perfSONAR

CentOS and OS support

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perfSONAR is running on different OSes

- CentOS
 - And some Red Hat derivatives, but you're on your own
- Debian and Ubuntu
 - And some other Debian derivatives, but you're on your own

• The times, they are a-changing...

























CentOS 7

• End of life is June 30, 2024.

perfSONAR support will continue until then.











CentOS 8

• July, 2019

IBM closes Red Hat acquisition

December, 2020

New CentOS 8 EOL December, 2021

Eight years ahead of originally-scheduled 2029















CentOS Stream

What Was: Fedora → Red Hat Enterprise Linux → CentOS
 CentOS derived from very-stable EL code
 Infrequent releases

What Is: Fedora → CentOS Stream → Red Hat Enterprise Linux
 CentOS derived from Fedora ahead of EL development

Rolling releases

Welcome to the EL beta program!

Not what people running production systems want.











CentOS 8 Alternatives

Distribution	Free	Based on Stable Code	In General Release	Community Development
Red Hat Enterprise Linux		V	V	
CentOS Stream	V		V	
Oracle Linux	V	V	V	
Rocky Linux	V	V		V
Alma Linux	V	V	V	V











Alma Linux Checks All the Boxes

- Free
- Based on stable code
- In general release
 - March 31,2021
- Community development
 - Non-profit foundation
 - \$1M annual sponsorship from CloudLinux, Inc.

- Deployed on Internet2 Next-Generation Infrastructure PoP systems
 - Two perfSONAR nodes (in Docker containers)
 - Internal network management applications













Future Development on EL-Derived Linux

- CentOS is our primary development platform.
 - pScheduler has been ported to CentOS 8.
 - Work is underway to bring Debian-derived Linux into equal standing.

- We need your input to make decisions about the future.
 - More to follow...













Debian and Ubuntu Support

perfSONAR releases













Currently supported

- Fully supported
 - Debian 9
 - Ubuntu 16 and 18
- Only testpoint support
 - Debian 10
 - Ubuntu 20 shortly















Will be discontinued shortly

- Debian 9 will be EOL in 2022
- Ubuntu 16 will be EOL in 2024
- But both will most probably not be supported for perfSONAR 5











With perfSONAR 5

- Debian 10
- Ubuntu 18
- Ubuntu 20

- Upgrade path:
 - Debian 9 to Debian 10
 - Ubuntu 16 to Ubuntu 18
 - Ubuntu 18 to Ubuntu 20

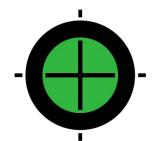












Where do you stand?

We'd like to know about your OS usage















Time for a poll

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