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# **Sage Installation Guide**

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You can install SageMath either from a package manager, a pre-built binary tarball or from its sources.

Installing SageMath from your distribution package manager is the preferred and fastest solution (dependencies will be automatically taken care of and SageMath will be using your system Python). It is the case at least for the following GNU/Linux distributions: Debian version  $\geq 9$ , Ubuntu version  $\geq 18.04$ , Arch Linux, and NixOS. If you are in this situation, see [Linux package managers](#).

If your operating system does not provide SageMath, you can also use a pre-built binary. See the section [Install from Pre-built Binaries](#).

Or you could install the `sage` package from the [conda-forge](#) project. See the section [Install from conda-forge](#).

By compiling SageMath from its sources you might be able to run a slightly more up-to-date version. You can also modify it and contribute back to the project. Compiling SageMath might take up to 4 hours on a recent computer. To build SageMath from source, go to the section [Install from Source Code](#).

Note that there are other alternatives to use SageMath that completely avoid installing it:

- the [Sage Debian Live USB key](#): a full featured USB key that contains a whole Linux distribution including SageMath. This might be an option if you fail installing SageMath on your operating system.
- [CoCalc](#): an online service that provides SageMath and many other tools.
- [Sage Cell Server](#): an online service for elementary SageMath computations.
- [Docker images](#): SageMath in a container for more experienced users.

The rest of this document describes how to install SageMath from pre-built binaries and from sources.



## LINUX PACKAGE MANAGERS

On GNU/Linux Debian version  $\geq 9$ , Ubuntu version  $\geq 18.04$ , Arch Linux there are three packages to install

- `sagemath` (for the binaries)
- `sagemath-jupyter` (for the browser interface)
- and the documentation which is called `sagemath-doc-en` on Debian/Ubuntu and `sagemath-doc` on Arch Linux.

Gentoo users might want to give a try to [sage-on-gentoo](#).





## INSTALL FROM PRE-BUILT BINARIES

Installation from a pre-built binary tarball is an easy and fast way to install Sage. Note that on GNU/Linux a preferred way is to use your package manager (e.g. apt, pacman, yum).

In all cases, we assume that you have a computer with at least 4 GB of free disk space.

### 2.1 Download Guide

Not sure what to download? Just follow these steps.

- Determine your operating system (Windows, Linux or macOS).
- According to your operating system, go to the appropriate Download section of the [SageMath website](#).
- Choose a download server (aka mirror) that is close to your location.
- Download the binary that is appropriate to your system. Depending on your operating system you might need additional information such as your CPU type (e.g. 64 bits or 32 bits) and your operating system version. If you use macOS you will have the choice between a tarball (whose names ends with `tar.bz2`) and two kinds of mountable disk images (whose names end with `app.dmg` and simply `.dmg`). Except for Windows, the naming scheme of the files is always `sage-VERSION-OS-CPU.EXTENSION` where `EXTENSION` can be `tar.gz`, `tar.bz2`, `dmg` or `app.dmg`.
- Then choose the appropriate section below corresponding to your situation.

### 2.2 Linux

Make sure that you have an SSL library installed (OpenSSL recommended).

It is highly recommended that you have LaTeX installed. If you want to view animations, you should install either ImageMagick or ffmpeg. ImageMagick or dvipng is also used for displaying some LaTeX output in the notebooks.

Choose an appropriate directory where to install Sage. If you have administrator rights on your computer a good choice is `/opt` otherwise it can be anywhere in your home directory. Avoid spaces and Unicode characters in the path name.

Next, download the latest binary tarball available (see “Download Guide” above). The tarball name should end with `.tar.gz` or `.tar.bz2`. If you want to use the `.dmg` or `.app.dmg` for macOS switch to the next section.

Unpack the tarball where you intend to install Sage. This is done from the command line using the `tar` program. Next, to launch Sage, go to the `SageMath` directory and run the program that is called `sage` (via `./sage` on the command line).

The first time you run Sage, you will see a message like

```
Rewriting paths for your new installation directory
=====

This might take a few minutes but only has to be done once.

patching ... (long list of files)
```

At this point, you can no longer move your Sage installation and expect Sage to function.

Once you are able to launch Sage you might want to create a shortcut so that `sage` just works from the command line. To do so simply use the `ln` program from the command line:

```
$ sudo ln -s /path/to/SageMath/sage /usr/local/bin/sage
```

where `/path/to/SageMath/sage` is the actual path to your SageMath installation.

## 2.3 macOS

On macOS there are three possible binaries for each version. They can be recognized by their suffixes:

- `tar.bz2`: a binary tarball
- `dmg`: a compressed image of the binary
- `app.dmg`: a compressed image of a full macOS application (with shortcuts)

This section explains how to install from `dmg` or `app.dmg`. For the installation of the binary tarball `tar.bz2` just follow the steps of the Linux installation.

After downloading the file, double click on the `dmg` file to mount it which will take some time. Then drag the folder SageMath that just appeared to `/Applications/`. If you did download the app, an icon should have appeared on your desktop. Simply use it. In both situations you might want to have shortcuts so that `sage` in the console simply works out of the box. For that purpose, follows the steps at the end of the section “Linux”.

## 2.4 Microsoft Windows (Cygwin)

SageMath on Windows requires a 64-bit Windows (which is likely to be the case on a modern computer). If you happen to have a 32-bit Windows, you can consider the alternatives mentioned at the end of *Welcome to the SageMath Installation Guide*.

To install SageMath on Windows, just download the installer (see the above “Download Guide” section) and run it.

## INSTALL FROM CONDA-FORGE

SageMath can be installed from [conda-forge](#) on Linux and macOS running x86-64 that most current desktops and laptops use.

To install SageMath, install [Miniconda](#) and then type in the following commands in a terminal:

- Add the conda-forge channel: `conda config --add channels conda-forge`
- Create a new environment containing SageMath: `conda create -n sage sage python=X`, where X is version of Python, e.g. 2.7
- Enter the new environment: `conda activate sage`
- Start SageMath: `sage`

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**Note:** The dependency resolution process of conda is slow; a faster experimental resolver we tried with success is [mamba](#). It can be used as follows.

```
conda install mamba -c conda-forge # installs mamba
mamba create -n sage sage -c conda-forge # replaces "conda create..."
```

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## INSTALL FROM SOURCE CODE

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More familiarity with computers may be required to build Sage from the [source code](#). If you do have all the *pre-requisite tools*, the process should be completely painless, basically consisting in extracting the source tarball and typing `make`. It can take your computer a while to build Sage from the source code, although the procedure is fully automated and should need no human intervention.

Building Sage from the source code has the major advantage that your install will be optimized for your particular computer and should therefore offer better performance and compatibility than a binary install. Moreover, it offers you full development capabilities: you can change absolutely any part of Sage or the programs on which it depends, and recompile the modified parts.

Download the Sage [source code](#) or get it from the [git repository](#). Note: if you are installing Sage for development, you should rather follow the instructions in [The Sage Developer's Guide](#).

It is also possible to download a [binary distribution](#) for some operating systems, rather than compiling from source.

### 4.1 Supported platforms

See <https://wiki.sagemath.org/SupportedPlatforms> for the full list of platforms on which Sage is supported and the level of support for these systems.

