

# ReactOS Build Environment

Version 1.1 for Unix-based operating systems

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## Introduction

The ReactOS Build Environment (“RosBE”) is a Build Environment for building ReactOS. This version is targeted at Unix-based operating systems such as Linux or FreeBSD.

The Installation process of the Build Environment is divided into two parts.

First a script builds the needed compiler tools for your operating system and installs them. Therefore the “gcc” compiler for your system and some other build tools have to be installed.

Then another script creates a shortcut for you. This shortcut opens a Terminal window and prepares all environment settings for building ReactOS.

## Needed Applications

Make sure that the following applications are installed on your system. They are needed to build the compiler tools. The “RosBE-Builder.sh” script automatically checks for them:

- GNU Bash  
The executable file and the package name are often called “bash”. All scripts are designed to work only under the Bash shell. Please also make sure that the file “/bin/bash” exists. For example FreeBSD usually installs Bash into another directory, so you have to create a symbolic link “/bin/bash” to the executable file.
- GNU Bison  
The executable file and the package name are often called “bison”.
- Flex  
The executable file and the package name are often called “flex”.
- GNU GCC  
You need the GCC compiler, which is suitable for your system. The executable file and the package name are often called “gcc”. Your GCC compiler needs to be able to compile both C and C++ sources. Therefore the “g++” module also has to be installed.
- Grep  
The executable file and the package name are often called “grep”.
- GNU Make  
Make sure that you have the GNU version of “make” installed. For example FreeBSD uses another version. The executable file and the package name are often called “make” or “gmake”.
- GNU Makeinfo

The executable file is often called “makeinfo”. Usually this file is in a package called “texinfo”.

## ***Preparing the installation***

Under some operating systems, you need to perform additional steps before you can install the Build Environment. This section lists them.

- FreeBSD
  - You have to create a symbolic link “/bin/bash”, because FreeBSD installs Bash to “/usr/local/bin/bash”. Simply execute the following command for doing this:

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In -s /usr/local/bin/bash /bin/bash
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## ***Installation***

The Installation of RosBE is very simple, since there are scripts, which do most of the work for you. Follow these steps to compile and install RosBE for your used operating system:

1. Open a Terminal window and type “su” to become “root” user.
2. Call the “RosBE-Builder.sh” script in the directory of the unpacked RosBE files.
3. Follow the directions on the screen until the script ends with “Finished successfully!”
4. Type “exit” to switch back to your normal user account. Then call the “createshortcut.sh” script in the installation directory (usually this is “/usr/RosBE”).
5. Follow the directions on the screen to create a shortcut for the Build Environment.

After that you can easily open a Build Environment for ReactOS by opening the shortcut.

## ***Version Information***

This version of RosBE for Unix-based operating systems uses the following components:

- GNU Binutils v2.18.50-20071015 (snapshot)  
patched with:
  - [binutils-2.18.50.10-15-2007-snapshot-hpoussin.patch](#)
- GCC, The GNU Compiler Collection v4.1.3-20071015 (snapshot)  
patched with:
  - [GCC-v4.1-r129382-prerelease-w3seek.patch](#)
  - [GCC-v4.1-r129382-virtual-stdcall-bug27067.patch](#)

- [GCC-v4.1-r129490-CreateFileMapping-Vista-bug30335.patch](#)

**NOTE:** This GCC version only supports C and C++

- Make 20071219 (CVS version)
- MinGW-Runtime 3.13
- NASM, The Netwide assembler v2.00
- W32api 3.10

## ***Tested Operating Systems***

Although the Build Environment is designed to work on all Unix-based operating systems, it was only tested under the following systems:

- Debian GNU/Linux 4.0
- Fedora 8
- FreeBSD 6.2
- Mac OS X 10.5
- openSUSE 10.2
- Ubuntu 7.04 and 7.10

You should be able to compile the build tools on both i386 (32-bit) and x86\_64 (64-bit) systems.

## ***Websites***

MinGW – Minimalist GNU for Windows

<http://www.mingw.org>

Binutils, the Binary Tools Collection

<http://www.gnu.org/software/binutils>

GCC, the GNU Compiler Collection

<http://www.gnu.org>

Make, the Makefile processor

<http://www.gnu.org/software/make>

NASM, the Netwide Assembler

<http://nasm.sourceforge.net>

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