



Rocky Linux from CIQ (RLC) is a commercially-backed Enterprise Linux distribution for organizations that need improved security, performance, guaranteed updates, validated access, support and indemnification... all at a reasonable cost.

## Rocky Linux, adopted by millions, delivered by CIQ

Since its inception over four years ago, open source Rocky Linux has become the trusted option for businesses seeking a rock-solid, modern Enterprise Linux distribution. It is installed on millions of servers and is powering everything from mission critical apps to emerging AI startups.

CIQ is the founding services and support sponsor of the open source Rocky Linux project, and with Rocky Linux from CIQ, we start with the open source distribution and extend it with secure delivery, reliability, and support so that you have the assurances you need for production workloads. We rebuild it from the ground up so we can speed delivery of fixes and ensure critical updates are securely deployed to your environments.

By packaging open source Rocky Linux, we pass along the value of the broadly adopted project

CIQ engineering is deeply involved in the open source Rocky Linux project. From development to delivery, we are committed to the long-term success of this important open source project. It's in our DNA.



### Proven lineage

Rocky Linux inherits the rigorous testing and stability of enterprise Linux, which ensures compatibility with enterprise software and tools expecting a standard environment.



### Multi-Architecture support

RLC runs on x86\_64 & ARM64 architectures. This gives organizations the flexibility to deploy on environments from legacy servers to cloud ARM instances without OS changes.



### Open governance

The governance structure of the Rocky Linux community ensures the direction of the project is transparent and open, ensuring long-term stability for users.

## RLC: Ubiquitous, validated and reliably delivered

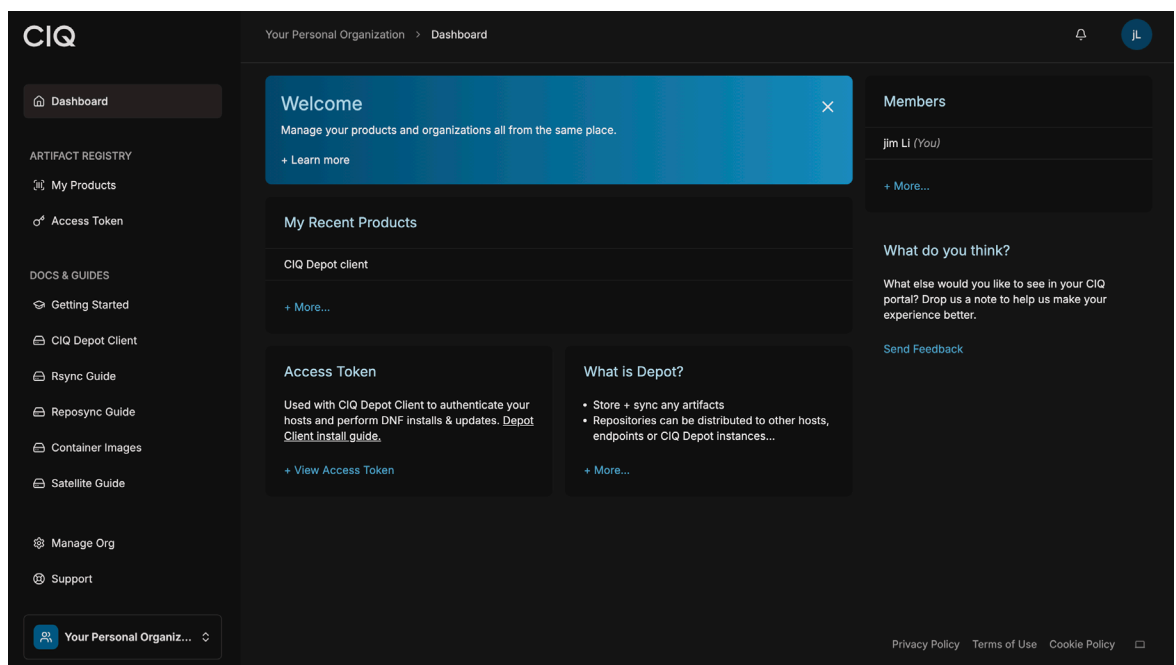
RLC is available directly from CIQ and is provided via secure, validated software supply chain. All installers, RPMs, binaries, and metadata are cryptographically signed and verified prior to distribution through CIQ-managed repositories. These repos are geo-replicated, monitored, and hosted in hardened data centers to ensure high availability and integrity. As a result, every RPM or ISO image obtained via CIQ is integrity-verified and cryptographically validated, ensuring authenticity and correctness.