Sage is supported on a number of [Linux](#), [macOS](#), [Sun/Oracle Solaris](#) releases, but not necessarily all versions of these operating systems. There is no native version of Sage which installs on [Microsoft Windows](#), although Sage can be used on Windows with the aid of a [virtual machine](#) or the [Cygwin](#) Linux API layer.

On the [list of supported platforms](#), you can find details about [ports](#) to other operating systems or processors which may be taking place.

## 4.2 Prerequisites

### 4.2.1 General requirements

This section details the technical prerequisites needed on all platforms. See also the *System-specific requirements* below.

#### Disk space and memory

Your computer comes with at least 6 GB of free disk space running one of the supported versions of an operating system listed at <https://wiki.sagemath.org/SupportedPlatforms>. It is recommended to have at least 2 GB of RAM, but you might get away with less (be sure to have some swap space in this case).

#### Command-line tools

In addition to standard **POSIX** utilities and the **bash** shell, the following standard command-line development tools must be installed on your computer:

- A **C/C++ compiler**: Since SageMath builds its own GCC if needed, a wide variety of C/C++ compilers is supported. Many GCC versions work, from as old as version 4.8 (but we recommend at least 5.1) to the most recent release. Clang also works. See also *Using alternative compilers*.
- **make**: GNU make, version 3.80 or later. Version 3.82 or later is recommended.
- **m4**: GNU m4 1.4.2 or later (non-GNU or older versions might also work).
- **perl**: version 5.8.0 or later.
- **ar** and **ranlib**: can be obtained as part of GNU binutils.
- **tar**: GNU tar version 1.17 or later, or BSD tar.
- **python**: Python  $\geq 3.6$ .

#### Libraries

Some Sage components (and among them, most notably, Python) “*use the OpenSSL library for added performance if made available by the operating system*” (literal quote from the Python license). Testing has proved that:

- Sage can be successfully built against other SSL libraries (at least GnuTLS).
- Sage’s `-pip` facility (used to install some Sage packages) is disabled when Sage is compiled against those libraries.

Furthermore, the Sage license mention that the `hashlib` library (used in Sage) uses OpenSSL.

Therefore, the OpenSSL library is recommended. However, Sage’s license seems to clash with OpenSSL license, which makes the distribution of OpenSSL along with Sage sources dubious. However, there is no problem for Sage using a systemwide-installed OpenSSL library.

In any case, you must install systemwide your chosen library and its development files.

## Fortran and compiler suites

Sage installation also needs a Fortran compiler. Officially we support gfortran from [GNU Compiler Collection \(GCC\)](#). If C and C++ compilers also come from there (i.e., gcc and g++), their versions should match. Alternatively, one may use C and C++ compilers from [Clang: a C language family frontend for LLVM](#), and thus matching versions of clang, clang++, along with a recent gfortran. (Flang (or other LLVM-based Fortran compilers) are not officially supported, however it is possible to build Sage using flang, with some extra efforts needed to set various flags; this is work in progress at the moment (May 2019)).

Therefore, if you plan on using your own GCC compilers, then make sure that their versions match.

Alternatively, Sage includes a GCC package, so that C, C++ and Fortran compilers will be built when the build system detects that it is needed, e.g., non-GCC compilers, or versions of the GCC compilers known to miscompile some components of Sage, or simply a missing Fortran compiler. In any case, you always need at least a C/C++ compiler to build the GCC package and its prerequisites before the compilers it provides can be used.

Note that you can always override this behavior through the configure options `--without-system-gcc` and `--with-system-gcc`, see [Using alternative compilers](#).

## Other notes

After extracting the Sage tarball, the subdirectory `upstream` contains the source distributions for everything on which Sage depends. If cloned from a git repository, the upstream tarballs will be downloaded, verified, and cached as part of the Sage installation process. We emphasize that all of this software is included with Sage, so you do not have to worry about trying to download and install any one of these packages (such as Python, for example) yourself.

When the Sage installation program is run, it will check that you have each of the above-listed prerequisites, and inform you of any that are missing, or have unsuitable versions.

### 4.2.2 System-specific requirements

On macOS, there are various developer tools needed which may require some registration on Apple's developer site; see [macOS prerequisite installation](#).

On Redhat-derived systems not all perl components are installed by default and you might have to install the **perl-ExtUtils-MakeMaker** package.

On Cygwin, the **lapack** and **liblapack-devel** packages are required to provide ATLAS support as the Sage package for ATLAS is not built by default.

### 4.2.3 Installing prerequisites

To check if you have the above prerequisites installed, for example perl, type:

```
$ command -v perl
```

or:

```
$ which perl
```

on the command line. If it gives an error (or returns nothing), then either perl is not installed, or it is installed but not in your [PATH](#).

## Linux recommended installation

On Linux systems (e.g., Ubuntu, Redhat, etc), `ar` and `ranlib` are in the `binutils` package. The other programs are usually located in packages with their respective names. Assuming you have sufficient privileges, you can install the `binutils` and other necessary/standard components. The lists provided below are longer than the minimal prerequisites, which are basically `binutils`, `gcc/clang`, `make`, `tar`, but there is no real need to build compilers and other standard tools and libraries on a modern Linux system, in order to be able to build Sage. If you do not have the privileges to do this, ask your system administrator to do this, or build the components from source code. The method of installing additional software varies from distribution to distribution, but on a `Debian` based system (e.g. `Ubuntu` or `Mint`), you would use `apt-get`:

```
# debian (Buster or newer) / ubuntu
$ sudo apt-get install binutils pixz gcc g++ gfortran make m4 perl tar \
git patch openssl libssl-dev libz-dev bc libbz2-dev liblzma-dev libgmp-dev \
libffi-dev libgfortran-dev libcurl4-openssl-dev libzmq3-dev curl yasm \
pkg-config libntlm-dev libmpfr-dev libmpc-dev libflint-dev \
libpcre3-dev libgd-dev libflint-dev libflint-arb-dev \
libsymmetrica2-dev gmp gmp-ecm libecm-dev libisl-dev libgivar-dev \
libpari-dev pari-gp2c libec-dev liblrcalc-dev \
libm4ri-dev libm4rie-dev liblfunction-dev lcalc

# redhat / fedora / centos
$ sudo yum install binutils xz gcc gcc-c++ gcc-gfortran make m4 perl \
tar git patch perl-ExtUtils-MakeMaker openssl openssl-devel zlib-devel \
bzip2 bzip2-devel xz-devel gmp gmp-devel libcurl-devel curl yasm \
pkg-config ntl-devel mpfr-devel libmpc-devel libsymmetrica-devel \
eclib-devel gmp-ecm-devel lrcalc-devel isl-devel givar-dev \
pari-devel pari-elldata pari-seadata pari-galdata pari-galpol \
m4ri-devel m4rie-devel L-function-devel
```

(These examples suppose that you choose to use a systemwide OpenSSL library.) In addition, if you don't want Sage to build other packages that might be available from your OS, cf. the growing list of such packages on [trac ticket #27330](#), install:

```
# debian / ubuntu -- not for standard Sage spkgs
$ sudo apt-get install cmake libterm-readline-gnu-perl ninja-build \
librw-dev

# redhat / fedora / centos -- not for standard Sage spkgs
$ sudo yum install cmake perl-Term-ReadLine-Gnu ninja-build rw-devel
```

On other Linux systems, you might use `rpm`, `yum`, or other package managers.

