

# Package version syntax

Packages published to Deployment Manager's package feed or your own NuGet feed must have a version number.

## Valid version formats

The formats allowed for the versions are numbers with 1, 2 or 3 decimal points.

A version can also have a text suffix after a hyphen. This can be any text string.

Format	With suffix	Examples
<i>a.b</i>	<i>a.b-suffix</i>	4.2, 1.7-alpha
<i>a.b.c</i>	<i>a.b.c-suffix</i>	1.1.5, 4.1.5-testing
<i>a.b.c.d</i>	<i>a.b.c.d-suffix</i>	1.3.3.7, 24.6.0.1-pre-release

## Publishing from Visual Studio or SQL Server Management Studio

If you use the SQL Server Management Studio add-in or the Visual Studio extension to publish packages, the least significant number is automatically incremented each time.

## Publishing with continuous integration

If you use the continuous integration build scripts, the build number can be passed to the script using a variable.



If you're using a continuous integration build script, you need to make sure the format of your build number is a valid format for the package version.

## Learn more

The version syntax is identical to NuGet's.



For more information, see [Versioning](#) (NuGet documentation).