

03 Release Management

Release Management is the process of managing software releases throughout an ongoing cycle of development, testing, and release.

Introduction

Whenever we finish a set of features, enhancements or bug fixes in one of our products or projects, we conduct various methods and levels of testing. If the software is verified to be in a stable and functional state, it is *released* to the customer or to the public.

Each release gets a unique and “human-readable” identifier, a [version number](#). Some of these releases are distributed by copying an archive file of the software to our web server and providing download links.

Accessing releases with Dokwiki

In order to keep things simple for you, we have developed a [Dokuwiki plugin](#) that serves as a simplified front-end to GitLab and our file servers, displaying a list of releases and allowing to download associated files directly within your Dokuwiki project page.

For our products, you can find the list of software releases in the corresponding namespace of the product:

```
/dokuwiki/products/<product>/<namespace>/releases
```

For your project, you will find the list of software releases as a subpage of your project page:

```
/dokuwiki/projects/<customer>/<project>/releases
```

List of releases

Showing all releases for the appinstruments/qseries-firmware project.	
 v0.1.2 🔗 0916106d by Joerg Hampel (joerg@hampel.at) on 03.03.2015 09:17 fixed processing of new version number string	
Downloads	
 Q.series-Gateway_v0.1.2.lvappimg	24.50 MB
 v0.1.1 🔗 94ba5a11 by Joerg Hampel (joerg@hampel.at) on 03.03.2015 08:20 Pre-Build VI, tagging - pre-build vi will eventually be merged with appic-helpers/appbuilder and removed from library directory - new tag v0.1.1 for further tag-testing No downloads available.	
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For each release, the list displays

- the release name (also called *version number* or *tag*)
- the first 8 digits of the git commit hash
- the user and email of the comitter
- the date this version was committed
- the commit message
- associated downloads (if any)

Version Numbers

Format

We loosely adhere to the [Semantic Versioning](#) standard. This means that a normal version number takes the form `X.Y.Z` where `X`, `Y`, and `Z` are non-negative integers:

- `X`: Major version - identifies versions that introduce *incompatible API changes*
- `Y`: Minor version - gets increased when *functionality* is added in a *backwards-compatible* manner
- `Z`: Patch version - shows versions with *backwards-compatible bug fixes*

Elements increase numerically. For instance: `1.9.0` → `1.10.0` → `1.11.0`.

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