

# Linux 5.2

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So I was somewhat pre-disposed towards making an rc8, simply because of my travels and being entirely off the internet for a few days last week, and with spotty internet for a few days before that [\*].

But there really doesn't seem to be any reason for another rc, since it's been very quiet. Yes, I had a few pull requests since rc7, but they were all small, and I had many more that are for the upcoming merge window. Part of it may be due to the July 4th week, of course, but whatever - I'll take the quiet week as a good sign.

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There's no particular area that stands out there - the changes are so small that the appended shortlog really is the best description of last week. A few small random changes all over: drivers, architectures, filesystem, mm, ...

So with this, the merge window for 5.2 is open.

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## [Linux Kernel 5.2 Officially Released, Here's What's New](#) [3]

Linus Torvalds has announced today the release and general availability of the Linux 5.2 kernel series, a major release that adds several new features, updated drivers, and many improvements.

After seven RCs (Release Candidates), the Linux 5.2 kernel series is now available and it

comes with some very interesting features and enhancements. However, before we dive into what's new, you should know that this release is not a long-term supported (LTS) branch, which means that you stick with your current LTS kernel instead.

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#### [Linux 5.2 Kernel Released As The "Bobtail Squid" \[4\]](#)

Adding to the excitement of 7 July is the release of the Linux 5.2 stable kernel, which also means the opening of the Linux 5.3 merge window.

Linux 5.2.0 made it out today on time without having any extra release candidates for this summer 2019 kernel release. This kicks off the Linux 5.3 merge window and its series of release candidates that then should debut as stable in September.

See our Linux 5.2 feature overview for those wondering about all of the exciting features of this new kernel.

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