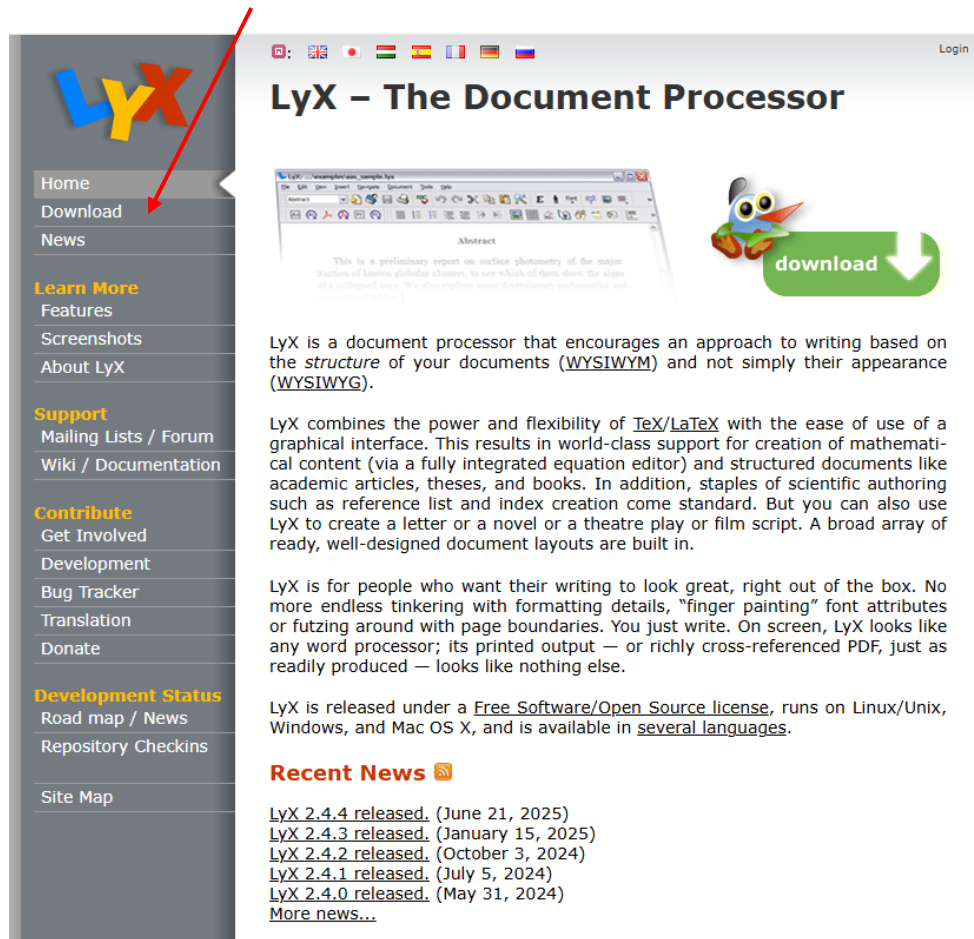


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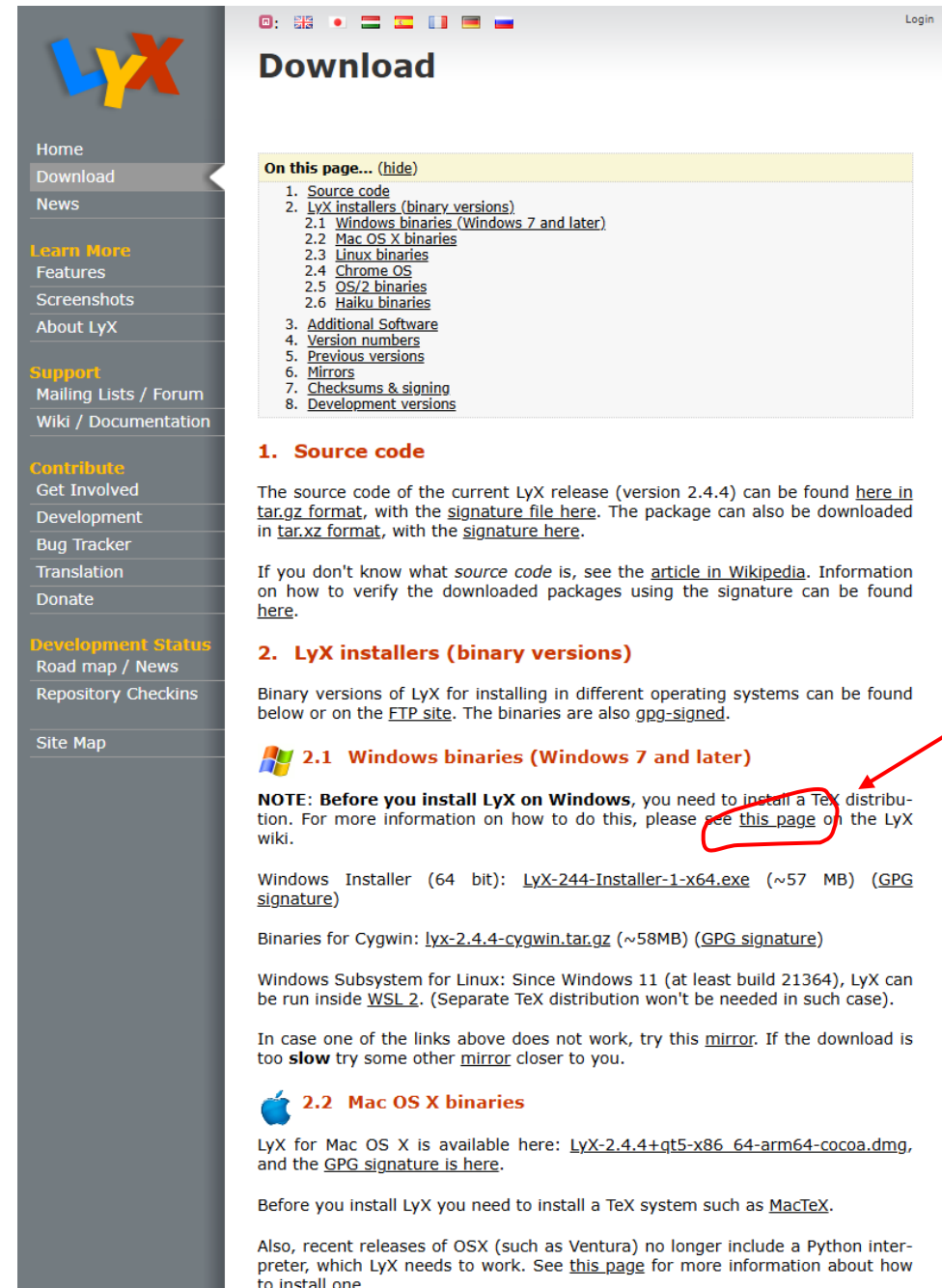
LyX combines the power and flexibility of **TeX/LaTeX** with the ease of use of a graphical interface. This results in world-class support for creation of mathematical content (via a fully integrated equation editor) and structured documents like academic articles, theses, and books. In addition, staples of scientific authoring such as reference list and index creation come standard. But you can also use LyX to create a letter or a novel or a theatre play or film script. A broad array of ready, well-designed document layouts are built in.

LyX is for people who want their writing to look great, right out of the box. No more endless tinkering with formatting details, "finger painting" font attributes or futzing around with page boundaries. You just write. On screen, LyX looks like any word processor; its printed output — or richly cross-referenced PDF, just as readily produced — looks like nothing else.

LyX is released under a [Free Software/Open Source license](#), runs on Linux/Unix, Windows, and Mac OS X, and is available in [several languages](#).

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- [LyX 2.4.4 released.](#) (June 21, 2025)
- [LyX 2.4.3 released.](#) (January 15, 2025)
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2. LyX installers (binary versions)

Binary versions of LyX for installing in different operating systems can be found below or on the [FTP site](#). The binaries are also [gpg-signed](#).

 **2.1 Windows binaries (Windows 7 and later)**


NOTE: Before you install LyX on Windows, you need to install a [TeX distribution](#). For more information on how to do this, please see [this page](#) on the LyX wiki.

Windows Installer (64 bit): [LyX-244-Installer-1-x64.exe](#) (~57 MB) ([GPG signature](#))

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Windows Subsystem for Linux: Since Windows 11 (at least build 21364), LyX can be run inside [WSL 2](#). (Separate TeX distribution won't be needed in such case).

