# Field System, Status and New Features

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### FS Linux Distribution

- FSL10
  - Current standard
  - Based on Debian stretch
    - LTS expected to June 2022
  - 64-bit architecture
    - 32-bit also available
  - https://nvi-inc.github.io/fsl10/
- FSL11
  - Next standard
  - Based on Debian buster
    - LTS expected to June 2024
  - Availability TBD

## FS 10.0.0

- Next release
  - beta2 is current pre-release, beta3 soon, rc1 follows
- Under test for more than six months
- Unification of main and VGOS branches
- Runs on both 32- and 64-bit systems
  - Works for FSL9 and FSL10
  - Works for FSL8 with display server disabled
    - FSL8 server support is being investigated
- Source is managed with git
- Distributed via github
- Update notes on web
  - https://nvi-inc.github.io/fs/releases/10.0.0/beta2.html
- Sign-up for release announcements at
  - https://github.com/nvi-inc/fs
  - Sign into github and click Watch
  - vlbi-field-system email list is going away.

## fesh - Fetch and drudg schedule tool

- Primarily changed for geo schedules, now supports:
  - FTP-SSL and HTTPS for cddis
  - FTP for bkg and opar
  - Fixed answers for optional drudg prompts
    - Intended to allow use by astro/geo stations for geo
    - Only supports one mode per schedule
  - Optional downloading of .txt files
- For astro schedules, now supports:
  - FTP for vlbeer
    - Uses current .latest sub-directory as default
  - Does not run drudg
    - Possibly added in the future

## DBBC3 Support – in development

#### Finished:

- onoff and fivpt support
- Logging of multi-cast data including Tsys
- bbcnnn commands, nnn is 001-128
- if x commands, x is a-h
- ◆ iftpx commands, x is a-h
- $\Phi$  core3h mode*n*, commands, *n* is 1-8
- Tsys display window
  - Cycles through all active IFs
  - Can be locked to a singe IF for troubleshooting

#### To do:

- drudg support
- Final testing
- Currenty only mode per schedule will be supported
  - Mode change requires a timesync
    - Problematic to automate

#### **VEX2 Status**

- Draft parser completed
- Now cleaning up document
- Committee planning to discuss final details
- Looking toward a brief public comment period
  - Major changes will be deferred to a later version
- Announce standard, early 2021
- Begin implementation and testing

#### More on *fesh* for astro schedules

- Challenges for running drudg
  - More than one mode per schedule
    - Going away in the future?
  - Different configurations for different bands
    - Relatively easy to support for only one configuration
- fesh2 is coming
  - Background schedule download/drudg
  - Geared to NASA operations
  - Exact features unclear at this time