

Using Support Branch

What is "Support Branch"?

The support branch is created in git after every minor release. The support branch contains the "maintenance development" of maintenance versions of midPoint (see [Release Process](#)). Simply speaking the support branch contains the most recent bugfixes. It is used as a place where the bugfixes accumulate until next maintenance release.

The support branch does **not** contain new features planned for the next major or minor releases. This is contained on a current main development branch (currently `master` branch). But use of the `master` may be quite risky as the code is usually not perfectly stable. On the other hand the code on the support branch is almost always reasonably stable.

Location of Support Branch

The support branch is maintained as a branch in our [Git](#) repository. It has the name in the form:

```
support-x.y
```

Where X.Y is the last minor release. The repository may be fetched by using the usual [Git](#) tools. Once you have got the repository you can switch the workspace to the support branch e.g. by using the following command:

```
git checkout support-3.7
```

This may vary depending on the specific git tool you are using. Please refer to the documentation of your git tool for the details.

Using the Branch

Once the workspace is switched to the support branch you can build the system normally. E.g. use the instructions described at [Installing midPoint Development Snapshot - Source Code](#) page. Just instead of `master` use the `v2.2-support` branch name (or whatever support branch name applies to the current release).

See Also

- [Release Process](#)
- [Backporting Code to Support Branch](#)
- [Long-Term Support](#)