

# The Domino 10 RHEL 7 Primer

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# Introduction



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Many of the new features of RHEL 7.x are provided through open source projects Red Hat does not run


Thus, they inherit the work and the changes



This is consistent across all versions

- Handy if you are touching a box built by another admin
- Or if you suspect your documentation is incorrect/incomplete

```
[root@localhost system]# cat /etc/redhat-release  
Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 7.5 (Maipo)
```



The *redhat-release* file can be edited to install some third party apps, destroying accuracy

Instead, doublecheck with RPM

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -q redhat-release-server  
redhat-release-server-7.5-8.el7.x86_64
```





# Important Insights



- Domino on Docker will be built on CentOS
  - A Linux only offering
- Release target is Oct 10, 2018
- Support to provide best effort for CentOS



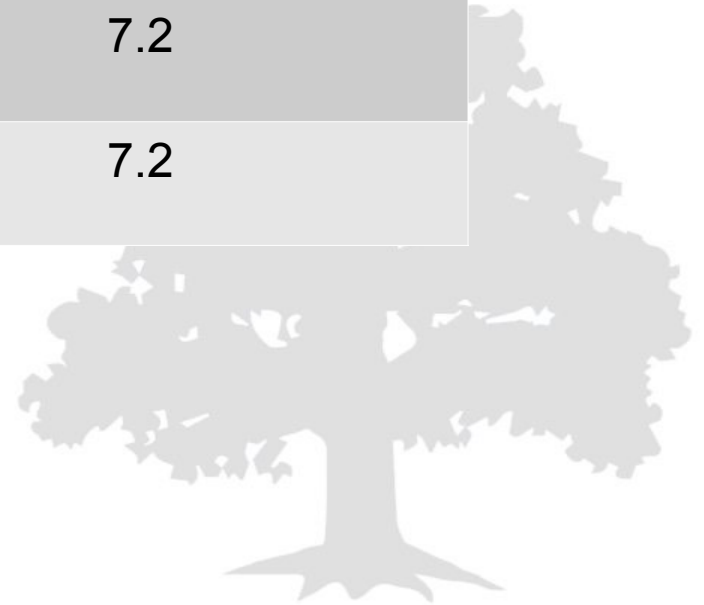
- Tips and opinions for changes to file locations, filesystem sizing, memory requirements all remain under NDA--as of this writing
- When I can discuss the details, I will update---if needed---my previous recommendations on filesystem partitioning for IBM software plus planning particulars



# Domino 10 Minimum OS Requirements

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OS	Version
RHEL	7.4+
SLES	11 & 12
AIX	7.2
IBM i	7.2



- Ext4 now supports 50TB file system size  
Previously, 16TB
- *XFS is the default FS*
  - Automatically assigned to / via Anaconda
  - Very difficult to resize an XFS filesystem
  - Best for partitions > 50TB; up to 500TB
- The directories /bin, /sbin, /lib, and /lib64 are now nested under /usr.



Red Hat offers *Preupgrade Assistant*

- Assesses the current system
- Provides list of potential issues

“An in-place upgrade requires a lot of troubleshooting and planning and should only be done if there is no other choice.”

--*RHEL 7 Installation Guide*, Chapter 3, “Planning for Installation...”



```
preupgrade-assistant risk check found EXTREME risks  
for this upgrade.  
Run preupg --riskcheck --verbose to view these risks.  
Continuing with this upgrade is not recommended.
```

In case the last slide wasn't clear... go clean!



# However, Updates are Really Easy

Before

```
[root@localhost system]# cat /etc/redhat-release  
Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 7.2 (Maipo)
```

Start

```
[root@localhost system]# yum update
```

Confirm Install

```
Transaction Summary  
-----  
Install 13 Packages (+55 Dependent packages)  
Upgrade 389 Packages  
  
Total download size: 376 M  
Is this ok [y/d/N]:
```





## Red Hat security keys import prompt

```
(457/457): libreport-plugin-ureport-2.1.11-40.el7.x86_64.rpm
-----
Total
Retrieving key from file:///etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release
Importing GPG key 0xFD431D51:
  Userid      : "Red Hat, Inc. (release key 2) <security@redhat.com>"
  Fingerprint: 567e 347a d004 4ade 55ba 8a5f 199e 2f91 fd43 1d51
  Package     : redhat-release-server-7.2-9.el7.x86_64 (@anaconda/7.2)
  From        : /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release
Is this ok [y/N]: y
Importing GPG key 0x2FA658E0:
  Userid      : "Red Hat, Inc. (auxiliary key) <security@redhat.com>"
  Fingerprint: 43a6 e49c 4a38 f4be 9abf 2a53 4568 9c88 2fa6 58e0
  Package     : redhat-release-server-7.2-9.el7.x86_64 (@anaconda/7.2)
  From        : /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release
Is this ok [y/N]: _
```

Success

