

FreeBSD 14.0 Release Process

This is the release schedule for FreeBSD 14.0.

BETA and RC announcements will be sent to [freebsd-current](#) and [freebsd-stable](#).

For general discussion of the pending release, and known issues, please use the [FreeBSD-CURRENT mailing list](#).

For more information about the process, see [Release Engineering](#).

Schedule

Action	Expected	Actual	Description
Initial release schedule announcement	-	26 June 2023	Release Engineers send announcement email to developers with a rough schedule.
Release schedule reminder	21 July 2023	20 July 2023	Release Engineers send reminder announcement e-mail to developers with updated schedule.
Code slush begins / KBI freeze	4 August 2023	3 August 2023	Release Engineers announce that all further commits to the main branch will not require explicit approval, however new features should be

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			avoided. Additionally, there can be no changes to the KBI until main is branched to stable/14.
stable/14 branch	25 August 2023	24 August 2023	stable/14 branch created; release engineering continues on this branch.
releng/14.0 branch	8 September 2023	8 September 2023	releng/14.0 branch created; future release engineering proceeds on this branch. Commits to this branch require explicit approval from the Release Engineers.
BETA1 builds begin	8 September 2023	8 September 2023	First beta test snapshot.
BETA2 builds begin	15 September 2023	15 September 2023	Second beta test snapshot.
BETA3 builds begin	22 September 2023	22 September 2023	Third beta test snapshot.
RC1 builds begin	29 September 2023	-	First release candidate.
RC2 builds begin	6 October 2023	-	Second release candidate.
RC3 builds begin*	13 October 2023	-	Third release candidate.
RELEASE builds begin	20 October 2023	-	14.0-RELEASE builds begin.
RELEASE announcement	23 October 2023	-	14.0-RELEASE press release.
Turn over to the secteam	-	-	releng/14.0 branch is handed over to the

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			FreeBSD Security Officer Team one or two weeks after the announcement.

"*" indicates "as-needed" items.

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