## macOS prerequisite installation

On macOS systems, you need a recent version of `Command Line Tools`. It provides all the above requirements.

If you have already installed `Xcode` (which at the time of writing is freely available in the Mac App Store, or through <https://developer.apple.com/downloads/> provided you registered for an Apple Developer account), you can install the command line tools from there as well.

- With OS X Mavericks or Yosemite, run the command `xcode-select --install` from a Terminal window and click “Install” in the pop-up dialog box.
- Using OS X Mountain Lion or earlier, run Xcode, open its “Downloads” preference pane and install the command line tools from there.



- On pre-Lion macOS systems, the command line tools are not available as a separate download and you have to install the full-blown Xcode supporting your system version.

If you have not installed [Xcode](#) you can get these tools as a relatively small download, but it does require a registration.

- First, you will need to register as an Apple Developer at <https://developer.apple.com/register/>.
- Having done so, you should be able to download it for free at <https://developer.apple.com/downloads/index.action?command%20line%20tools>
- Alternately, <https://developer.apple.com/opensource/> should have a link to Command Line Tools.

## Other platforms

On Solaris, you would use `pkgadd` and on OpenSolaris `ipf` to install the necessary software.

On Cygwin, you would use the `setup.exe` program. As on Linux systems, `ar` and `ranlib` are provided by the `binutils` package. As far as compilers are concerned, you should either install matching versions of the `gcc4-core`, `gcc4-g++`, and `gcc4-gfortran` packages, or the `gcc4-core` package alone if you plan on using Sage's own GCC.

On other systems, check the documentation for your particular operating system.

### 4.2.4 Specific notes for `make` and `tar`

On macOS, the system-wide BSD `tar` supplied will build Sage, so there is no need to install the GNU `tar`.

On Solaris or OpenSolaris, the Sun/Oracle versions of `make` and `tar` are unsuitable for building Sage. Therefore, you must have the GNU versions of `make` and `tar` installed and they must be the first `make` and `tar` in your `PATH`.

On Solaris 10, a version of GNU `make` may be found at `/usr/sfw/bin/gmake`, but you will need to copy it somewhere else and rename it to `make`. The same is true for GNU `tar`; a version of GNU `tar` may be found at `/usr/sfw/bin/gtar`, but it will need to be copied somewhere else and renamed to `tar`. It is recommended to create a directory `$HOME/bins-for-sage` and to put the GNU versions of `tar` and `make` in that directory. Then ensure that `$HOME/bins-for-sage` is first in your `PATH`. That's because Sage also needs `/usr/ccs/bin` in your `PATH` to execute programs like `ar` and `ranlib`, but `/usr/ccs/bin` has the Sun/Oracle versions of `make` and `tar` in it.

If you attempt to build Sage on AIX or HP-UX, you will need to install both GNU `make` and GNU `tar`.

### 4.2.5 Using alternative compilers

Sage developers tend to use fairly recent versions of GCC. Nonetheless, the Sage build process on Linux should succeed with any reasonable C/C++ compiler; (we do not recommend GCC older than version 5.1). This is because Sage will build GCC first (if needed) and then use that newly built GCC to compile Sage.

If you don't want this and want to try building Sage with a different set of compilers, you need to pass Sage's `./configure` compiler names, via environment variables `CC`, `CXX`, and `FC`, for C, C++, and Fortran compilers, respectively, e.g. if you C compiler is `clang`, your C++ compiler is `clang++`, and your Fortran compiler is `flang` then you would need to run:

```
$ CC=clang CXX=clang++ FC=flang ./configure
```

before running `make`. It is recommended that you inspect the output of `./configure` in order to check that Sage will not try to build GCC. Namely, there should be lines like:

```
gcc-7.2.0 will not be installed (configure check)
...
gfortran-7.2.0 will not be installed (configure check)
```

indicating that Sage will no attempt to build `gcc/g++/gfortran`.

If you are interested in working on support for commercial compilers from [HP](#), [IBM](#), [Intel](#), [Sun/Oracle](#), etc, please email the sage-devel mailing list at <https://groups.google.com/group/sage-devel>.

## 4.3 Additional software

### 4.3.1 Recommended programs

The following programs are recommended. They are not strictly required at build time or at run time, but provide additional capabilities:

- **dvipng**.
- **ffmpeg**.
- **ImageMagick**.
- **LaTeX**: highly recommended.

It is highly recommended that you have [LaTeX](#) installed, but it is not required. The most popular packaging is [TeX Live](#), which can be installed following the directions on their web site. On Linux systems you can alternatively install your distribution's texlive packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get install texlive      # debian
$ sudo yum install texlive          # redhat
```

or similar commands. In addition to the base TeX Live install, you may need some optional TeX Live packages, for example country-specific babel packages for the localized Sage documentation.

If you don't have either ImageMagick or ffmpeg, you won't be able to view animations. ffmpeg can produce animations in more different formats than ImageMagick, and seems to be faster than ImageMagick when creating animated GIFs. Either ImageMagick or dvipng is used for displaying some LaTeX output in the Sage notebook.

### 4.3.2 Notebook additional features

**attention: Sage's notebook is deprecated. Use Jupyter notebook instead**

By default, the Sage notebook uses the [HTTP](#) protocol when you type the command `notebook()`. To run the notebook in secure mode by typing `notebook(secure=True)` which uses the [HTTPS](#) protocol, or to use [OpenID](#) authentication, you need to follow specific installation steps described in [Building the notebook with SSL support](#).

Although all necessary components are provided through Sage optional packages, i.e., even if you choose not to install a systemwide version of OpenSSL, you can install a local (Sage\_specific) version of [OpenSSL](#) by using Sage's **openssl** package and running `sage -i openssl` as suggested in [Building the notebook with SSL support](#) (this requires an Internet connection). Alternatively, you might prefer to install OpenSSL and the OpenSSL development headers globally on your system, as described above.

Finally, if you intend to distribute the notebook load onto several Sage servers, you will surely want to setup an [SSH](#) server and generate SSH keys. This can be achieved using [OpenSSH](#).

On Linux systems, the OpenSSH server, client and utilities are usually provided by the **openssh-server** and **openssh-client** packages and can be installed using:

```
$ sudo apt-get install openssh-server openssh-client
```

or similar commands.

### 4.3.3 Tcl/Tk

If you want to use [Tcl/Tk](#) libraries in Sage, you need to install the Tcl/Tk and its development headers before building Sage. Sage's Python will then automatically recognize your system's install of Tcl/Tk.

On Linux systems, these are usually provided by the **tk** and **tk-dev** (or **tk-devel**) packages which can be installed using:

```
$ sudo apt-get install tk tk-dev
```

or similar commands.

If you installed Sage first, all is not lost. You just need to rebuild Sage's Python and any part of Sage relying on it:

```
$ sage -f python3 # rebuild Python3
$ make           # rebuild components of Sage depending on Python
```

after installing the Tcl/Tk development libraries as above.

If