```
Replaced:
NetworkManager.x86_64 1:1.0.6-27.e17   grub2.x86_64 1:2.02-0.29.e17   grub2-tools.x86_64 1:2.02-0.29.e17   pygobject3-base.x86_64 0:3.14.0-3.e17
python-rhsm.x86_64 0:1.15.4-5.e17     rdma.noarch 0:7.2_4.1_rc6-1.e17   redhat-access-insights.noarch 0:1.0.6-0.e17
Complete!
```

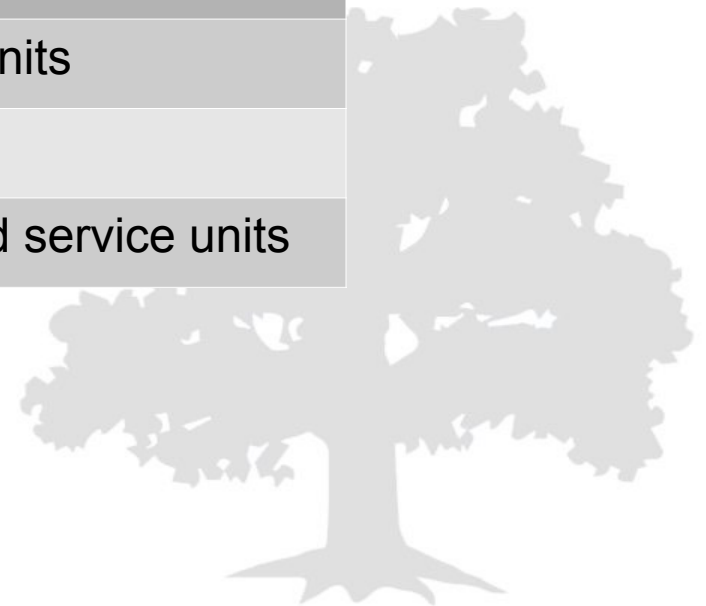
After - Verify the new release version

```
[root@localhost system]# cat /etc/redhat-release
Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 7.5 (Maipo)
```



RHEL7 provides new terminology to better capture what technology offers

Old Term	New Term
Runlevels	Target units
Tasks	Units
init scripts	Systemd service units



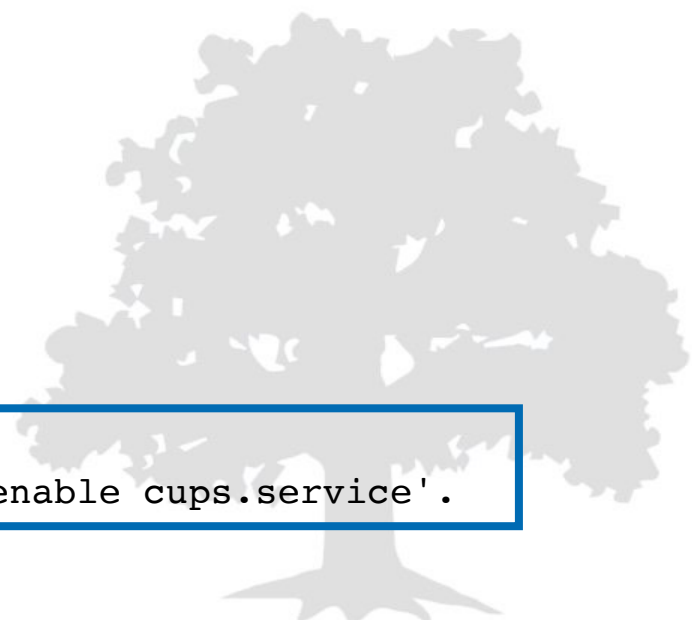
To ease into the new terminology and system commands, systemd will accept ---for now---the RHEL6 command set

Examples:

1. service
2. chkconfig
3. runlevel
4. init

```
# chkconfig cups on
```

```
Note: Forwarding request to 'systemctl enable cups.service'.
```



# Security Changes: Bye, Bye iptables

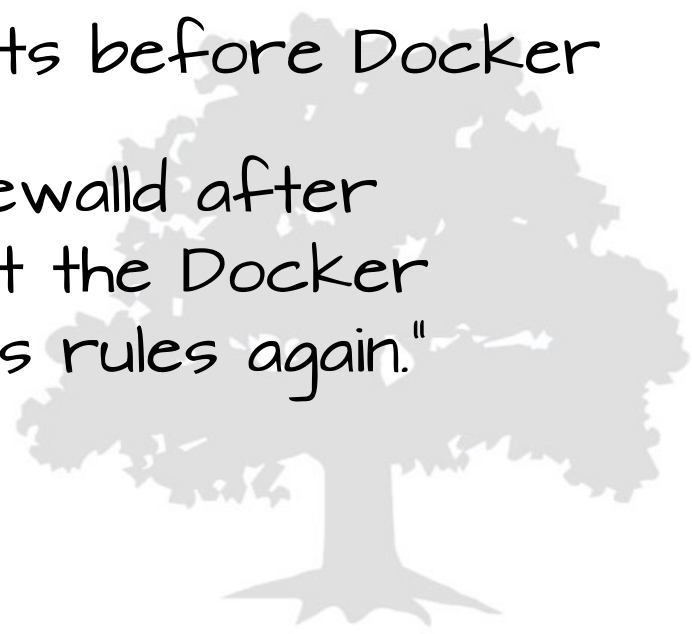
- RHEL7 utilizes *firewalld*
  - New Dynamic Firewall
  - Project homepage: <http://www.firewalld.org/>
- Beginners Guide  
<https://www.certdepot.net/rhel7-get-started-firewalld/>
- Red Hat's Thomas Woerner's Training Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhwvT05Puhs>



- "Why am I having network problems after firewalld is restarted?"

<https://success.docker.com/article/why-am-i-having-network-problems-after-firewalld-is-restarted>

- With systemd, firewalld starts before Docker
- "If you start or restart firewalld after Docker, you need to restart the Docker daemon to enable the iptables rules again."



Firewalld can be disabled for *iptables*

- *CertDepot has an article with the full command set to install iptables, enable it, and disable the firewalld unit*
- <https://www.certdepot.net/rhel7-disable-firewalld-use-iptables/>



If "rescue" appears on kernel  
command line, system automatically  
enters rescue mode  
(*rescue.target* or *runlevel 1*)





- Check overall system state

```
#systemctl is-system-running
```

- List installed timer units with elapse next

```
#systemctl list-timers
```

- Display unit's original unit file to display full configuration

