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# Installation

The current Gradle release is 5.6.2. You can download binaries and view docs for all Gradle versions from the [releases page](#).

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## Prerequisites

Gradle runs on all major operating systems and requires only a [Java JDK or JRE](#) version 8 or higher to be installed. To check, run `java -version`:

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```
$ java -version
java version "1.8.0_121"
```

## Additional resources

- On-demand and live [online training](#) is available for free to Gradle users.
- Self-paced [tutorials](#) are a good place to try Gradle with a variety of languages in addition to the docs.
- Gradle has a new visual build inspection tool called [build scans](#).
- Finally, the [Gradle Newsletter](#) is a great way to keep `UP-TO-DATE`, with issues crafted monthly.

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## Installing with a package manager

SDKMAN! is a tool for managing parallel versions of multiple Software Development Kits on most Unix-based systems.

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```
$ sdk install gradle 5.6.2
```

Homebrew is “the missing package manager for macOS”.

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```
$ brew install gradle
```

Other package managers are available, but the version of Gradle distributed by them is not controlled by Gradle, Inc. Linux package managers may distribute a modified version of Gradle that is incompatible or incomplete when compared to the official version (available from SDKMAN! or below).

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## Installing manually

### Step 1. Download the latest Gradle distribution

The current Gradle release is version 5.6.2, released on 05 Sep 2019. The distribution zip file comes in two flavors:

- [Binary-only](#)
- [Complete, with docs and sources](#)

If in doubt, choose the binary-only version and browse [docs](#) and [sources](#) online.

Need to work with an older version? See the [releases](#) page.

### Step 2. Unpack the distribution

#### Linux & MacOS users

Unzip the distribution zip file in the directory of your choosing, e.g.:

```
$ ls /opt/gradle/gradle-5.6.2  
LICENSE NOTICE bin getting-started.html init.d lib media
```

## Microsoft Windows users

Create a new directory `C:\Gradle` with File Explorer.

Open a second File Explorer window and go to the directory where the Gradle distribution was downloaded. Double-click the ZIP archive to expose the content. Drag the content folder `gradle-5.6.2` to your newly created `C:\Gradle` folder.

Alternatively you can unpack the Gradle distribution ZIP into `C:\Gradle` using an archiver tool of your choice.

## Step 3. Configure your system environment

### Linux & MacOS users

Configure your `PATH` environment variable to include the `bin` directory of the unzipped distribution, e.g.:

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```
$ export PATH=$PATH:/opt/gradle/gradle-5.6.2/bin
```

### Microsoft Windows users

In File Explorer right-click on the `This PC` (or `Computer`) icon, then click `Properties` -> `Advanced System Settings` -> `Environmental Variables`.

Under `System Variables` select `Path`, then click `Edit`. Add an entry for `C:\Gradle\gradle-5.6.2\bin`. Click OK to save.

## Step 4. Verify your installation

Open a console (or a Windows command prompt) and run `gradle -v` to run gradle and display the version, e.g.:

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```
$ gradle -v
```

```
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Gradle 5.6.2  
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```

## Upgrade with the Gradle Wrapper

If your existing Gradle-based build uses the [Gradle Wrapper](#), you can easily upgrade by running the `wrapper` task, specifying the desired Gradle version:

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```
$ ./gradlew wrapper --gradle-version=5.6.2 --distribution-type=bin
```

Note that it is not necessary for Gradle to be installed to use the Gradle wrapper. The next invocation of `gradlew` or `gradlew.bat` will download and cache the specified version of Gradle.

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```
$ ./gradlew tasks
Downloading https://services.gradle.org/distributions/gradle-5.6.2-bin.zip
...
```

› [Additional helpful information](#)

## Older Releases

You can find all releases and their checksums on the [releases page](#).

## Command-Line Completion

Command-line completion scripts are available for bash and zsh. This provides completion for Gradle tasks and command-line options.

