



Rocky Linux from CIQ (RLC) Long-Term Support (LTS) extends the operational life of Rocky Linux minor versions, enabling organizations to maintain stable, compliant, and secure environments while dramatically reducing upgrade costs and operational disruption.

Extend your Rocky Linux investment with guaranteed stability

Production environments demand consistency. While the Rocky Linux community releases new minor versions every six months, many organizations cannot absorb the cost, risk, and disruption of frequent updates. System validations, compliance certifications, and application compatibility testing can take months and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars per upgrade cycle.

RLC LTS solves this challenge by extending support for even-numbered minor releases for up to four years beyond their community end-of-life. CIQ engineers remediate critical and important Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs), along with select enhancements and bug fixes, delivered through CIQ's secure portal and content delivery network.

RLC LTS: Enterprise-grade security without the disruption

CIQ's engineering team continuously monitors CVEs and security advisories, backporting fixes for critical and important vulnerabilities (CVSS 7.0+). These updates are built in CIQ's secure infrastructure, cryptographically signed, and delivered through geo-redundant repositories via the CIQ Portal.



Operational stability

Maintain production environments for between 18 to 48 months after EOL, reducing upgrade frequency by up to 75% while maintaining security and compliance.



Compliance continuity

Keep certifications and audit approvals valid longer by staying on approved versions. Meet regulatory requirements without forced migrations.

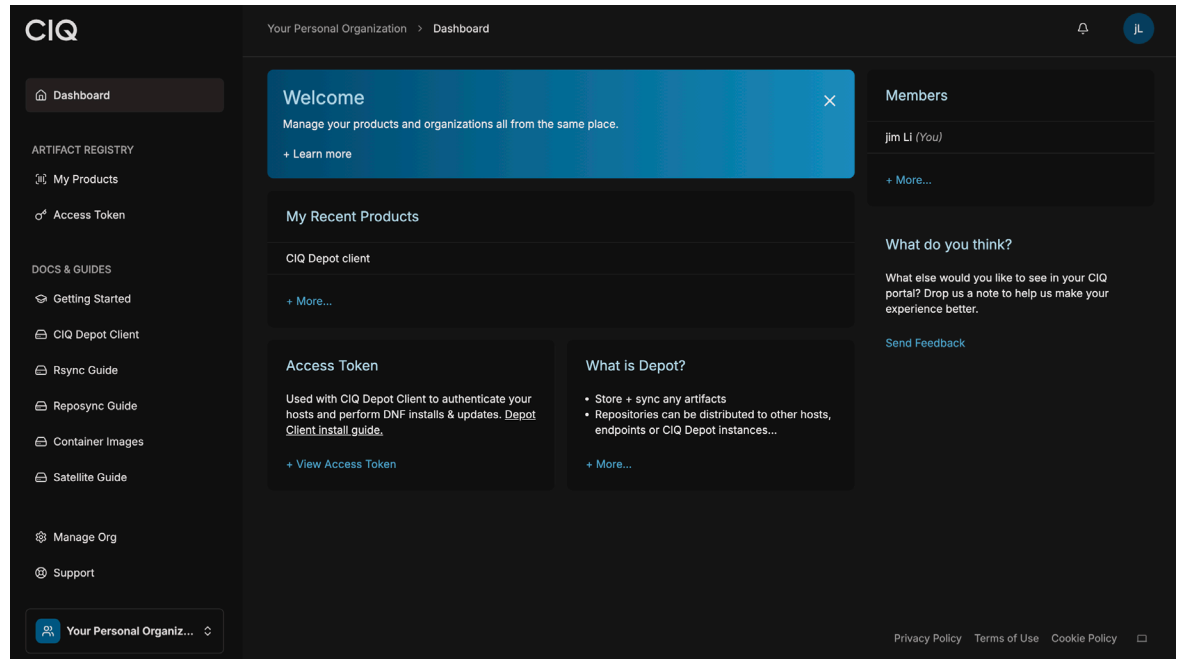


Cost optimization

Reduce validation, testing, and migration costs by extending version lifecycles. One upgrade every two to four years instead of every six months transforms your TCO.

CIQ Portal: A management console for your Linux environments

The CIQ Portal seamlessly manages your LTS subscriptions alongside standard RLC subscriptions. Access LTS repositories, download updated images, and manage tokens through the same unified interface. Your LTS versions appear as additional product options, making it simple to maintain mixed environments with both current and LTS releases.



- Single customer portal for all RLC and RLC LTS subscriptions
- Dedicated LTS repositories for each supported version
- Updated installation media with integrated security fixes
- Centralized access tokens and subscription management

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.

RLC LTS: Full support and indemnification

LTS subscriptions include the same comprehensive support options as standard RLC. Whether you need standard business hours or 24x7 coverage, you're supported by the same CIQ engineers who build and maintain Rocky Linux. Critical issues receive priority response regardless of your plan.

Your LTS subscription includes full indemnification coverage for Rocky Linux components, ensuring your legal and compliance teams have the protection they require for production deployments.