```
#systemctl cat {unit_pattern}
```



## `systemctl is-system-running` command states

Table 2. Manager Operational States

Name	Description
<code>initializing</code>	Early bootup, before <code>basic.target</code> is reached or the <code>maintenance</code> state entered.
<code>starting</code>	Late bootup, before the job queue becomes idle for the first time, or one of the rescue targets are reached.
<code>running</code>	The system is fully operational.
<code>degraded</code>	The system is operational but one or more units failed.
<code>maintenance</code>	The rescue or emergency target is active.
<code>stopping</code>	The manager is shutting down.

Source: `systemctl` man page

Full major feature list for the two most recent releases

- RHEL 7.4

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\\_hat\\_enterprise\\_linux/7/html/7.4\\_release\\_notes/](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/7.4_release_notes/)

- RHEL 7.5

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Checking for any available security updates

```
[root@localhost ~]# yum check-update --security
Loaded plugins: langpacks, product-id, search-disabled-repos, subscription-manager
```

A few thousand lines of files displayed

```
No packages needed for security; 0 packages available
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Running the update command  
(Future reference)

```
[root@localhost ~]# yum update --security
Loaded plugins: langpacks, product-id, search-disabled-repos, subscription-manager
No packages needed for security; 0 packages available
No packages marked for update
[root@localhost ~]#
```

- systemd - Denial of Service Vulnerability
- RH Technote  
<https://access.redhat.com/security/vulnerabilities/2679271>
- Affected Red Hat Products impacted:
  - RHEL 7.2, 7.3 for CVE-2016-7795
  - RHEL 7.0, 7.1 for CVE-2016-7796



# Subscription Management



Red Hat transitioned to Red Hat Subscription Management (RHSM) for all Red Hat products July 31st, 2017

A few useful commands: list, status, attach

```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager list
+-----+
| Installed Product Status |
+-----+
Product Name:  Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server
Product ID:    69
Version:      7.5
Arch:         x86_64
Status:       Subscribed
Status Details:
Starts:       07/21/2018
Ends:         07/21/2019
```

```
[root@localhost system]# subscription-manager attach

Installed Product Current Status:
Product Name: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server
Status:       Subscribed

[root@localhost system]# subscription-manager status
+-----+
| System Status Details |
+-----+
Overall Status: Current
```

```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager status
+-----+
| System Status Details |
+-----+
Overall Status: Current
```

- Basic Registration with or without parameters

```
#subscription-manager register --username  
<username> --password <password>
```

- List all available subscriptions

```
#subscription-manager list --available -all
```

- Attach to appropriate subscription

```
- #subscription-manager attach --auto
```

OR

```
- #subscription-manager attach -pool=<poolID>
```





## List all available subscriptions

```
[root@server1 ~]# subscription-manager list --available
```

```
+-----+
```

```
    Available Subscriptions
```

```
+-----+
```

```
ProductName:           RHEL for Physical Servers  
ProductId:             MKT-rhel-server  
PoolId:              ff8080812bc382e3012bc3845ca000cb  
Quantity:              10  
Expires:               2011-09-20
```

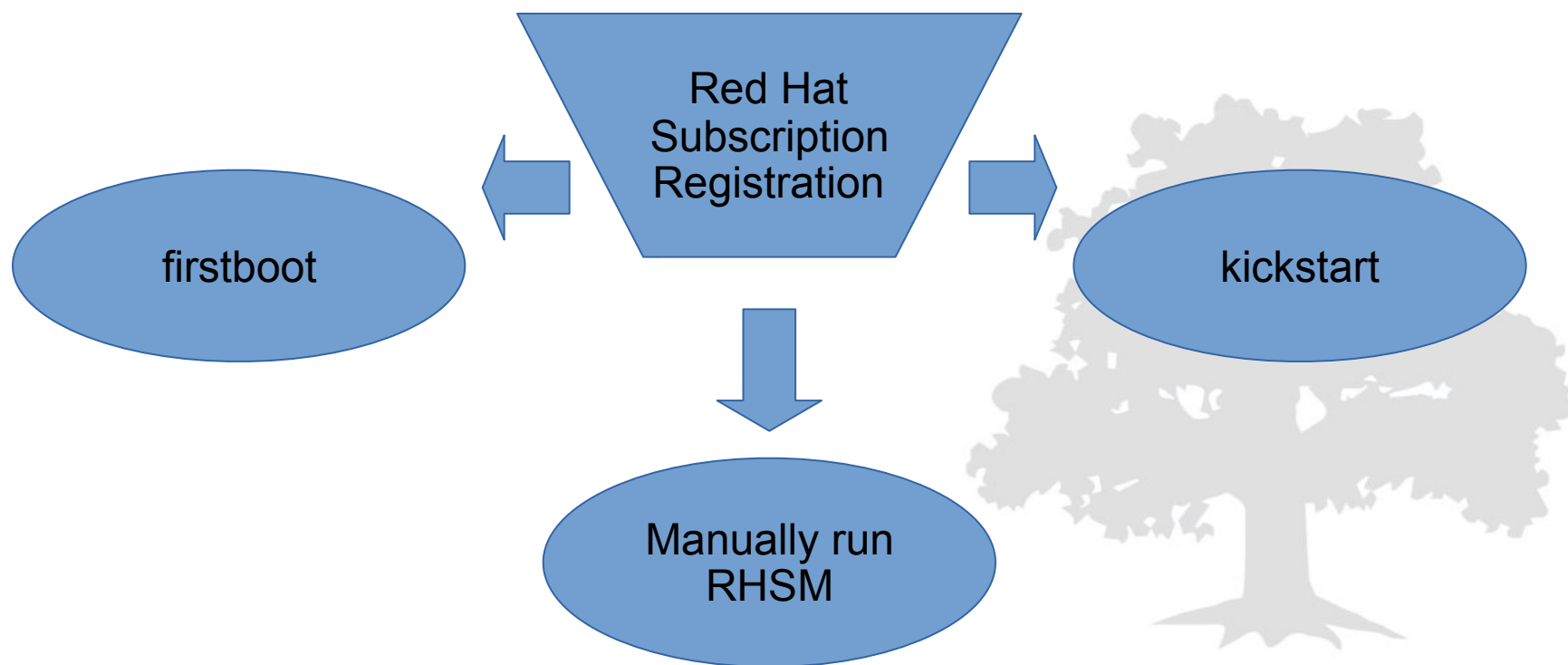


Two key directory paths where confirmation information is stored:

