

also a very active IRC channels: #sage-devel on freenode. Many developers also actively blog and also post other Sage-related tutorials and talks. See <http://www.sagemath.org/help.html> for a listing of these resources. This topic has been discussed over and over again. So before you resume the discussion, ensure you have read and understood the arguments below. Sage is a distribution of over 90 FOSS packages for symbolic, numerical, and scientific computation. In general, the combinatorial explosion of configurations to debug is way too large. It is next to impossible to find any Linux distribution (e.g. Arch, CentOS, Debian, Fedora, Gentoo, Mandriva, Ubuntu) where the version numbers of packages that Sage depends on even remotely match. The majority of people who contribute to Sage do so in their free time. These are people who hold day jobs that are not directly related to computer programming or software development. It is next to impossible for anyone to track down the correct versions of packages, configure and compile them on Linux, Mac OS X, Solaris, or Windows, just so that they could start using Sage or start working on their first contribution to Sage. While the Sage project aims to be useful to as wide an audience as possible