```
sage: import _tkinter
sage: import Tkinter
```

does not raise an `ImportError`, then it worked.

## 4.4 Step-by-step installation procedure

### 4.4.1 General procedure

Installation from source is (potentially) very easy, because the distribution contains (essentially) everything on which Sage depends.

Make sure there are **no spaces** in the path name for the directory in which you build: several of Sage's components will not build if there are spaces in the path. Running Sage from a directory with spaces in its name will also fail.

1. Go to <https://www.sagemath.org/download-source.html>, select a mirror, and download the file `sage-x.y.tar`.

This tarfile contains the source code for Sage and the source for all programs on which Sage depends. Note that this file is not compressed; it's just a plain tarball (which happens to be full of compressed files).

Download it into any directory you have write access to, preferably on a fast filesystem, avoiding [NFS](#) and the like. On personal computers, any subdirectory of your `HOME` directory should do. Note that once you have built Sage (by running `make`, as described below), you will not be able to move or rename its directory without likely breaking Sage.

2. Extract the tarfile:

```
$ tar xvf sage-x.y.tar
```

This creates a directory `sage-x.y`.

3. Change into that directory:

```
$ cd sage-x.y
```

This is Sage's home directory. It is also referred to as `SAGE_ROOT` or the top level Sage directory.

4. Optional, but highly recommended: Read the `README.md` file there.
5. Optional: Set various other environment variables that influence the build process; see [Environment variables](#).

Some environment variables deserve a special mention: `CC`, `CXX` and `FC`; and on macOS, `OBJC` and `OBJCXX`. Those variables defining your compilers can be set at configuration time and their values will be recorded for further use at runtime. Those initial values are over-ridden if Sage builds its own compiler or they are set to a different value again before calling Sage. Note that some packages will ignore the compiler settings and use values deemed safe for that package on a particular OS.

6. Optional: Run the configure script to set some options that influence the build process.

- Choose the installation hierarchy (`SAGE_LOCAL`). The default is the `local` subdirectory of `SAGE_ROOT`:

```
$ ./configure --prefix=SAGE_LOCAL
```

Note that in Sage's build process, `make` builds **and** installs (`make install` is a no-op). Therefore the installation hierarchy must be writable by the user.

- Other options are available; see:

```
$ ./configure --help
```

7. Start the build process:

```
$ make
```

or if your system supports multiprocessing and you want to use several processes to build Sage:

```
$ MAKE='make -jNUM' make
```

to tell the `make` program to run `NUM` jobs in parallel when building Sage. This compiles Sage and all its dependencies.

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**Note:** macOS allows changing directories without using exact capitalization. Beware of this convenience when compiling for macOS. Ignoring exact capitalization when changing into `SAGE_ROOT` can lead to build errors for dependencies requiring exact capitalization in path names.

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Note that you do not need to be logged in as root, since no files are changed outside of the `sage-x.y` directory. In fact, **it is inadvisable to build Sage as root**, as the root account should only be used when absolutely necessary and mistyped commands can have serious consequences if you are logged in as root. There has been a bug reported (see [trac ticket #9551](#)) in Sage which would have overwritten a system file had the user been logged in as root.

Typing `make` performs the usual steps for each Sage's dependency, but installs all the resulting files into the local build tree. Depending on the age and the architecture of your system, it can take from a few tens of minutes to several hours to build Sage from source. On really slow hardware, it can even take a few days to build Sage.

Each component of Sage has its own build log, saved in `SAGE_ROOT/logs/pkgs`. If the build of Sage fails, you will see a message mentioning which package(s) failed to build and the location of the log file for each failed package. If this happens, then paste the contents of these log file(s) to the Sage support newsgroup at

<https://groups.google.com/group/sage-support>. If the log files are very large (and many are), then don't paste the whole file, but make sure to include any error messages. It would also be helpful to include the type of operating system (Linux, macOS, Solaris, OpenSolaris, Cygwin, or any other system), the version and release date of that operating system and the version of the copy of Sage you are using. (There are no formal requirements for bug reports – just send them; we appreciate everything.)

See [Make targets](#) for some targets for the `make` command, [Environment variables](#) for additional information on useful environment variables used by Sage, and [Building the notebook with SSL support](#) for additional instruction on how to build the notebook with SSL support.

8. To start Sage, you can now simply type from Sage's home directory:

```
$ ./sage
```

You should see the Sage prompt, which will look something like this:

```
$ sage
+-----+
| SageMath version 8.8, Release Date: 2019-06-26 |
| Using Python 3.7.3. Type "help()" for help.   |
+-----+
sage:
```

Note that Sage should take well under a minute when it starts for the first time, but can take several minutes if the file system is slow or busy. Since Sage opens a lot of files, it is preferable to install Sage on a fast filesystem if possible.

Just starting successfully tests that many of the components built correctly. Note that this should have been already automatically tested during the build process. If the above is not displayed (e.g., if you get a massive traceback), please report the problem, e.g., at <https://groups.google.com/group/sage-support>.

After Sage has started, try a simple command:

```
sage: 2 + 2
4
```

Or something slightly more complicated:

```
sage: factor(2005)
5 * 401
```

9. Optional, but highly recommended: Test the install by typing `./sage --testall`. This runs most examples in the source code and makes sure that they run exactly as claimed. To test all examples, use `./sage --testall --optional=all --long`; this will run examples that take a long time, and those that depend on optional packages and software, e.g., Mathematica or Magma. Some (optional) examples will therefore likely fail.

Alternatively, from within `$SAGE_ROOT`, you can type `make test` (respectively `make ptest`) to run all the standard test code serially (respectively in parallel).

Testing the Sage library can take from half an hour to several hours, depending on your hardware. On slow hardware building and testing Sage can even take several days!

10. Optional: Check the interfaces to any other software that you have available. Note that each interface calls its corresponding program by a particular name: [Mathematica](#) is invoked by calling `math`, [Maple](#) by calling `maple`, etc. The easiest way to change this name or perform other customizations is to create a redirection script in `$SAGE_ROOT/local/bin`. Sage inserts this directory at the front of your `PATH`, so your script may need to use an absolute path to avoid calling itself; also, your script should pass along all of its arguments. For example, a `maple` script might look like:

```
#!/bin/sh

exec /etc/maple10.2/maple.tty "$@"
```

11. Optional: There are different possibilities to make using Sage a little easier:

- Make a symbolic link from `/usr/local/bin/sage` (or another directory in your `PATH`) to `$SAGE_ROOT/sage`:

```
$ ln -s /path/to/sage-x.y/sage /usr/local/bin/sage
```

Now simply typing `sage` from any directory should be sufficient to run Sage.

- Copy `$SAGE_ROOT/sage` to a location in your `PATH`. If you do this, make sure you edit the line:

```
#SAGE_ROOT=/path/to/sage-version
```

at the beginning of the copied `sage` script according to the direction given there to something like:

```
SAGE_ROOT=<SAGE_ROOT>
```

(note that you have to change `<SAGE_ROOT>` above!). It is best to edit only the copy, not the original.

- For **KDE** users, create a bash script called `sage` containing the lines (note that you have to change `<SAGE_ROOT>` below!):

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

konsole -T "sage" -e <SAGE_ROOT>/sage
```

make it executable:

```
$ chmod a+x sage
```

and put it somewhere in your `PATH`.

You can also make a KDE desktop icon with this line as the command (under the Application tab of the Properties of the icon, which you get my right clicking the mouse on the icon).

- On Linux and macOS systems, you can make an alias to `$SAGE_ROOT/sage`. For example, put something similar to the following line in your `.bashrc` file:

```
alias sage=<SAGE_ROOT>/sage
```

(Note that you have to change `<SAGE_ROOT>` above!) Having done so, quit your terminal emulator and restart it. Now typing `sage` within your terminal emulator should start Sage.

