



What's Up With CentOS?

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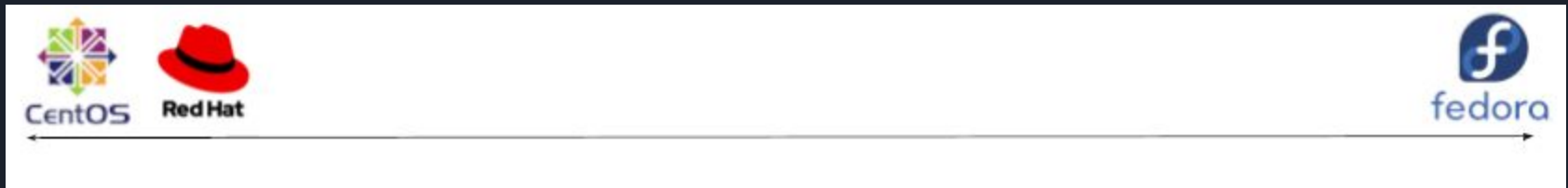


ICYMI

[This announcement](#) from CentOS project in early December (and [Red Hat's perspective](#))

- CentOS 6 - already retired with RHEL6
- CentOS 7 - will continue with RHEL7 to EOL in June 2024
- CentOS 8 - ends Dec 2021
- Long live CentOS Stream

CentOS Before



CentOS After



Red Hat



CentOS



fedora

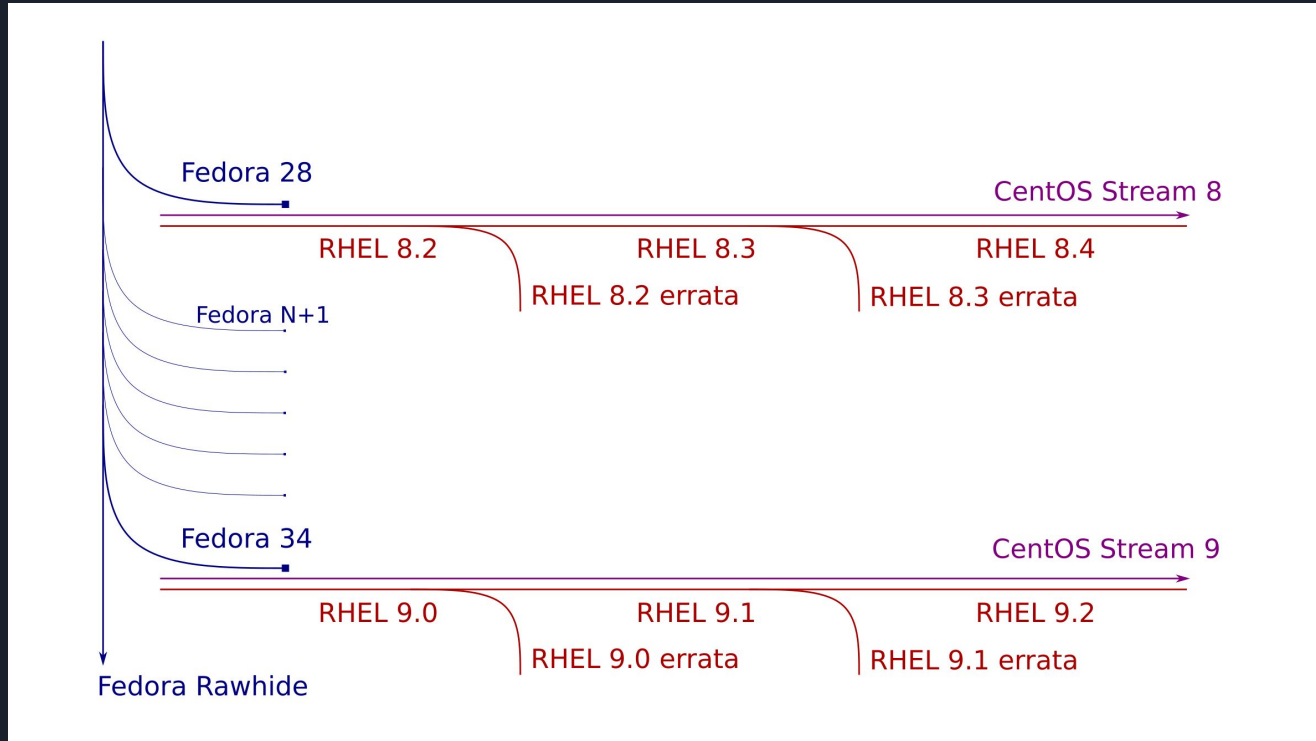




What!?

- CentOS will no longer be downstream of RHEL as it was previously.
- CentOS will now be upstream of the **next RHEL minor release**.
- This is NOT a “RHEL Beta” and it doesn’t mean that CentOS is the same as Fedora now (that’s laughable).
- Fedora is the upstream of the next **RHEL major release** (which if you’ve spent any time in this ecosystem you know that is a significant difference :-P)
- CentOS will now play a valuable role in the ecosystem, which means more Red Hat resources will be allocated to it

What CentOS Stream is





What should I do?

- Non production? Have you considered the [Red Hat Developer Program](#)? Free subs to almost all of our products for anything other than production use.
- Commercial and I really want support - consider buying RHEL - they'll give you a good deal!
- I'd like to contribute to an open source community! [Rocky Linux](#)?
- I'm ok with a bit more risk for something that's pretty close to RHEL? Or, I'm a developer or partner that would like to be ready for the next RHEL release. CentOS Stream.



Attributions, TL;DR

This is a TL;DR from Ben Porter, another Red Hatter at

<https://freedomben.medium.com/centos-is-not-dead-please-stop-saying-it-is-at-least-until-you-read-this-4b26b5c44877>