- `/etc/pki/{consumer, entitlement, product}/*.pem`
- `/etc/rhsm/{rhsm.conf, facts/}`



Red Hat provides three convenient ways to attach your server to a subscription certificate



## Primary modules


```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager --?  
Usage: subscription-manager MODULE-NAME [MODULE-OPTIONS] [--help]  
  
Primary Modules:  
  
  attach      Attach a specified subscription to the registered system  
  list        List subscription and product information for this system  
  refresh     Pull the latest subscription data from the server  
  register    Register this system to the Customer Portal or another subscription management service  
  release     Configure which operating system release to use  
  remove      Remove all or specific subscriptions from this system  
  status      Show status information for this system's subscriptions and products  
  unregister  Unregister this system from the Customer Portal or another subscription management service
```



## Other modules

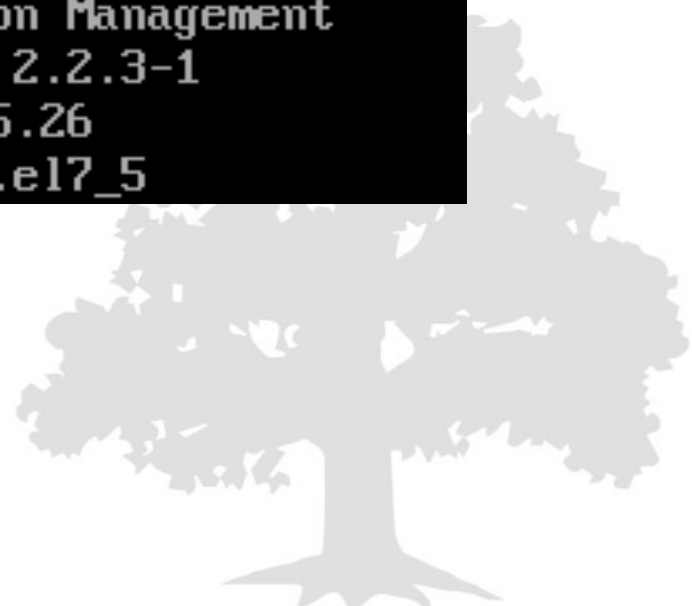
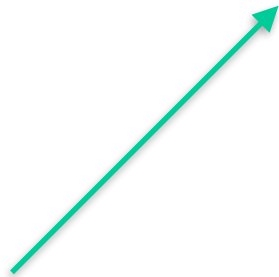
### Other Modules:

auto-attach	Set if subscriptions are attached on a schedule (default of daily)
clean	Remove all local system and subscription data without affecting the server
config	List, set, or remove the configuration parameters in use by this system
environments	Display the environments available for a user
facts	View or update the detected system information
identity	Display the identity certificate for this system or request a new one
import	Import certificates which were provided outside of the tool
orgs	Display the organizations against which a user can register a system
plugins	View and configure subscription-manager plugins
redeem	Attempt to redeem a subscription for a preconfigured system
repo-override	Manage custom content repository settings
repos	List the repositories which this system is entitled to use
service-level	Manage service levels for this system
subscribe	Deprecated, see attach
unsubscribe	Deprecated, see remove
version	Print version information



Relevancy: post version 1.1.9-1, *attach* supersedes the now deprecated *subscribe*

```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager version
server type: Red Hat Subscription Management
subscription management server: 2.2.3-1
subscription management rules: 5.26
subscription-manager: 1.20.11-1.el7_5
```



Primary Subscription Manager commands provide sub-commands

- Access via `-h` or `--help`
- Attach and Register offer the most options

```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager attach -h
Usage: subscription-manager attach [OPTIONS]

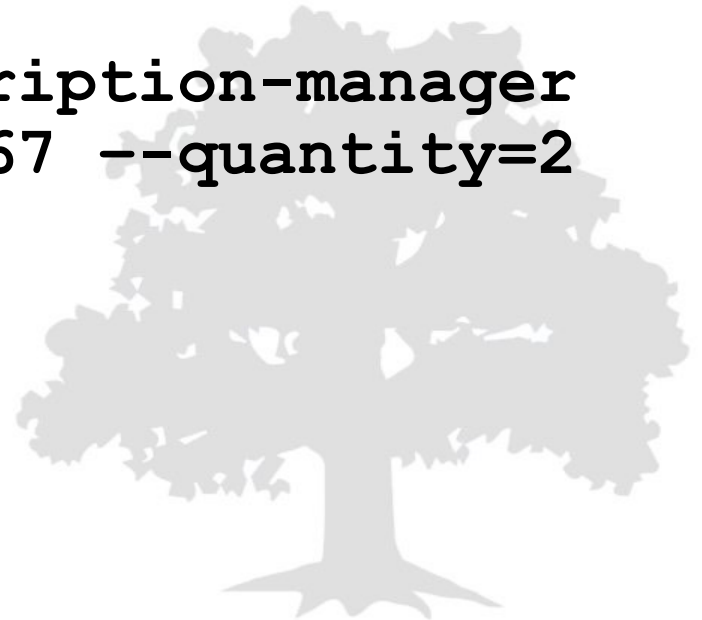
Attach a specified subscription to the registered system

Options:
  -h, --help                show this help message and exit
  --proxy=PROXY_URL         proxy URL in the form of proxy_hostname:proxy_port
  --proxyuser=PROXY_USER   user for HTTP proxy with basic authentication
  --proxypassword=PROXY_PASSWORD
                           password for HTTP proxy with basic authentication
  --noproxy=NO_PROXY       host suffixes that should bypass HTTP proxy
  --pool=POOL               The ID of the pool to attach (can be specified more
                           than once)
  --quantity=QUANTITY     Number of subscriptions to attach. May not be used
                           with an auto-attach.
  --auto                    Automatically attach compatible subscriptions to this
                           system. This is the default action.
  --servicelevel=SERVICE_LEVEL
                           Automatically attach only subscriptions matching the
                           specified service level; only used with --auto
  --file=FILE              A file from which to read pool IDs. If a hyphen is
                           provided, pool IDs will be read from stdin.
```



