

# Apache FOP: Downloading A Distribution

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## 1. Binary or Source?

Most FOP users will want to download the latest binary distribution, which is ready to run "out of the box." However, a source distribution will be preferable if you fall into one of the following categories:

- You wish to modify FOP.
- You wish to use a version more recent than the latest release. For example, if you have read on the user mailing list that a bug has been fixed or a feature added that you are eager to try, you might download a source distribution from the CVS repository so that you don't have to wait for the next release.
- You wish to build a local copy of the API documentation (javadocs).

## 2. Binary Download

Binary distributions include "-bin" in their names, and can be downloaded from a [FOP Distribution mirror](#).

## 3. Source Download

You must first determine which of the two main development branches you wish to download, "maintenance" or "redesign". See [Development Introduction](#) for more details on the choices, and for the CVS tags to use when downloading the "maintenance" branch.

There are several ways to obtain a source distribution. Please note that they are listed from least current to most current:

- Download a released version from a [FOP Distribution mirror](#). Source distributions include "-src" in their names. Please note that official releases currently are *only* made from the "maintenance" branch.
- Download directly from the SVN repository. Anyone can do this using the [Anonymous SVN Server](#). By default, the code in SVN is up-to-the-minute, the same code that the developers are modifying. See the [SVN section of Developer Tools](#) for more information on using SVN.

Old Maintenance Branch (for 0.20.5)	
Repository URL	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/branch/maintenance">http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/branch/maintenance</a>
Web view	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/branch/maintenance">http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/branch/maintenance</a>

Latest Release Branch	
Repository URL	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/branch">http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/branch</a>
Web view	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/branch">http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/branch</a>
Trunk	
Repository URL	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/trunk">http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/xmlgraphics/fop/trunk</a>
Web view	<a href="http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/trunk">http://svn.apache.org/viewcvcs.cgi/xmlgraphics/fop/trunk</a>

With any source distribution, you will need to build FOP from the source files. For details please see the "Build" page on the documentation tab for the version you've downloaded.

**FIXME (jeremias):**

Reenable the link to the SVN snapshots once they are available.

## 4. Archive Download

FOP Archive distributions are linked from the upper portion of the Apache FOP Download Mirror Page and can be downloaded from the FOP Archives [binaries](#) & [source](#) links.