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There are three different types of downloads:
General Deployment (GD)

General Deployment releases are considered to be *stable* and are supposed to be quite *mature*
(based on download stats).
Use these Versions for a production Environment

General Availability (GA)

General Availability Versions are considered to be *stable* but are quite new and *have not yet been deployed widely enough*
(based on download stats)

All bug fixes and enhancements will be *first released as a general availability* release and moved to a General Deployment release once a
particular version is stable enough.
note that a GD release may still contain bugs, which have been fixed in a GA release!

Snapshots

If you want to play with the *latest and the greatest features* then download one of a *daily snapshot*
releases which are made
once a week From time to time
... one of these snapshots will be released as a GA Release.

Do   note that these versions are not production ready. (or at least have not been tested for that purpose)