

Guidelines:Release_en

First checks

- Be sure that at least one people are making independent tests from you.
- Make your own tests, different from local development tests (a separated machine used for testing enviroments, p.e).
- Check our logs and performance periodically.

General issues

- Be sure that there is no pending bugs waiting you in the bug tracking system.
- Remove all debug code
- Check for encoding and file formats (Unix/Windows) (specially if that files are coming from different people using different plattform/software).
- Check version headers.
- Check build number.
- Check version variables inside code.
- Update README (ascii file) from it latests version.
- Check existance of LICENCE file in all packages.
- Check all headers for updated licences.
- Recheck that your local code is the same that is in repository, this also include "contrib" or "secondary" files like config skeleton files, tools, installers, etc.
- Recheck that everybody has committed it latest final code to SVN before make the final checklist.
- Dont't change anything after "freeze" version (except for very BIG problems). And never after pass the final checklist.
- Make at least a "blank" full instalation, using all steps.

Final Checklist

- Check version headers, do you remember this ? ;)
- Check build number.
- Check version variables inside code.
- Update README (ascii file) from it latests version.
- Check existance of LICENCE file in all packages.
- Check all headers for updated licences.
- Create tarball file with this syntax

```
packagename_version-minorversion.tar.gz
```

- Delete SVN tree information:

```
find . -name ".svn" | xargs rm -Rf
```

- Upload release files to SourceForge site.

- Update Freshmeat with new release number.
- If the release is significant, consider press releases to relevant news sources
- Review the main website pages to add any new features
- Add a news item to the project web sites and forums.
- Send an email to the user and developer lists.

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