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What Is Cygwin?



Cygwin is a UNIX environment, developed by Red Hat, for Windows. It consists of two parts:

- A DLL (cygwin1.dll) which acts as a UNIX emulation layer providing substantial UNIX API functionality.
- A collection of tools, ported from UNIX, which provide UNIX/Linux look and feel.

The Cygwin DLL works with all non-beta, ix86 versions of Windows since Windows 95, with the exception of Windows CE.

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The latest net releases of Cygwin are numbered *1.1.x* or *1.3.x*. *1.n.x* versions of the Cygwin DLL are newer than previous beta Bxx (i.e. *B19*, *B20*, *B20.1*) versions. The last commercial release was *v1.0* which was **only** released on CD-ROM and is no longer available. Red Hat has no current plans to release a new commercial CD. The Red Hat GNUpro release version is currently *1.2.x* and is available only with [Red Hat support contracts](#).

Note that the *1.n.x* version numbering refers only to the Cygwin DLL. Individual packages like *bash*, *gcc*, *less*, etc. are released independently of the DLL. The *setup.exe* utility, which is downloaded when you click on the above link, tracks the versions of all installed components and provides the mechanism for installing and updating everything.

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