Scientific Linux CERN 5: the end

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Scientific Linux CERN 5

- First test release: November 2008
- First production release: January 2010
- 10 minor releases (5.2 → 5.11)
- Itanium II (ia64) support end: March 2010
- Based on corresponding Red Hat Enterprise Linux releases.
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• Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5
  - End of Production: March 31, 2017
  - End of Extended Life Cycle: November 30, 2020
  - https://access.redhat.com/support/policy/updates/errata/

• Scientific Linux CERN 5:
  - End of General User Support: March 31, 2017
  - Extended support for experiments/accelerators: needed ... (we think ?)
  - Hard deadline: November 30, 2020
Scientific Linux CERN 5: EOL

• Proposal: dedicated support for experiments / accelerators until 4 months after Long Shutdown 2 start?

March 31, 2019

• Only security updates, and installation/updates infrastructure

• Virtual Machines in the Cloud? Docker images?
Questions ?
Advanced warning

• Scientific Linux CERN 6:
  - End of production: November 30, 2020
  - Extended lifetime support: Not defined as of now.

• CentOS CERN 7:
  - End of production: June 24, 2024
  - Extended lifetime support: NOT AVAILABLE (Centos does not provide it)