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## GNU C Library version 2.3.3 release

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Version 2.3.3 of the GNU C Library is now available for download at:

<http://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/glibc/>  
<ftp://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/glibc/>

Please see <http://www.gnu.org/order/ftp.html> for mirror sites around the world.

This is an interim release and the C library's developers do not recommend that users build this release at all. This goes beyond the admonitions we usually make that updating the C library is no trivial task and it is very easy to damage one's system. In fact, this release represents a snapshot of development state during a stable period around the end of 2003. Development of the C library has progressed since, and many outstanding problems found in the 2.3.3 code are already known and have been addressed. Maintainers of GNU/Linux and GNU/Hurd binary distributions already base their systems on development snapshots that contain the changes between 2.3.2 and this 2.3.3 release. The purpose of this release is to provide a newer common baseline for the source code that people are already using. If you are not involved in maintaining a binary distribution package of the GNU C Library already based on something later than the 2.3.2 release, then this release is not for you.

Since the 2.3.2 release was made, the C Library's developers have been rethinking the procedures by which we make releases. In future, the release process will be more aligned with how people actually use the GNU C Library's code in building whole systems and better coordinated with contributions from the maintainers of those distributions. We anticipate the 2.3.4 release will be the first milestone of the move towards new ways of making glibc releases.

The following files are available:

b45c4cf9714a4688c319149c15a1e060	glibc-2.3.3.tar.gz	(16.7M)
e825807b98042f807799ccc9dd96d31b	glibc-2.3.3.tar.bz2	(12.4M)
9006b8bff18beb864f6053857f25b410	glibc-linuxthreads-2.3.3.tar.gz	(303k)
8149ea62922e75bd692bc3b92e5e766b	glibc-linuxthreads-2.3.3.tar.bz2	(224k)
fdd40a37dc4d867e6590de1e9e71fa73	glibc-2.3.2-2.3.3.diff.gz	(2.8M)
2ed557cccd79d567a90c466dd630ea49b	glibc-2.3.2-2.3.3.diff.bz2	(2.1M)

Note the `linuxthreads' package is required to build a useful system C library for use with Linux kernels prior to version 2.6. To build a configuration supporting only Linux 2.6 kernels or to build for GNU/Hurd, the package is not required. The main glibc-2.3.3 release package contains the Native POSIX Threads Library (NPTL) contributed by Ulrich Drepper, which supports Linux 2.6 kernels only.

This release like all others was made possible by the contributions of many people. We are very grateful to all of them, and chief among those are:

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Roland McGrath for the GNU C Library Developers

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