12. Optional: Install optional Sage packages and databases. Type `sage --optional` to see a list of them (this requires an Internet connection), or visit <https://www.sagemath.org/packages/optional/>. Then type `sage -i <package-name>` to automatically download and install a given package.
13. Optional: Run the `install_scripts` command from within Sage to create GAP, GP, Maxima, Singular, etc., scripts in your `PATH`. Type `install_scripts?` in Sage for details.
14. Have fun! Discover some amazing conjectures!

### 4.4.2 Building the notebook with SSL support

Read this section if you are intending to run a Sage notebook server for multiple users.

For security, you may wish users to access the server using the HTTPS protocol (i.e., to run `notebook(secure=True)`). You also may want to use OpenID for user authentication. The first of these requires you to install [pyOpenSSL](#), and they both require OpenSSL.

If you have OpenSSL and the OpenSSL development headers installed on your system, you can install pyOpenSSL by building Sage and then typing:

```
$ ./sage -i pyopenssl
```

Alternatively, `make ssl` builds Sage and installs pyOpenSSL at once. Note that these commands require Internet access.

If you are missing either OpenSSL or OpenSSL's development headers, you can install a local copy of both into your Sage installation first. Ideally, this should be done before installing Sage; otherwise, you should at least rebuild Sage's Python, and ideally any part of Sage relying on it. The procedure is as follows (again, with a computer connected to the Internet). Starting from a fresh Sage tarball:

```
$ ./sage -i openssl
$ make ssl
```

And if you've already built Sage:

```
$ ./sage -i openssl
$ ./sage -f python3
$ make ssl
```

The third line will rebuild all parts of Sage that depend on Python; this can take a while.

### 4.4.3 Rebasing issues on Cygwin

Building on Cygwin will occasionally require “rebasings” `dll` files. Sage provides some scripts, located in `$SAGE_LOCAL/bin`, to do so:

- `sage-rebaseall.sh`, a shell script which calls Cygwin's `rebaseall` program. It must be run within a dash shell from the `SAGE_ROOT` directory after all other Cygwin processes have been shut down and needs write-access to the system-wide rebase database located at `/etc/rebase.db.i386`, which usually means administrator privileges. It updates the system-wide database and adds Sage `dlls` to it, so that subsequent calls to `rebaseall` will take them into account.
- `sage-rebase.sh`, a shell script which calls Cygwin's `rebase` program together with the `-O/--oblivious` option. It must be run within a shell from `SAGE_ROOT` directory. Contrary to the `sage-rebaseall.sh` script, it neither updates the system-wide database, nor adds Sage `dlls` to it. Therefore, subsequent calls to `rebaseall` will not take them into account.
- `sage-rebaseall.bat` (respectively `sage-rebase.bat`), an MS-DOS batch file which calls the `sage-rebaseall.sh` (respectively `sage-rebase.sh`) script. It must be run from a Windows command prompt, after adjusting `SAGE_ROOT` to the Windows location of Sage's home directory, and, if Cygwin is installed in a non-standard location, adjusting `CYWIN_ROOT` as well.

Some systems may encounter this problem frequently enough to make building or testing difficult. If executing the above scripts or directly calling `rebaseall` does not solve rebasing issues, deleting the system-wide database and then regenerating it from scratch, e.g., by executing `sage-rebaseall.sh`, might help.

Finally, on Cygwin, one should also avoid the following:

- building in home directories of Windows domain users;
- building in paths with capital letters (see [trac ticket #13343](#), although there has been some success doing so).



## 4.5 Make targets

To build Sage from scratch, you would typically execute `make` in Sage's home directory to build Sage and its [HTML](#) documentation. The `make` command is pretty smart, so if your build of Sage is interrupted, then running `make` again should cause it to pick up where it left off. The `make` command can also be given options, which control what is built and how it is built:

- `make build` builds Sage: it compiles all of the Sage packages. It does not build the documentation.
- `make doc` builds Sage's documentation in HTML format. Note that this requires that Sage be built first, so it will automatically run `make build` first. Thus, running `make doc` is equivalent to running `make`.
- `make doc-pdf` builds Sage's documentation in PDF format. This also requires that Sage be built first, so it will automatically run `make build`.
- `make doc-html-no-plot` builds Sage's documentation in html format but skips the inclusion of graphics auto-generated using the `.. PLOT` markup and the `sphinx_plot` function. This is primarily intended for use when producing certain binary distributions of Sage, to lower the size of the distribution. As of this writing (December 2014, Sage 6.5), there are only a few such plots, adding about 4M to the `local/share/doc/sage/` directory. In the future, this may grow, of course. Note: after using this, if you want to build the documentation and include the pictures, you should run `make doc-clean`, because the presence, or lack, of pictures is cached in the documentation output. You can benefit from this no-plot feature with other make targets by doing `export SAGE_DOCBUILD_OPTS+=' --no-plot '`
- `make ptest` and `make ptestlong`: these run Sage's test suite. The first version skips tests that need more than a few seconds to complete and those which depend on optional packages or additional software. The second version includes the former, and so it takes longer. The "p" in `ptest` stands for "parallel": tests are run in parallel. If you want to run tests serially, you can use `make test` or `make testlong` instead. If you want to run tests depending on optional packages and additional software, you can use `make testall`, `make ptestall`, `make testalllong`, or `make ptestalllong`.
- `make doc-clean` removes several directories which are produced when building the documentation.
- `make distclean` restores the Sage directory to its state before doing any building: it is almost equivalent to deleting Sage's entire home directory and unpacking the source tarfile again, the only difference being that the `.git` directory is preserved, so git branches are not deleted.

## 4.6 Environment variables

Sage uses several environment variables to control its build process. Most users won't need to set any of these: the build process just works on many platforms. (Note though that setting `MAKE`, as described below, can significantly speed up the process.) Building Sage involves building about 100 packages, each of which has its own compilation instructions.

The Sage source tarball already includes the sources for all standard packages, that is, it allows you to build Sage without internet connection. The git repository, however, does not contain the source code for third-party packages. Instead, it will be downloaded as needed (Note: you can run `make download` to force downloading packages before building). Package downloads use the Sage mirror network, the nearest mirror will be determined automatically for you. This is influenced by the following environment variable:

- `SAGE_SERVER` - Try the specified mirror first, before falling back to the official Sage mirror list. Note that Sage will search the directory
  - `SAGE_SERVER/spkg/upstream`for clean upstream tarballs, and it searches the directories
  - `SAGE_SERVER/spkg/standard/`,



- SAGE\_SERVER/spkg/optional/,
- SAGE\_SERVER/spkg/experimental/,
- SAGE\_SERVER/spkg/archive/

for old-style Sage packages.

Here are some of the more commonly used variables affecting the build process:

- **MAKE** - one useful setting for this variable when building Sage is `MAKE='make -jNUM'` to tell the make program to run NUM jobs in parallel when building. Note that not all Sage packages (e.g. ATLAS) support this variable.

Some people advise using more jobs than there are CPU cores, at least if the system is not heavily loaded and has plenty of RAM; for example, a good setting for NUM might be between 1 and 1.5 times the number of cores. In addition, the `-l` option sets a load limit: `MAKE='make -j4 -l5.5'`, for example, tells make to try to use four jobs, but to not start more than one job if the system load average is above 5.5. See the manual page for GNU make: [Command-line options](#) and [Parallel building](#).

