

# Are you brave? Grab a *Nightly build* (developer version)?

Since July 2004 we provide an automatic *nightly build system* which checks out the official YAM sources from the SVN repository each night (!2:00 am - CET) and if it encounters any change which a developer have done on the day before, then this system generates new binary builds and put them up to a webserver just some minutes after the checkout.

However, please note that because of the nature of this approach, the produced builds are not tested in any form. This means that these build can **not** be considered *stable* in any way. They are just provided to let interested, well experienced parties have a look at the recent state of development. Therefore ordinary users should consider very well if they want to risk any loss of data.

So please consider very wisely if you not just simply stick to the latest official version available from our [Downloads](#) section instead of risking to run into troubles with your emails. On the other hand, if you are used to the process and constraints in using nightly builds, we would love to receive any feedback from you so that we can evaluate which adaptations are required until the next planned official release.

## Downloading nightly builds?

**WARNING:** No matter what, please read the following short list carefully to make yourself familiar with nightly builds and what possible problems they may cause:

1. **They are completely untested** - there's absolutely no guarantee that they even start up or work without crashing or damaging your current installation. So please at least backup your current YAM installation before trying on of our nightly builds.
2. **The archives contain no documentation**, and aren't meant to be used to install YAM for the first time; they always require an already existing installation of YAM.
3. **We will give no official support** nor do we provide any direct help if you run into problems or loose any data. However, the [discussion forum](#) or the [mailing lists](#) may help you if you run into problems.
4. Make sure to **read the ChangeLog carefully** so that you know what we changed and what problems may arise if you decide to use the nightly build on a regular basis. This ChangeLog may include important information like index format changes or configuration constraints.
5. Please note that **using nightly builds might be a one way road** - This means that the message/index format used in these builds may be completely different and therefore you may not be able to easily downgrade if you used a nightly build previously.
6. Our nightly builds **do automatically timeout after 30 days** to minimize the problems caused by posted bug reports which are based on too old versions still floating around.

So if you still feel you would like to give our nightly builds a spin, please take your webbrowser to the following link to download the latest nightly build for your operating system:

**<http://nightly.yam.ch/latest-dev>**

## Bug reports on nightly builds?

In case you are one of the brave ones using one of our nightly builds and you think you have found a bug/problem please first make sure to check our [user mailinglist](#), the [discussion forum](#) and the [bug tracker](#) if it hasn't been reported yet.

After you have read through this resources and have checked that the bug/problem still exists with the absolutely latest version aswell, then please go to our [Bug Reporting Facility](#) to send us information about your problem and how you are able to reproduce it on your system.