



## Installation

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Installation instructions are available for [Windows](#) and [LINUX/UNIX](#). This section provides instructions for a few cases not covered by those entries.

The BLAST+ applications are distributed both as an executable and as source code. For the executable formats we provide installers as well as tarballs; the source code is only provided as a tarball. These are freely available at <ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/executables/blast+/>. Please be sure to use the most recent available version; this will be indicated in the file name (for instance, in the sections below, version 2.2.18 is listed, but this should be replaced accordingly).

## MacOSX

For users without administrator privileges: follow the procedure described in <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK52640/>

For users with administrator privileges and machines MacOSX version 10.5 or higher: Download the ncbi-blast-2.2.18+.dmg installer and double click on it. Double click the newly mounted ncbi-blast-2.2.18+ volume, double click on ncbi-blast-2.2.18+.pkg and follow the instructions in the installer. By default the BLAST+ applications are installed in /usr/local/ncbi/blast, overwriting its previous contents (an uninstaller is provided and it is recommended when upgrading a BLAST+ installation).

## RedHat Linux

Download the appropriate \*.rpm file for your platform and either install or upgrade the ncbi-blast+ package as appropriate using the commands:

```
Install:  
    rpm -ivh ncbi-blast-2.2.18-1.x86_64.rpm  
Upgrade:  
    rpm -Uvh ncbi-blast-2.2.18-1.x86_64.rpm
```

Note: one must have root privileges to run these commands. If you do not have root privileges, please use the procedure described in <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK52640/>

## Source tarball

Use this approach to build the BLAST+ applications yourself. Download the tarball, expand it, change directories to the newly created directory, and type the following commands:

```
cd c++  
./configure
```

```
cd ReleaseMT/build  
make all_r
```

The compiled executables will be found in `c++/ReleaseMT/bin`. Please note that this sequence of commands will build the applications with optimizations, with support for multi-threading and it may require the installation of dependencies (see following section). If a different configuration is desired, please use the `configure.orig` script located in the same directory.

## Building sources in Windows

Extract the appropriate tarball (e.g.: `ncbi-blast-VERSION+-x64-win64-tar.gz`) and open the appropriate MSVC solution or project file (e.g.: `c++\compilers\msvc1000_prj\static\build\ncbi_cpp.sln`), build the `-CONFIGURE-` project, click on “Reload” when prompted by the development environment, and then build the `-BUILD-ALL-` project. The compiled executables will be found in the directory corresponding to the build configuration selected (e.g.: `c++\compilers\msvc1000_prj\static\bin\debugdll`).

## Note regarding building the source code

The BLAST source tarballs are a subset of the NCBI C++ toolkit. Information on using and compiling the NCBI C++ toolkit is available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/toolkit/doc/book>. Please send questions about compiling the NCBI C++ toolkit to [toolbox@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](mailto:toolbox@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)