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 **2.2 Mac OS X binaries**

LyX for Mac OS X is available here: [LyX-2.4.4+qt5-x86_64-arm64-cocoa.dmg](#), and the [GPG signature is here](#).

Before you install LyX you need to install a TeX system such as [MacTeX](#).

Also, recent releases of OSX (such as Ventura) no longer include a Python interpreter, which LyX needs to work. See [this page](#) for more information about how to install one.



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To use LyX as a 'LaTeX frontend', you need to install a 'TeX distribution', preferably **before** installing LyX itself. For Windows there are two main choices: [MiKTeX](#) and [TeXLive](#). For a long time along with LyX. But, in 2018, there were two **major** MiKTeX bugs that caused many users not to be able to compile LaTeX documents at all, which caused LyX essentially to stop working for this page was created to help older users transition to TeXLive, and to help new users to install it for the first time.

For users with a reliable and reasonable fast internet connection, the easiest way to install TeXLive is [over the internet](#). The process we describe here is based upon an internet installation, [options](#).)

First, download the TeXLive Windows installer from [this page](#).

Second, you will need to decide whether you want to install TeXLive just for yourself or for all users (assuming you can do that). If for all users, then you will want to run the installer as an administrator.

You will be given a choice between a "Simple install", a "Custom install", and "Unpack only".

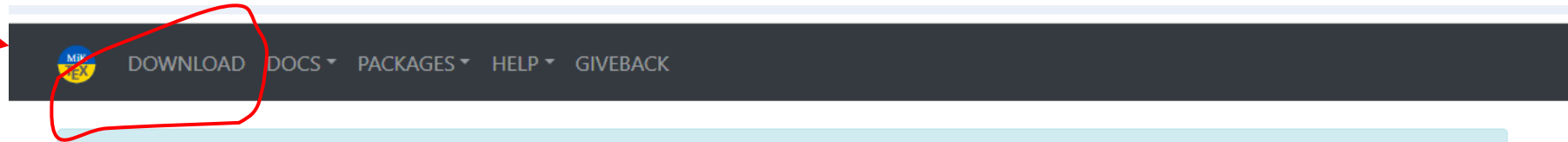
- The "Simple install" will more or less install every 'package' available in TeXLive. (If you do not know what a LaTeX package is, please read [this guide](#).) This is convenient, in a way, because of that will actually be stuff you do not need. But if you would prefer just not to have to mess around and just get on with it, then by all means go for the Simple install. If that's what you want.
- The "Custom install" is precisely what it says. It allows you to choose what to install and what not to install. We'll describe the Custom install process in what follows.
- The "Unpack only" option is not relevant for our purposes.

So we're assuming that you are doing a "Custom install". Once the installer unpacks itself, it will launch, and you will see the following window.

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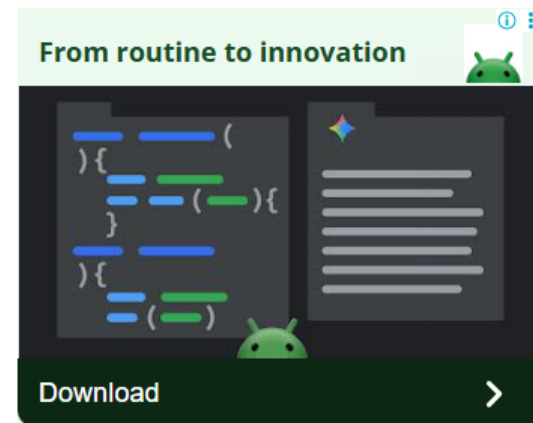
MiKTeX's integrated package manager installs missing components from the Internet, if required. This allows you to keep your TeX installation as minimal as possible ("[Just enough TeX](#)").

MiKTeX is open source. You are welcome to redistribute MiKTeX under certain conditions.


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Getting MiKTeX

MiKTeX is available for selected operating systems.

Please check the [prerequisites](#) in order to find out whether your system is supported.

If your system is not (yet) supported: it is not too difficult to [build MiKTeX](#).

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Command-line installer

To install a basic TeX/LaTeX system on Windows, download and run this installer.

Please read the [tutorial](#), if you want step-by-step guidance.

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File name:	basic-miktex-25.12-x64.exe
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