“RLC represents everything we need from a linux distribution. It ensures our systems are always up to date and the CIQ is always there to help us.”

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### CIQ Portal: a management console for your Linux environments

CIQ streamlines the management of subscriptions and downloads across an organization through the CIQ Portal. It serves as a central resource to access rpms, ISO installers, cloud images, container based images, and repository access tokens for your account. With Portal, you'll no longer need to search across multiple websites or use personal accounts to download installation media.



### RLC: Up-to-date and secure

Keeping systems patched is essential in enterprise environments. RLC delivers validated security updates (when necessary) with a commercially backed SLO (within ~30 days of release) to ensure that even if the upstream community is delayed or if they decide not to fix a critical security issue, CIQ will ensure you are compliant and up to date.

CIQ also provides guidance on the priority of each update. This allows operations teams to make informed decisions about whether to apply a patch immediately or defer it to a scheduled maintenance window—balancing security needs with system stability.

## RLC: Supported and indemnified

CIQ offers direct support from many of the same engineers who build and maintain Rocky Linux. Support plans include options for standard business hours or 24x7 coverage. Regardless of the plan, critical issues are prioritized for fast response to minimize downtime and risk.

In addition to this base support, CIQ offers extended update options for minor releases. This is particularly useful when your organization standardizes on a specific version for application compatibility.

RLC also comes with protection and indemnification guarantees that mitigate your risk and liability in the case of legal issues. CIQ is accountable and delivers the coverage to keep your legal and compliance teams satisfied.

	Rocky Linux	
	Community	From CIQ
<b>Packaging</b>		
Major releases	✓	✓
Package validations	✓	✓
<b>Delivery</b>		
Public repos	✓	-
Account management	-	✓
Customer cedicated repos	-	✓
Secure access	-	✓
Artifacts validation	-	✓
Cloud availability	✓	✓
Cloud mirrors	✓	✓
<b>Security</b>		
CVE remediation	✓	✓
Secure boot for ARM	-	✓
Update SLO and guarantees	-	✓
<b>Support</b>		
Bug fixes	-	Add-on
24/7/365	-	Add-on
Advanced SLAs	-	Add-on
<b>Costs/legal</b>		
Cost	\$0	Per node
Risk mitigation	-	✓
Indemnification	-	✓

## What are the differences between Rocky Linux and RLC?

There are a few items the open source Rocky Linux community does not focus on and CIQ is here to ensure those requirements are met. The differences are outlined below:

### RLC: Right image, all environments, right cost

Rocky Linux from CIQ offers a simple, low-cost site license, and we'll only track how much data has been downloaded, so you are free to use RLC on as many nodes as you like without audit. You can use a consistent Enterprise Linux distribution in ALL your environments and know that we've got your back in production. This model eliminates compliance audits and reduces administrative overhead and risk of unexpected costs.

### RLC: Optimized for your application requirements

Many workloads have explicit requirements. With RLC, we also offer versions of Rocky Linux tailored to specific needs, while still providing the core benefits of RLC.

#### RLC | Hardened

A security-focused version of RLC that includes features and configurations for environments with strict security requirements. It minimizes zero-day attacks and accelerates risk mitigation so you can stay ahead of updates and reduce exposure. It also suits environments with compliance requirements such as FIPS, DISA STIG, PCI DSS, or HIPAA.


#### RLC | AI


RLC-AI allows you to keep pace with increasing pressure to scale deployments, optimize costs, address growing security concerns, and adapt to a relentless pace of AI innovation. It includes a kernel optimized for AI, leading edge user space enhancements, current drivers and key performance improvements.

## Get RLC now

RLC gives you the reliability of a stable, supported Enterprise Linux distribution with the flexibility of open source. It's designed for organizations that need a consistent Linux platform they can customize, deploy at scale, and keep secure over time. If you need more information, please reach out to us to schedule a demo or consult with our experts to talk about deployment options.

**Get started today: Talk to CIQ about RLC XXXXXXXXXXXX**

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