



Red Hat Enterprise Linux

The following table compares The Fedora Project with: [Red Hat Enterprise Linux](#).

	The Fedora Project	Red Hat Enterprise Linux
What is it?	Open Source Project	Commercial Product, based on Open Source
Developed by	Developer Community	Red Hat
Users	Early adopters, enthusiasts, developers	Mainstream production environments
Licensing	Open source	Open source
Downloads	Source and binaries	Source only, or binaries with per-system maintenance/support contract
Delivery	Download or third-party CDs	Download or box product from Red Hat and partners
Release Interval	4-6 months	12-18 months
Support Options from Red Hat	None	Many
Packages Included	Wide range	Carefully-selected list (only mature/supportable/recommended packages)
Packages Versions	Always latest and greatest	Best balance of maturity and features
Updates	Frequent feature updates and package version upgrades	Bugfixes and driver updates only, backported to released package versions
Update Lifetime	2-3 months after next release	At least 5 years
Update Source	Developer Community	Red Hat
Features Added	Kept closer to upstream projects	Additional features and enhancements from Red Hat

ISV Certifications	None	Many (e.g. Oracle, VERITAS, BEA, CA, IBM)
Hardware Certifications	None	Many (e.g. Dell, HP, IBM)
Standards Certifications	None	Many
Testers	Developer Community	Red Hat QA, Red Hat Partners, and Beta Testers
Benchmarks, Performance Testing	By community	By Red Hat QA, ISV/IHV partners, and industry analysts

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