

# Third Party Software: I want the latest version CUDA software. Should I pick it up from NVIDIA?

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No.

*But its version is higher. And I want the latest on my shiny new hardware. And I want it now. So, should I pick it up from NVIDIA?*

No.

*Why?*

1. The whole idea behind packages is that you don't have to compile the release and integrate it with BCM by hand. Everything is just a yum update away. System administrators really like that because it saves them time and effort, it provides the stability of pre-tested packages, and they know they'll be supported if there are issues with the integration of the release.

2. Our packages track the official NVIDIA releases pretty closely. If you need something that the latest NVIDIA releases have, it is almost always already available from our repositories.

3. It can be the case that NVIDIA has updated their stand-alone Linux driver. This should not be confused with the CUDA release version. The driver version supplied with the Bright CUDA packages will almost certainly be the same as the driver version that NVIDIA supplies with their latest CUDA package. Only if the driver version supplied with CUDA is updated, will the driver version in the Bright CUDA packages be updated.

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