



# General introduction

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- Recent releases
  - Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Geant4 10.5 release
  - Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Geant4 10.4-patch03 release (retroactive patch release)
  - Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Geant4 10.5-patch01 release
    - Please refer to the [release notes](#) for the detailed fixes.
- 2019 work plan is publicly available.
  - [http://geant4.web.cern.ch/support/planned\\_features](http://geant4.web.cern.ch/support/planned_features)
  - Your comments are appreciated.
- Coming releases
  - Next public release : December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019
    - Minor release (no major API changes foreseen as of now) - version 10.6
    - Beta release : June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Patch releases for versions 10.5 (and 10.4) may be made as needed.
- Other events
  - Several events and tutorial courses are listed on the event section of the collaboration home page.

- Geant4 HyperNews user discussion forum hosted by SLAC was terminated on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - Had been in use since 2001. SLAC HyperNews was judged to be not secure by SLAC IT through DOE Cyber Security audit.
  - ~4600 subscribers (not all active) at shutdown
- New Discourse user discussion forum hosted by CERN took over.
  - <https://geant4-forum.web.cern.ch>
  - ~400 users already signed up
    - May use CERN account, CERN single log-in, GitHub account, Google account
    - ~500 page views, 5.3 posts per day
    - Average time to first response : 21 hours
  - All HyperNews postings are still accessible in read-only mode.