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:

	Rocky Linux		
	Community	Rocky Linux from CIQ	Rocky Linux from CIQ LTS
Packaging ^			
Major releases	✓	✓	✓
Package validations	✓	✓	✓
Delivery ^			
Customer dedicated repos	-	✓	✓
Public repos	✓	-	-
Account management	-	✓	✓
Secure access	-	✓	✓
Artifacts validation	-	✓	✓
Cloud availability	✓	✓	✓
Cloud mirrors	-	✓	✓
Security ^			
CVE remediation	✓	✓	✓
Security updates (Critical/ Important)	✓	✓	✓
Security updates (CVSS 7.0+)	✓	✓	✓ + Discretionary
Updates (CVSS <7.0)	✓	✓	✓
Secure boot for x86	✓	✓	✓
Secure boot for ARM	✓	✓	✓
FIPS 140-3 compliant modules	-	✓	✓
Update SLO and guarantees	-	✓	✓
Support ^			
Version	Active Minor	Active Minor	EOL'd Even Versions
Support duration	-	6 months	Up to 54 months total
Bug fixes	-	add-on	add-on
24/7/365	-	add-on	add-on
Advanced SLAs	-	add-on	add-on
Costs/Legal ^			
Cost	\$0	Per node	Per node
Risk mitigation	-	✓	✓
Indemnification	-	✓	✓

RLC Extended LTS: Aligned with federal requirements

For organizations with stringent compliance requirements, RLC LTS provides FIPS 140-3 compliant packages with CVE remediation that maintain cryptographic integrity. The following versions are actively FIPS compliant or actively in the FIPS validation process.

- Rocky Linux 8.6 supported through November 2026
- Rocky Linux 9.2 supported through November 2027
- Rocky Linux 9.6 supported through November 2029

RLC LTS is ideal for federal agencies, financial institutions, healthcare providers, and any organization requiring FIPS 140-3 validated cryptography with extended lifecycle support.

RLC LTS: Optimized for your application requirements

Many workloads have explicit requirements. With RLC LTS we also offer versions of Rocky Linux from CIQ 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.


Transform your upgrade economics with RLC LTS

RLC LTS fundamentally changes the economics of Enterprise Linux management. Instead of costly semi-annual migrations, maintain secure, compliant production environments on your schedule. Reduce validation costs, minimize change risk, and give your teams time to thoroughly test updates before deployment.

For organizations running hundreds or thousands of nodes, the savings in testing, validation, and migration costs alone justify the investment. Add the reduced risk of production disruption and improved compliance posture, and RLC LTS becomes essential for enterprise Linux strategies.

Get RLC LTS now


RLC LTS delivers the stability your production environments demand with the security your compliance teams require. It's designed for organizations that need to balance innovation with operational consistency, security with stability, and cost with compliance.

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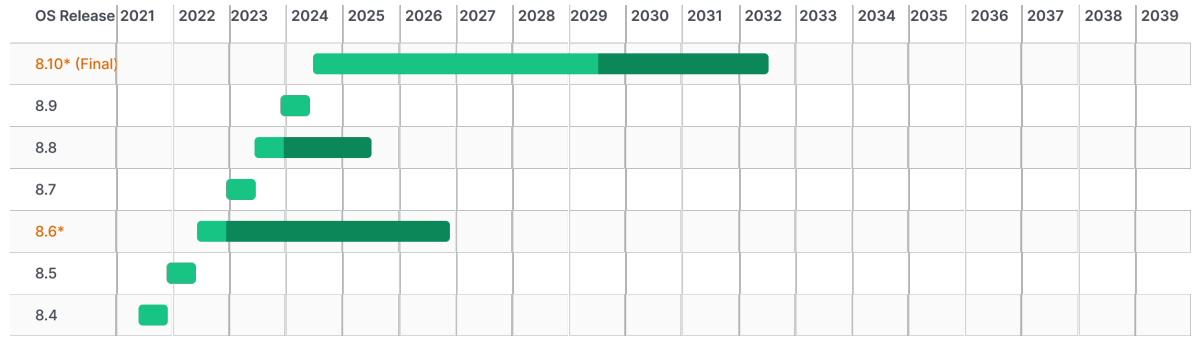
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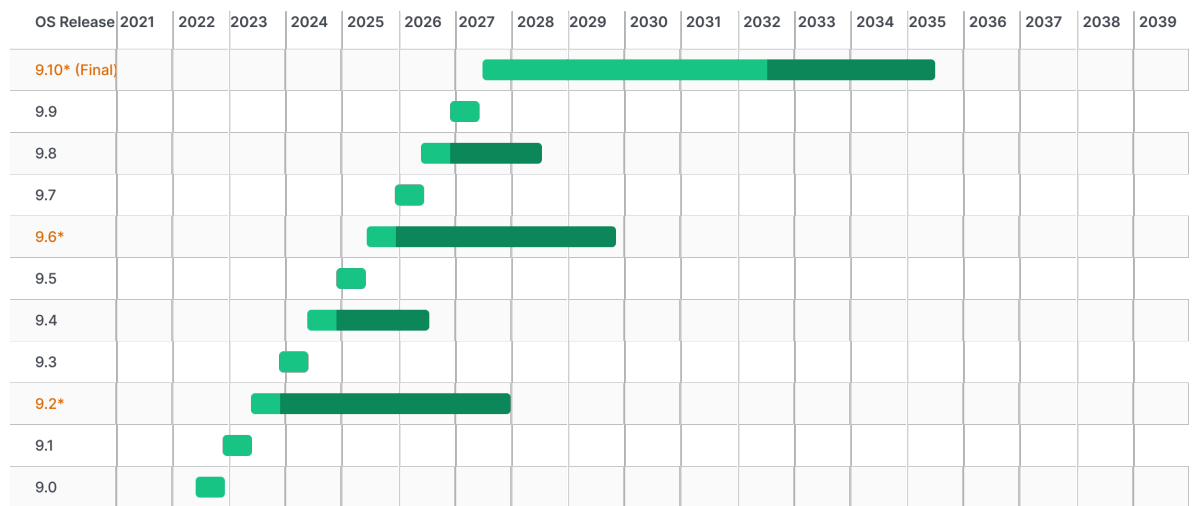


*FIPS 140-3 Certified releases

Rocky Linux from CIQ minor release

Rocky Linux from CIQ- LTS (Long-Term Support)

Rocky Linux from CIQ 9 release timeline



Rocky Linux from CIQ 10 release timeline