Powerful option: attach's `--quantity` command

- Allows assignment for multiple subscriptions to cover multi-socket servers
- `[root@server1 ~]# subscription-manager attach --pool=XYZ01234567 --quantity=2`





- Two Quick Use Cases

1. Sans Internet access, you are unable to access Red Hat's subscription server
2. Allocate a license before installation

- Solution

Easy, with *import*

- Get subscription file (.pem) via Customer Portal
- Run this command:
  - # subscription-manager import --certificate {/path/to/file.pem}
  - # **subscription-manager import --certificate=/root/certs/607687452896356798.pem**
  - Successfully imported certificate 607687452896356798.pem



Recycling Subscriptions is easy - ensure you use the correct method

- *Remove* expunges the subscribed certificate(s) assigned to the system, BUT keeps it registered with RHSM
- *Unregister* removes and deletes the system's registration record



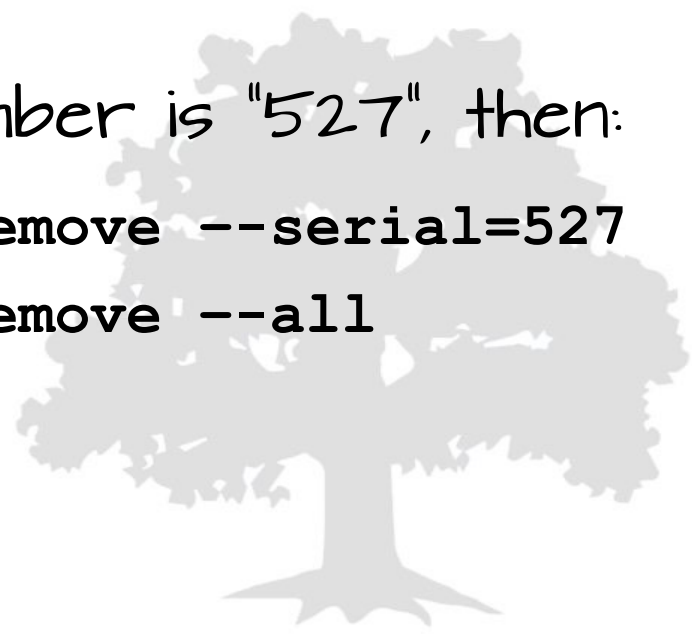
- Each registered product provides an identifying X.509 certificate

```
/etc/pki/entitlement/<serial_number>.pem
```

- To remove a product's subscription, use the above certificate(s)' respective serial number(s)

If a product's serial number is "527", then:

- **#subscription-manager remove --serial=527**
- **#subscription-manager remove --all**



# Error: “No Installed Products Found”

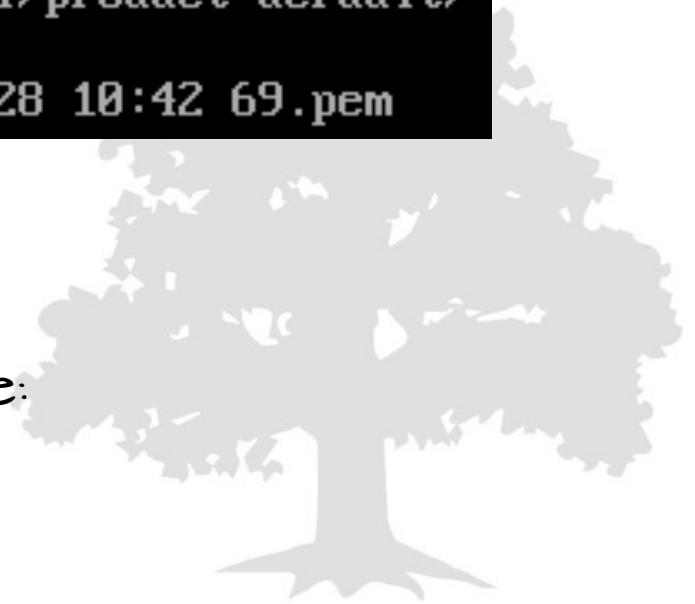
- **#subscription-manager list**

No installed products to list

- Check to ensure `/etc/pki/product-default` has a respective `.pem` file
- Ensure file permissions of `644` are set, with `root:root`

```
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l /etc/pki/product-default/  
total 4  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2159 Feb 28 10:42 69.pem
```

- You can also verify the RHSM log file:  
`/var/log/rhsm/rhsm.log`



One of the best methods to learn  
about RHSM is to RTFM

`$man subscription-manager`



Systemd



Name	Function
systemd	The system and service manager Controls start, stop, and management of services Collection of daemons, utilities, targets, libraries, and core programs Grown to be much more than an init service
systemdctl	Command to query/manage systemd actions



