

# Django

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## How to get Django

Django is available open-source under the [BSD license](#). We recommend using the latest version of Python 3, but you can also use Python 2.7. See [the FAQ](#) for the Python versions supported by each version of Django. Here's how to get it:

### Option 1: Get the latest official version

The latest official version is 1.9.6. Read the [1.9.6 release notes](#), then install it with [pip](#):

```
pip install Django==1.9.6
```

### Option 2: Get the latest development version

The latest and greatest Django version is the one that's in our Git repository (our revision-control system). This is only for experienced users who want to try incoming changes and help identify bugs before an official release. Get it using this shell command, which requires [Git](#):

```
git clone https://github.com/django/django.git
```

You can also download [a gzipped tarball](#) of the development version. This archive is updated every time we commit code.

## After you get it

See the [installation guide](#) for further instructions. Make sure you read the documentation that corresponds to the version of Django you've just installed.

And be sure to sign up for the [django-users mailing list](#), where other Django users and the Django developers themselves all hang out to help each other.

## Supported Versions

**Feature releases** (A.B, A.B+1, etc.) will happen roughly every eight months. These releases will contain new features, improvements to existing features, and such.

**Patch releases** (A.B.C, etc.) will be issued as needed, to fix bugs and/or security issues. These releases will be 100% compatible with the associated feature release, unless this is impossible for security reasons or to prevent data loss. So the answer to "should I upgrade to the latest patch release?" will always be "yes."

Certain feature releases will be designated as **long-term support (LTS) releases**. These releases will get security and data loss fixes applied for a guaranteed period of time, typically three years.

1.9	1.9.6	August 2016	April 2017
1.8 LTS	1.8.13	December 2015	Until at least April 2018
1.7	1.7.11	April 1, 2015	December 1, 2015
1.6	1.6.11	September 2, 2014	April 1, 2015
1.5	1.5.12	November 6, 2013	September 2, 2014
1.4 LTS	1.4.22	February 26, 2013	October 1, 2015
1.3	1.3.7	March 23, 2012	February 26, 2013

Here's what the future roadmap looks like:

Release Series	Release Date	End of mainstream support <sup>1</sup>	End of extended support <sup>2</sup>
1.10	August 2016	April 2017	December 2017
1.11 LTS <sup>3</sup>	April 2017	December 2017	Until at least April 2020
2.0	December 2017	August 2018	April 2019
2.1	August 2018	April 2019	December 2019
2.2 LTS	April 2019	December 2019	Until at least April 2022
3.0	December 2019	August 2020	April 2021

[1] Security fixes, data loss bugs, crashing bugs, major functionality bugs in newly-introduced features, and regressions from older versions of Django.

[2] Security fixes and data loss bugs.

[3] Last version to support Python 2.7.

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