

NextRelease

New versions

When is the next version of SpamAssassin going to be released? The exact schedule depends on a number of factors and is hard to predict. If you are keen to see pre-release versions, keep in mind that [WeLoveVolunteers](#), and there's lots of [DevelopmentStuff](#).

The [news page](#) contains the list of release dates nowadays.

[ReleaseGoals](#) lists the times releases are intended to be started.

How are versions numbered?

Versions are denoted using a standard triplet of integers: MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH. The basic intent is that MAJOR versions are incompatible, large-scale upgrades of the API. MINOR versions retain source and binary compatibility with older minor versions, and changes in the PATCH level are perfectly compatible, forwards and backwards.

- The major version number increments upon significant architectural changes or the achievement of important milestones in capabilities. The minor /mode version number increments as progress is made within a major version.
- The patchlevel number increments for small sets of changes, providing the most fine-grain timeline of software evolution. Patchlevels increment regularly for internal/development(odd minor level) work, but only increment for external releases when an official update to the previous release version has been tested and packaged.

When a version is almost ready to be released, it is called a "release candidate," (RC), so the version will be numbered something like, "3.0.0-rc3." Generally a final version is released within a few weeks of the RC versions.

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