# neonFORGE Release Versions

* Stable, Edge and and LTS releases will continue to use the \*\*YY.M.PATCH\*\* convention where the month.
* Patch releases are guaranteed to be backwards compatible.
* Releases where one or both of YY or M were advanced may not be backwards compatible but we'll try very hard to avoid these issues or provide an upgrade path.
* The month field \*\*will not\*\* include a leading \*\*""0""\*\* due to NuGet issues.
* Intermediate development releases will use versions like: \*\*YY.M.0-alpha.N\*\* where \*\*YY.M\* specifies the actual date for the release and \*\*N\*\* starts at \*\*0\*\* and is incremented for every development release made since the Stable, Edge, or LTS release. Intermediate releases are not generally intended for public consumption.
* Intermediate public releases are called previews. There are types of preview release:
* Preview of a patch release for an existing release. This will look like \*\*YY.M.PATCH-preview-N\*\* where \*\*PATCH\*\* is the scheduled patch number and \*\*N\*\* starts at \*\*0\*\* and is incremented for every preview release for the patch.
* Preview of an upcoming Stable, Edge, or LTS release. These release versions will look like \*\*YY.M.0-preview-B\*\* where \*\*YY.M\*\* is the expected release month.
* If a Stable, Edge, or LTS release slips passed the scheduled release month, we'll retain the old month for up to 15 days into the next month. Past that, we'll update \*\*YY.M\*\* to the actual published month.