**Warning:** Some users on single-core macOS machines have reported problems when building Sage with `MAKE='make -jNUM'` with NUM greater than one.

- **SAGE\_NUM\_THREADS** - if set to a number, then when building the documentation, parallel doctesting, or running `sage -b`, use this many threads. If this is not set, then determine the number of threads using the value of the **MAKE** (see above) or **MAKEFLAGS** environment variables. If none of these specifies a number of jobs, use one thread (except for parallel testing: there we use a default of the number of CPU cores, with a maximum of 8 and a minimum of 2).
- **V** - if set to 0, silence the build. Instead of showing a detailed compilation log, only one line of output is shown at the beginning and at the end of the installation of each Sage package. To see even less output, use:

```
$ make -s V=0
```

(Note that the above uses the syntax of setting a Makefile variable.)

- **SAGE\_CHECK** - if set to `yes`, then during the build process, or when installing packages manually, run the test suite for each package which has one. See also **SAGE\_CHECK\_PACKAGES**.
- **SAGE\_CHECK\_PACKAGES** - if **SAGE\_CHECK** is set to `yes`, then the default behavior is to run test suites for all spkgs which contain them. If **SAGE\_CHECK\_PACKAGES** is set, it should be a comma-separated list of strings of the form `package-name` or `!package-name`. An entry `package-name` means to run the test suite for the named package regardless of the setting of **SAGE\_CHECK**. An entry `!package-name` means to skip its test suite. So if this is set to `mpir, !python3`, then always run the test suite for MPIR, but always skip the test suite for Python 3.

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**Note:** As of this writing (September 2017, Sage 8.1), the test suites for the Python 2 and 3 spkgs fail on most platforms. So when this variable is empty or unset, Sage uses a default of `!python2, !python3`.

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- **SAGE\_INSTALL\_GCC** - **Obsolete, do not use, to be removed**
- **SAGE\_INSTALL\_CCACHE** - by default Sage doesn't install ccache, however by setting `SAGE_INSTALL_CCACHE=yes` Sage will install ccache. Because the Sage distribution is quite large, the maximum cache is set to 4G. This can be changed by running `sage -sh -c "ccache --max-size=SIZE"`, where SIZE is specified in gigabytes, megabytes, or kilobytes by appending a "G", "M", or "K".

Sage does not include the sources for ccache since it is an optional package. Because of this, it is necessary to have an Internet connection while building ccache for Sage, so that Sage can pull down the necessary sources.

- `SAGE_DEBUG` - controls debugging support. There are three different possible values:
  - Not set (or set to anything else than “yes” or “no”): build binaries with debugging symbols, but no special debug builds. This is the default. There is no performance impact, only additional disk space is used.
  - `SAGE_DEBUG=no`: no means no debugging symbols (that is, no `gcc -g`), which saves some disk space.
  - `SAGE_DEBUG=yes`: build debug versions if possible (in particular, Python is built with additional debugging turned on and Singular is built with a different memory manager). These will be notably slower but, for example, make it much easier to pinpoint memory allocation problems.
- `SAGE_PROFILE` - controls profiling support. If this is set to `yes`, profiling support is enabled where possible. Note that Python-level profiling is always available; This option enables profiling in Cython modules.
- `SAGE_SPKG_INSTALL_DOCS` - if set to `yes`, then install package-specific documentation to `$SAGE_ROOT/local/share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/` when an spkg is installed. This option may not be supported by all spkgs. Some spkgs might also assume that certain programs are available on the system (for example, `latex` or `pdflatex`).
- `SAGE_DOC_MATHJAX` - by default, any LaTeX code in Sage’s documentation is processed by MathJax. If this variable is set to `no`, then MathJax is not used – instead, math is processed using LaTeX and converted by dvipng to image files, and then those files are included into the documentation. Typically, building the documentation using LaTeX and dvipng takes longer and uses more memory and disk space than using MathJax.
- `SAGE_DOCBUILD_OPTS` - the value of this variable is passed as an argument to `sage --docbuild all html` or `sage --docbuild all pdf` when you run `make`, `make doc`, or `make doc-pdf`. For example, you can add `--no-plot` to this variable to avoid building the graphics coming from the `.. PLOT` directive within the documentation, or you can add `--include-tests-blocks` to include all “TESTS” blocks in the reference manual. Run `sage --docbuild help` to see the full list of options.
- `SAGE_BUILD_DIR` - the default behavior is to build each spkg in a subdirectory of `$SAGE_ROOT/local/var/tmp/sage/build/`; for example, build version 3.8.3.p12 of `atlas` in the directory `$SAGE_ROOT/local/var/tmp/sage/build/atlas-3.8.3.p12/`. If this variable is set, then build in `$SAGE_BUILD_DIR/atlas-3.8.3.p12/` instead. If the directory `$SAGE_BUILD_DIR` does not exist, it is created. As of this writing (Sage 4.8), when building the standard Sage packages, 1.5 gigabytes of free space are required in this directory (or more if `SAGE_KEEP_BUILT_SPKGS=yes` – see below); the exact amount of required space varies from platform to platform. For example, the block size of the file system will affect the amount of space used, since some spkgs contain many small files.

**Warning:** The variable `SAGE_BUILD_DIR` must be set to the full path name of either an existing directory for which the user has write permissions, or to the full path name of a nonexistent directory which the user has permission to create. The path name must contain **no spaces**.

- `SAGE_KEEP_BUILT_SPKGS` - the default behavior is to delete each build directory – the appropriate subdirectory of `$SAGE_ROOT/local/var/tmp/sage/build` or `$SAGE_BUILD_DIR` – after each spkg is successfully built, and to keep it if there were errors installing the spkg. Set this variable to `yes` to keep the subdirectory regardless. Furthermore, if you install an spkg for which there is already a corresponding subdirectory, for example left over from a previous build, then the default behavior is to delete that old subdirectory. If this variable is set to `yes`, then the old subdirectory is moved to `$SAGE_ROOT/local/var/tmp/sage/build/old/` (or `$SAGE_BUILD_DIR/old`), overwriting any already existing file or directory with the same name.

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**Note:** After a full build of Sage (as of version 4.8), these subdirectories can take up to 6 gigabytes of storage, in total, depending on the platform and the block size of the file system. If you always set this variable to `yes`,

it can take even more space: rebuilding every spkg would use double the amount of space, and any upgrades to spkgs would create still more directories, using still more space.

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**Note:** In an existing Sage installation, running `sage -i -s <package-name>` or `sage -f -s <package-name>` installs the spkg `<package-name>` and keeps the corresponding build directory; thus setting `SAGE_KEEP_BUILT_SPKGS` to `yes` mimics this behavior when building Sage from scratch or when installing individual spkgs. So you can set this variable to `yes` instead of using the `-s` flag for `sage -i` and `sage -f`.

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- `SAGE_FAT_BINARY` - to build binaries that will run on the widest range of target CPUs set this variable to `yes` before building Sage. This does not make the binaries relocatable, it only avoids newer CPU instruction set extensions. For relocatable (=can be moved to a different directory) binaries, you must use <https://github.com/sagemath/binary-pkg>
- `SAGE_SUDO` - set this to `sudo -E` or to any other command prefix that is necessary to write into a installation hierarchy (`SAGE_LOCAL`) owned by root or another user. Note that this command needs to preserve environment variable settings (plain `sudo` does not).

