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GNU prebuilt toolchain releases by Arm

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Arm provides two GNU cross-toolchains for software developers

- GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain
 - For Arm Cortex-R and Arm Cortex-M family of processors
- GNU Toolchain for the A-profile architecture
 - For Arm Cortex-A and Arm Neoverse family of processors

GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain

What does Arm provide?

Free cross-toolchain for bare-metal software development

- For C, C++ and Assembly programming
- Targeting Arm Cortex-M and Cortex-R family of processors

Two releases in a year

- Major release in CY Q4
- Minor update release in CY Q2

Host support

- Windows, Linux and Mac OS X operating systems

Availability

- On developer.arm.com
- Also shipped as part of certain vendor SDKs

Support

- via community.arm.com and [Launchpad](https://launchpad.net)

GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain

What will change, starting Q4,2019?

Release early in the quarter

- Aim to release in the first month of the quarter
- Major release in October and the minor update in April

Major changes in Windows support

- No more unsigned binaries
- No support for Windows 7, Windows XP and Vista
- Windows 32-bit Installer (Signed for Windows 10) will be the only Windows installer

AArch64 host support running Linux distribution

- RHEL8, SLES15 and Ubuntu 18.04+ or equivalent

GNU Toolchain for the A-profile architecture

What does Arm provide?

Free cross-toolchain for bare-metal and Linux software development

- For C, C++ and Assembly programming
- Targeting Arm Cortex-A and Arm Neoverse family of processors

Same toolchain previously distributed by Linaro

- Arm took over from Linaro starting 2018, with GCC 8.x toolchain release

Two releases in a year

Host support –Windows and Linux operating system

Available on developer.arm.com

Support via community.arm.com and Linaro Bugzilla

GNU Toolchain for the A-profile architecture

What will change, starting Q4,2019?

Release will happen in CY Q4 (major) and CYQ2 (update)

- Similar timelines as GNU Arm Embedded toolchain

Plan to ship GCC x.2 variant in the major release and x.3 in the update release.

- 2019 CYQ4 major release will be based on GCC 9.2
- 2020 CYQ2 update release is likely to be based on GCC 9.3

No plans to ship updates for older GCC versions

- No plan to release updates to GCC 8 based releases in 2019/20

GNU Toolchain for the A-profile architecture

What will change, starting Q4,2019?

Changes in toolchain target and host support

Toolchain target	Windows support	Linux (x86_64)	Linux (AArch64)
AArch32 bare-metal	Yes	Yes	New
AArch64 ELF bare-metal	Yes	Yes	New
AArch32 GNU/Linux with hard float	New	Yes	New
AArch64 GNU/Linux big-endian	Not provided	Yes	New
AArch64 GNU/Linux	New	Yes	NA – Use native toolchain instead

Toolchains no longer provided

- AArch32 GNU/Linux target with soft float.
- AArch64 ELF bare-metal, big-endian

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Summary

- Arm will continue to provide free, supported GNU based cross-toolchains
- Starting 2019 CYQ4, there are changes in frequency, timing and content of the toolchains, with Arm-on-Arm support being the highlight.
- Please get in touch with Arm if you have comments, feedback or concerns

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Thank You

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