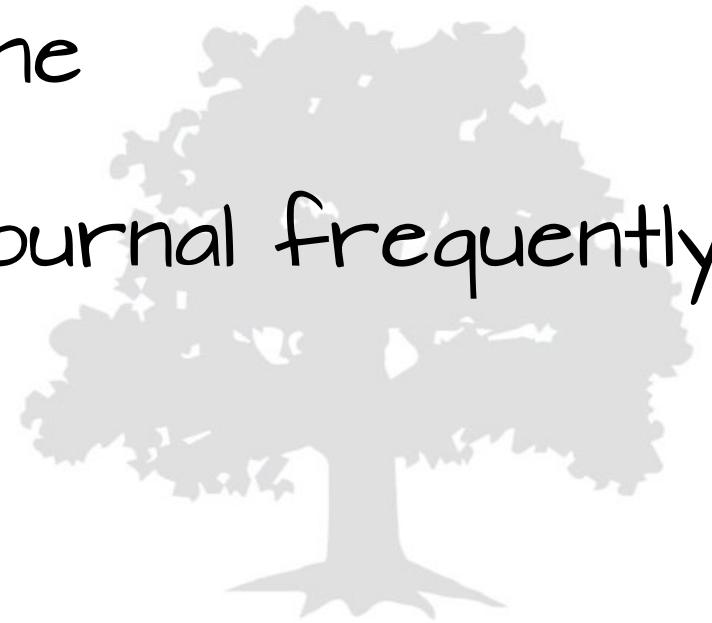
# “What Does systemd Do For Me?”

- Is backwards compatible with SysV init scripts
- On-demand daemon activation
- System state snapshots
- Never loses initial log messages
- Kills all service components cleanly
- Server boots faster
  - Uses fewer scripts
  - Increased task (unit) parallelization
- Requires more reboots for patch installation than previously

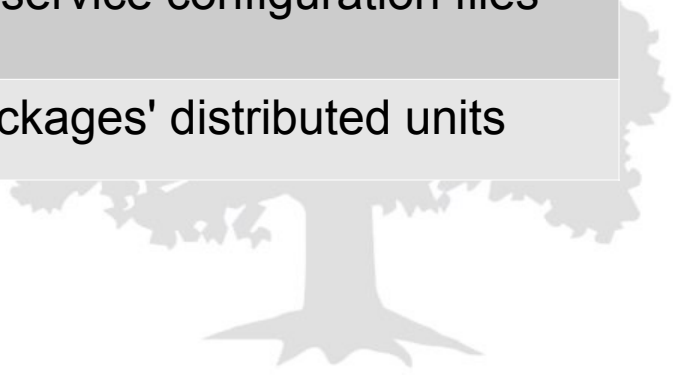




- Systemd uses binary log files
- Binary logs can become corrupted
  - Cases of/references to systemd log corruption found online
- Backup the systemd Journal frequently to avoid pain later



Path	Provides
<code>/etc/systemd</code>	Global systemd configuration
<code>/etc/systemd/system/</code>	Systemd unit files created by <code>systemctl enable</code> , plus administrator created and managed units <b><i>Supersedes runtime units (<code>/run/systemd/system</code>)</i></b>
<code>/run/systemd/system/</code>	Systemd units created at runtime
<code>/usr/lib/systemd/system</code>	Service configuration files
<code>/etc/systemd/system</code>	Custom service configuration files
<code>/usr/lib/systemd/system/</code>	RPM packages' distributed units



## Basic command set for systemctl

Command	Provides
# systemctl --version	Systemd version
# systemctl start sshd	Start a service
# systemctl stop sshd	Stop a service
# systemctl {enable, disable} sshd	Enable/disable a service at boot
# systemctl status sshd	Display current service status
# systemctl status --all	Display status for all status

Note: You can also include the `.service` extension above

## Basic command set for systemd-analyze

Command	Provides
<code># systemd-analyze</code>	Startup/boot-up duration
<code># systemd-analyze critical-chain [&lt;app&gt;.service]   [unit.target]</code>	Linked list of boot-time tasks & times; examples - service = rcdomino.service target = basic.target
<code># systemd-analyze dump</code>	Provides long human-readable serialization of boot process



# Available systemd Unit Types

Unit Type	File Extension	Description
Service unit	<code>.service</code>	A system service.
Target unit	<code>.target</code>	A group of systemd units.
Automount unit	<code>.automount</code>	A file system automount point.
Device unit	<code>.device</code>	A device file recognized by the kernel.
Mount unit	<code>.mount</code>	A file system mount point.
Path unit	<code>.path</code>	A file or directory in a file system.
Scope unit	<code>.scope</code>	An externally created process.
Slice unit	<code>.slice</code>	A group of hierarchically organized units that manage system processes.
Snapshot unit	<code>.snapshot</code>	A saved state of the systemd manager.
Socket unit	<code>.socket</code>	An inter-process communication socket.
Swap unit	<code>.swap</code>	A swap device or a swap file.
Timer unit	<code>.timer</code>	A systemd timer.



The previous slide's robust table provided via:

RHEL 7 System Administration Guide, Table 8.1

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/System\\_Administrators\\_Guide/chap-Managing\\_Services\\_with\\_systemd.html#tabl-Managing\\_Services\\_with\\_systemd-Introduction-Units-Types](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/System_Administrators_Guide/chap-Managing_Services_with_systemd.html#tabl-Managing_Services_with_systemd-Introduction-Units-Types)