Not all Sage packages currently support `SAGE_SUDO`.

Therefore this environment variable is most useful when a system administrator wishes to install an additional Sage package that supports `SAGE_SUDO`, into a root-owned installation hierarchy (`SAGE_LOCAL`).

Variables to set if you're trying to build Sage with an unusual setup, e.g., an unsupported machine or an unusual compiler:

- `SAGE_PORT` - if you try to build Sage on a platform which is recognized as being unsupported (e.g. AIX, or HP-UX), or with a compiler which is unsupported (anything except GCC), you will see a message saying something like:

```
You are attempting to build Sage on IBM's AIX operating system,
which is not a supported platform for Sage yet. Things may or
may not work. If you would like to help port Sage to AIX,
please join the sage-devel discussion list -- see
https://groups.google.com/group/sage-devel
The Sage community would also appreciate any patches you submit.

To get past this message and try building Sage anyway,
export the variable SAGE_PORT to something non-empty.
```

If this is case and you want to try to build Sage anyway, follow the directions: set `SAGE_PORT` to something non-empty (and expect to run into problems).

Environment variables dealing with specific Sage packages:

- `SAGE_MP_LIBRARY` - to use an alternative library in place of `MPFR` for multiprecision integer arithmetic. Supported values are  
`MPFR` (default choice), `GMP`.
- `SAGE_ATLAS_ARCH` - if you are compiling `ATLAS` (in particular, if `SAGE_ATLAS_LIB` is not set), you can use this environment variable to set a particular architecture and instruction set extension, to control the maximum number of threads `ATLAS` can use, and to trigger the installation of a static library (which is disabled by default unless building our custom shared libraries fails). The syntax is

```
SAGE_ATLAS_ARCH=[threads:n,][static,]arch[,isaext1][,isaext2]...[,isaextN].
```

While ATLAS comes with precomputed timings for a variety of CPUs, it only uses them if it finds an exact match. Otherwise, ATLAS runs through a lengthy automated tuning process in order to optimize performance for your particular system, which can take several days on slow and unusual systems. You drastically reduce the total Sage compile time if you manually select a suitable architecture. It is recommended to specify a suitable architecture on laptops or other systems with CPU throttling or if you want to distribute the binaries. Available architectures are

```
POWER3, POWER4, POWER5, PPCG4, PPCG5, POWER6, POWER7, IBMz9, IBMz10, IBMz196,  
x86x87, x86SSE1, x86SSE2, x86SSE3, P5, P5MMX, PPRO, PII, PIII, PM, CoreSolo,  
CoreDuo, Core2Solo, Core2, Corei1, Corei2, Atom, P4, P4E, Efficeon, K7, HAMMER,  
AMD64K10h, AMDDOZER, UNKNOWNx86, IA64Itan, IA64Itan2, USI, USII, USIII, USIV,  
UST2, UnknownUS, MIPSr1xK, MIPSICE9, ARMv7.
```

and instruction set extensions are

```
VSX, AltiVec, AVXMAC, AVXFMA4, AVX, SSE3, SSE2, SSE1, 3DNow, NEON.
```

In addition, you can also set

- `SAGE_ATLAS_ARCH=fast` which picks defaults for a modern (2-3 year old) CPU of your processor line, and
- `SAGE_ATLAS_ARCH=base` which picks defaults that should work for a ~10 year old CPU.

For example,

```
SAGE_ATLAS_ARCH=Corei2, AVX, SSE3, SSE2, SSE1
```

would be appropriate for a Core i7 CPU.

- `SAGE_ATLAS_LIB` - if you have an installation of ATLAS on your system and you want Sage to use it instead of building and installing its own version of ATLAS, set this variable to be the directory containing your ATLAS installation. It should contain the files `libatlas`, `liblapack`, `libcblas`, `libf77blas` (and optionally `libptcblas` and `libptf77blas` for multi-threaded computations), with extensions `.a`, `.so`, or `.dylib`. For backward compatibility, the libraries may also be in the subdirectory `SAGE_ATLAS_LIB/lib/`.
- `SAGE_MATPLOTLIB_GUI` - if set to anything non-empty except `no`, then Sage will attempt to build the graphical backend when it builds the matplotlib package.
- `PARI_CONFIGURE` - use this to pass extra parameters to PARI's Configure script, for example to specify graphics support (which is disabled by default). See the file `build/pkgs/pari/spkg-install` for more information.
- `SAGE_TUNE_PARI`: If yes, enable PARI self-tuning. Note that this can be time-consuming. If you set this variable to "yes", you will also see this: `WARNING: Tuning PARI/GP is unreliable. You may find your build of PARI fails, or PARI/GP does not work properly once built. We recommend to build this package with SAGE_CHECK="yes"`.
- `PARI_MAKEFLAGS`: The value of this variable is passed as an argument to the `$MAKE` command when compiling PARI.

Some standard environment variables which are used by Sage:

- `CC` - while some programs allow you to use this to specify your C compiler, **not every Sage package recognizes this**. If GCC is installed within Sage, `CC` is ignored and Sage's `gcc` is used instead.
- `CPP` - similarly, this will set the C preprocessor for some Sage packages, and similarly, using it is likely quite risky. If GCC is installed within Sage, `CPP` is ignored and Sage's `cpp` is used instead.
- `CXX` - similarly, this will set the C++ compiler for some Sage packages, and similarly, using it is likely quite risky. If GCC is installed within Sage, `CXX` is ignored and Sage's `g++` is used instead.

- `FC` - similarly, this will set the Fortran compiler. This is supported by all Sage packages which have Fortran code. However, for historical reasons, the value is hardcoded during the initial `make` and subsequent changes to `$FC` might be ignored (in which case, the original value will be used instead). If GCC is installed within Sage, `FC` is ignored and Sage's `gfortran` is used instead.
- `CFLAGS`, `CXXFLAGS` and `FCFLAGS` - the flags for the C compiler, the C++ compiler and the Fortran compiler, respectively. The same comments apply to these: setting them may cause problems, because they are not universally respected among the Sage packages. Note also that `export CFLAGS=""` does not have the same effect as `unset CFLAGS`. The latter is preferable.
- Similar comments apply to other compiler and linker flags like `CPPFLAGS`, `LDFLAGS`, `CXXFLAG64`, `LDFLAG64`, and `LD`.
- `OPENBLAS_CONFIGURE` - adds additional configuration flags for the OpenBLAS package that gets added to the `make` command. (see [trac ticket #23272](#))

Sage uses the following environment variables when it runs:

- `DOT_SAGE` - this is the directory, to which the user has read and write access, where Sage stores a number of files. The default location is `$HOME/.sage/`.
- `SAGE_STARTUP_FILE` - a file including commands to be executed every time Sage starts. The default value is `$DOT_SAGE/init.sage`.
- `BROWSER` - on most platforms, Sage will detect the command to run a web browser, but if this doesn't seem to work on your machine, set this variable to the appropriate command.

