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- The Racket CS runtime system embeds Chez Scheme, which is distributed under the Apache License, version 2.0.
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The source code of Racket is available at `https://github.com/racket/racket` and `https://download.racket-lang.org/releases`.

The Racket runtime system includes or extends several components which have their own licenses.

The following are used in all Racket executables:

- SHA-224 and SHA-256 implementation from Mbed TLS

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- ZLib
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  Code translated from earlier versions of Zlib can be found in `"<collects>/file/{gzip,gunzip}.rkt"`. Racket CS executables also use Zlib via Chez Scheme. Additionally, on some platforms, Zlib is packaged with the support libraries for `racket/draw`.

- Terminal support from Chez Scheme
  Both Racket BC and Racket CS use primitive terminal support code from Chez Scheme's expression editor, which is based on a command-line editor for Scheme developed from 1989 through 1994 by C. David Boyer. The expression editor, like the rest of Chez Scheme, is licensed under the Apache License, version 2.0.

- Startup path support from LLVM
  The implementation of the C API function `racket_get_self_exe_path` in Racket CS and related internal functions in Racket BC includes code from the LLVM Project, which is licensed under the Apache License, version 2.0, with LLVM exceptions.

The following are used in all Racket executables for Windows:

- MemoryModule
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The following are used only in Racket BC executables:

- libscheme
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- random.inc
  Based on `"random.c"` from FreeBSD 2.2.
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Some components of Racket are implemented using additional shared libraries. For some platforms and installation modes (especially for Windows and Mac OS), these libraries are distributed in platform-specific Racket packages; in other cases, they may be included with the operating system or installable via the system's package manager. In all cases, these libraries are dynamically loaded and can be replaced with modified variants by users. In particular:

- Even the "minimal Racket" distribution may include shared libraries for OpenSSL, SQLite, and/or Editline, depending on the platform.

  The Windows distribution also includes GNU libiconv, which is distributed under the GNU Lesser General Public License, either version 3 of the license, or (at your option) any later version. See the byte converter documentation for further details.

- The Racket Drawing Toolkit is implemented using Cairo, Pango, HarfBuzz, FriBidi, FreeType, FontConfig, and Glib. Some of these libraries are distributed under the GNU Lesser General Public License: see the applicable platform-specific Racket packages for details.

- The Racket Graphical Interface Toolkit is primarily implemented using `racket/draw` and the native GUI framework for each platform, but can be configured to always

use GTK, instead. On Mac OS, `racket/gui` also uses the libraries MMTabBarView and/or PSMTabBarControl, which are distributed under a three-clause BSD license.

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