# Displaying Currently Active Units

Use the following command:

```
#systemctl
```

```
UNIT                                LOAD    ACTIVE SUB    DESCRIPTION
proc-sys-fs-binfmt_misc.automount  loaded active waiting Arbitrary Executable File Formats File System Automounting
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:10.0-host0-target0:0:0-0:0:0:0-block-sda-sda1.device loaded active plugged  VMware_Virtual_S 1
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:10.0-host0-target0:0:0-0:0:0:0-block-sda-sda2.device loaded active plugged  VMware_Virtual_S 2
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:10.0-host0-target0:0:0-0:0:0:0-block-sda-sda3.device loaded active plugged  VMware_Virtual_S 3
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:10.0-host0-target0:0:0-0:0:0:0-block-sda.device loaded active plugged  VMware_Virtual_S
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:11.0-0000:02:01.0-net-eno16777736.device loaded active plugged  82545EM Gigabit Ethernet Controller
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:11.0-0000:02:02.0-sound-card0.device loaded active plugged  ES1371/ES1373 / Creative Labs CT2518 (AU
sys-devices-pci0000:00-0000:00:11.0-0000:02:05.0-ata4-host4-target4:0:0-4:0:0:0-block-sr0.device loaded active plugged  VMware_Virt
sys-devices-platform-serial8250-tty-ttyS1.device loaded active plugged  /sys/devices/platform/serial8250/tty/ttyS
sys-devices-platform-serial8250-tty-ttyS2.device loaded active plugged  /sys/devices/platform/serial8250/tty/ttyS
sys-devices-platform-serial8250-tty-ttyS3.device loaded active plugged  /sys/devices/platform/serial8250/tty/ttyS
sys-devices-pnp0-00:05-tty-ttyS0.device loaded active plugged  /sys/devices/pnp0/00:05/tty/ttyS0
sys-module-configfs.device loaded active plugged  /sys/module/configfs
sys-subsystem-net-devices-eno16777736.device loaded active plugged  82545EM Gigabit Ethernet Controller (Copp
-.mount loaded active mounted /
boot.mount loaded active mounted /boot
dev-hugepages.mount loaded active mounted Huge Pages File System
dev-mqueue.mount loaded active mounted POSIX Message Queue File System
run-user-1000.mount loaded active mounted /run/user/1000
sys-kernel-config.mount loaded active mounted Configuration File System
sys-kernel-debug.mount loaded active mounted Debug File System
brandbot.path loaded active waiting Flexible branding
systemd-ask-password-plymouth.path loaded active waiting Forward Password Requests to Plymouth Directory
systemd-ask-password-wall.path loaded active waiting Forward Password Requests to Wall Directory
session-2.scope loaded active running Session 2 of user malchwalder
systemd-ask-password-plymouth.path loaded active waiting Forward Password Requests to Plymouth Directory
```



It's a long list. Here is the concluding output

```
LOAD    = Reflects whether the unit definition was properly loaded.  
ACTIVE = The high-level unit activation state, i.e. generalization of SUB.  
SUB     = The low-level unit activation state, values depend on unit type.  
  
110 loaded units listed. Pass --all to see loaded but inactive units, too.  
To show all installed unit files use 'systemctl list-unit-files'.
```





# Determining Installed Units

Use the following command:

```
#systemctl list-unit-files
```

```
UNIT FILE                                STATE
proc-sys-fs-binfmt_misc.automount       static
dev-hugepages.mount                     static
dev-mqueue.mount                        static
proc-sys-fs-binfmt_misc.mount           static
sys-fs-fuse-connections.mount           static
sys-kernel-config.mount                 static
sys-kernel-debug.mount                 static
tmp.mount                                disabled
brandbot.path                           enabled
systemd-ask-password-console.path       static
systemd-ask-password-plymouth.path      static
systemd-ask-password-wall.path          static
session-2.scope                          static
abrt-ccpp.service                       enabled
abrt-oops.service                       enabled
abrt-pstoreoops.service                 disabled
abrt-vmcore.service                    enabled
abrt-xorg.service                       enabled
```

```
281 unit files listed.
lines 238-284/284 (END)
```

Note: systemctl  
command output  
now pipes into  
more

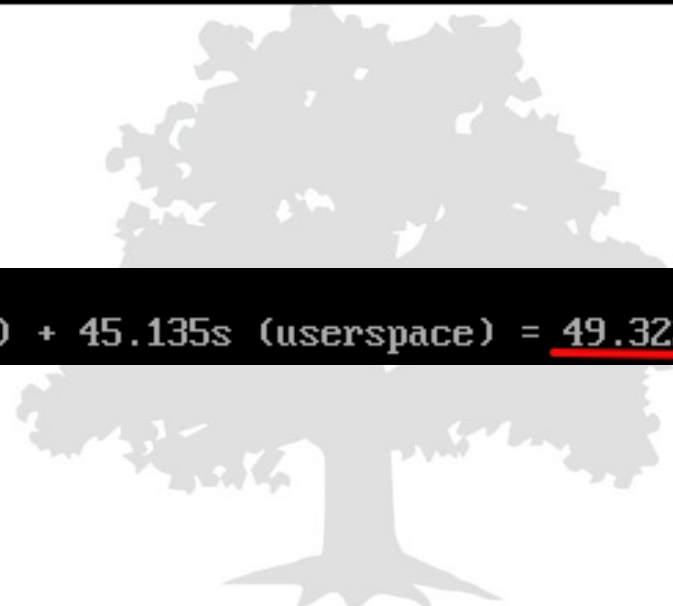
"You thought that was fast? I thought it was fast. Well was it?" -Annabelle in Maverick

## RHEL 7.2

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemd-analyze
Startup finished in 902ms (kernel) + 2.629s (initrd) + 45.290s (userspace) = 48.821s
```

## RHEL 7.5

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemd-analyze
Startup finished in 920ms (kernel) + 3.267s (initrd) + 45.135s (userspace) = 49.322s
```



# Boot Process Critical-Chain Time Check

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemd-analyze critical-chain
The time after the unit is active or started is printed after the "@" character.
The time the unit takes to start is printed after the "+" character.