Variables dealing with doctesting:

- `SAGE_TIMEOUT` - used for Sage's doctesting: the number of seconds to allow a doctest before timing it out. If this isn't set, the default is 300 seconds (5 minutes).
- `SAGE_TIMEOUT_LONG` - used for Sage's doctesting: the number of seconds to allow a doctest before timing it out, if tests are run using `sage -t --long`. If this isn't set, the default is 1800 seconds (30 minutes).
- `SAGE_TEST_GLOBAL_ITER`, `SAGE_TEST_ITER`: these can be used instead of passing the flags `--global-iterations` and `--file-iterations`, respectively, to `sage -t`. Indeed, these variables are only used if the flags are unset. Run `sage -t -h` for more information on the effects of these flags (and therefore these variables).

Sage sets some other environment variables. The most accurate way to see what Sage does is to first run `env` from a shell prompt to see what environment variables you have set. Then run `sage --sh -c env` to see the list after Sage sets its variables. (This runs a separate shell, executes the shell command `env`, and then exits that shell, so after running this, your settings will be restored.) Alternatively, you can peruse the shell script `src/bin/sage-env`.

Sage also has some environment-like settings. Some of these correspond to actual environment variables while others have names like environment variables but are only available while Sage is running. To see a list, execute `sage .env`. [TAB] while running Sage.

## 4.7 Installation in a Multiuser Environment

This section addresses the question of how a system administrator can install a single copy of Sage in a multi-user computer network.

### 4.7.1 System-wide install

In the instructions below, we assume that `/path/to/sage-x.y` is the directory where you want to install Sage.

1. First of all, extract the Sage source tarball in `/path/to` (this will create the directory `/path/to/sage-x.y`). After extracting, you can change the directory name if you do not like `sage-x.y`.
2. Change the ownership of the `/path/to/sage-x.y` directory tree to your normal user account (as opposed to `root`). This is because Sage will refuse to compile as `root`.

```
$ chown -R user:group /path/to/sage-x.y
```

3. Using your normal user account, build Sage. See the [Step-by-step installation procedure](#) above.
4. Make a symbolic link to the sage script in `/usr/local/bin`:

```
$ ln -s /path/to/sage-x.y/sage /usr/local/bin/sage
```

Alternatively, copy the Sage script:

```
$ cp /path/to/sage-x.y/sage /usr/local/bin/sage
```

If you do this, make sure you edit the line:

```
#SAGE_ROOT=/path/to/sage-version
```

at the beginning of the copied sage script according to the direction given there to something like:

```
SAGE_ROOT=<SAGE_ROOT>
```

(note that you have to change `<SAGE_ROOT>` above!). It is recommended not to edit the original sage script, only the copy at `/usr/local/bin/sage`.

5. Optionally, you can test Sage by running:

```
$ make testlong
```

or make `ptestlong` which tests files in parallel using multiple processes. You can also omit `long` to skip tests which take a long time.

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## LAUNCHING SAGEMATH

Now we assume that you installed SageMath properly on your system. This section quickly explains how to start the Sage console and the Jupyter Notebook from the command line.

If you did install the Windows version or the macOS application you should have icons available on your desktops or launching menus. Otherwise you are strongly advised to create shortcuts for Sage as indicated at the end of the “Linux” Section in *Install from Pre-built Binaries*. Assuming that you have this shortcut, running `sage` in a console starts a Sage session. To quit the session enter `quit` and then press <Enter>. To start a Jupyter Notebook instead of a Sage console, run the command `sage -n jupyter` instead of just `sage`. To quit the Jupyter Notebook press <Ctrl> + <c> twice in the console where you launched the command.

For further reading you can have a look at the other documents in the SageMath documentation at <http://doc.sagemath.org/>.





## STANDARD PACKAGES

The Sage distribution includes most programs on which Sage depends – see a partial list below. These programs are all released under a license compatible with the GNU General Public License (GPL), version 3. See the COPYING.txt file in the Sage root directory for more details.

See [Listing Sage Packages](#) for information about installing packages and for an up-to-date list of the standard, optional and experimental packages.

Here is a list of some of the software included with Sage:

- atlas: The ATLAS (Automatically Tuned Linear Algebra Software) project
- bzip2: bzip2 compression library
- ecl: common lisp interpreter
- cython: the Cython programming language: a language, based on Pyrex, for easily writing C extensions for Python
- eclib: John Cremona's programs for enumerating and computing with elliptic curves defined over the rational numbers
- ecm: elliptic curve method for integer factorization
- flint: fast library for number theory
- GAP: A System for Computational Discrete Algebra
- GCC: GNU compiler collection containing C, C++ and Fortran compilers
- genus2reduction: Reduction information about genus 2 curves
- gfan: Computation of Groebner fans and toric varieties
- givaro: a C++ library for arithmetic and algebraic computations
- mpir: MPIR is an open source multiprecision integer library derived from GMP (the GNU multiprecision library)
- gsl: GNU Scientific Library is a numerical library for C and C++ programmers
- ipython: An enhanced Python shell designed for efficient interactive work, a library to build customized interactive environments using Python as the basic language, and a system for interactive distributed and parallel computing
- jmol: a Java molecular viewer for three-dimensional chemical structures
- lapack: a library of Fortran 77 subroutines for solving the most commonly occurring problems in numerical linear algebra.
- lcalc: Rubinstein's L-functions calculator

- `fpLLL`: contains different implementations of the floating-point LLL reduction algorithm, offering different speed/guarantees ratios
- `linbox`: C++ template library for exact, high-performance linear algebra computation
- `m4ri`: Library for matrix multiplication, reduction and inversion over  $\text{GF}(2)$
- `mathjax`: Javascript display engine for mathematics
- `matplotlib`: a Python 2-D plotting library
- `maxima`: symbolic algebra and calculus
- `mpfi`: a C library for arithmetic by multi-precision intervals, based on MPFR and GMP
- `mpfr`: a C library for multiple-precision floating-point computations with correct rounding
- `networkx`: a Python package for the creation, manipulation, and study of the structure, dynamics, and functions of complex networks
- `NTL`: number theory C++ library
- `numpy`: numerical linear algebra and other numerical computing capabilities for Python
- `palp`: a package for analyzing lattice polytopes
- `pari`: PARI number theory library
- `pexpect`: Python expect (for remote control of other systems)
- `polybori`: provide high-level data types for Boolean polynomials and monomials, exponent vectors, as well as for the underlying polynomial rings and subsets of the power set of the Boolean variables
- `PPL`: The Parma Polyhedra Library
- `pynac`: a modified version of GiNaC (a C++ library for symbolic mathematical calculations) that replaces the dependency on CLN by Python
- `Python`: The Python programming language
- `R`: a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics
- `readline`: GNU Readline line editor library
- `scipy`: scientific tools for Python
- `singular`: Polynomial computations in algebraic geometry, etc.
- `symmetrica`: routines for computing in the representation theory of classical and symmetric groups, and related areas
- `sympow`: Symmetric power L-functions and modular degrees
- `sympy`: a Python library for symbolic mathematics
- `tachyon`: Tachyon(tm) parallel/multiprocessor ray tracing software
- `termcap`: Display terminal library
- `Twisted`: Networking framework
- `zlib`: zlib compression library
- `zn_poly`: C library for polynomial arithmetic in  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}[x]$

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**Todo:** Automatically generate this list!

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

If no binary version is available for your system, you can fallback to the *Install from Source Code* or use one of the alternatives proposed at the end of *Welcome to the SageMath Installation Guide*.

If you have any trouble, have a look at the [FAQ wiki page](#), the [SageMath forum](#) or the [sage-support mailing list](#).

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