multi-user.target @45.122s
├─postfix.service @17.291s +2.613s
│ └─network.target @17.260s
│   ├─network.service @15.885s +1.365s
│   │ └─NetworkManager.service @15.022s +861ms
│   │   └─network-pre.target @15.018s
│   │     └─firewalld.service @12.633s +2.384s
│   │       └─polkit.service @9.951s +2.656s
│   │         └─basic.target @9.204s
│   │           └─sockets.target @9.203s
│   │             └─dbus.socket @9.201s
│   │               └─sysinit.target @9.150s
│   │                 └─systemd-update-utmp.service @9.096s +51ms
│   │                   └─auditd.service @8.531s +555ms
│   │                     └─systemd-tmpfiles-setup.service @8.455s +72ms
│   │                       └─rhel-import-state.service @8.242s +210ms
│   │                         └─local-fs.target @8.238s
│   │                           └─run-user-1000.mount @40.817s
│   │                             └─swap.target @6.010s
│   │                               └─dev-disk-by\x2duuid-2bd53070\x2d18f6\x2d4f2d\x2d9a3e\x2d25cadf416c9a.swap @5.903s +106ms
│   │                                 └─dev-disk-by\x2duuid-2bd53070\x2d18f6\x2d4f2d\x2d9a3e\x2d25cadf416c9a.device @5.899s
```

Note: Some output can provide a false positive as time may be dependent upon socket activation and unit parallel execution

# Runlevel Translation Table from sysVinit

## SysVinit to systemd conversions

Sysvinit Runlevel	Systemd Target	What does it do?
0	runlevel0.target, poweroff.target	System halt/shutdown
1, s, single	runlevel1.target, rescue.target	Single-user mode
2, 4	runlevel2.target, runlevel4.target, multi-user.target	User-defined/Site-specific runlevels. By default, identical to 3.
3	runlevel3.target, multi-user.target	Multi-user, non-graphical mode, text console only
5	runlevel5.target, graphical.target	Multi-user, graphical mode
6	runlevel6.target, reboot.target	Reboot
emergency	emergency.target	Emergency mode

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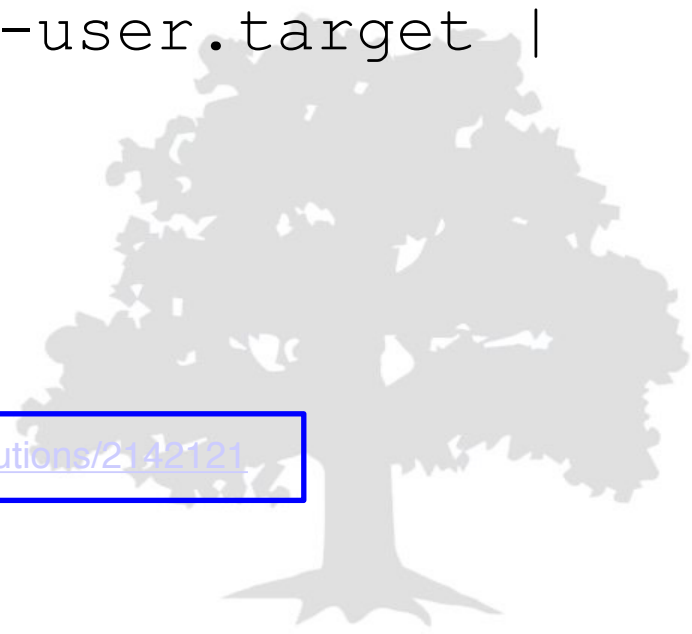
## Set Default

```
# systemctl set-default <desired>.target
```

## In real-time

```
systemctl isolate [multi-user.target |  
graphical.target]
```

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Journal - The system event log file



Name	Function
Journal	New systemd log file
journald	The Journal service (daemon)
journalctl	Tool allowing access to the Journal logs

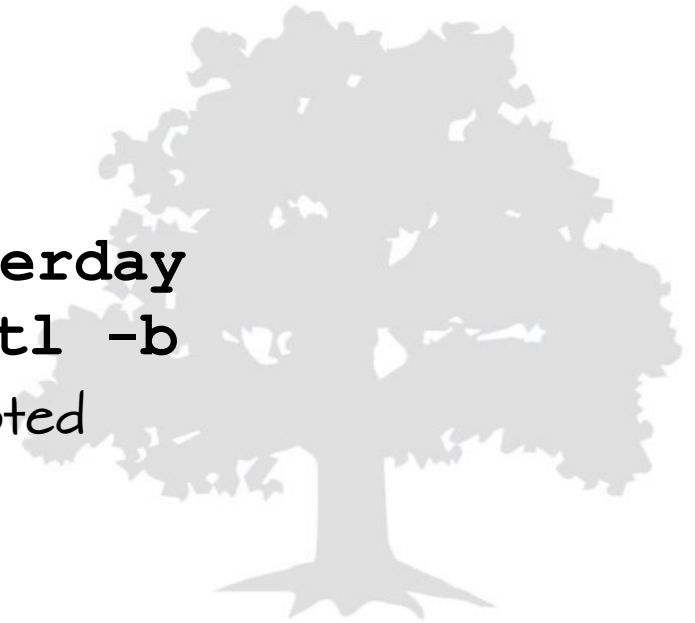


- Systemd manages the RHEL7 system log through the Journal component
  - Written via `systemd-journald.service`
  - Run `#journalctl`
- Notations
  - Listed time stamps converted to local time zone of your system
  - Beginning of a boot is tagged for parsing
  - Color coded fonts for errors, warning, and notices





- Print recent sshd entries, refresh as written  
`#journalctl `which sshd` -f`
- Print most recent 100 lines  
`#journalctl -n 100`
- Reverse display order  
`#journalctl -r`
- List time-based subset
  - `#journalctl --since=yesterday`
  - From previous boot: `#journalctl -b`  
Only helpful if just recently booted



- Display recent boots

```
#journalctl --list-boots
```

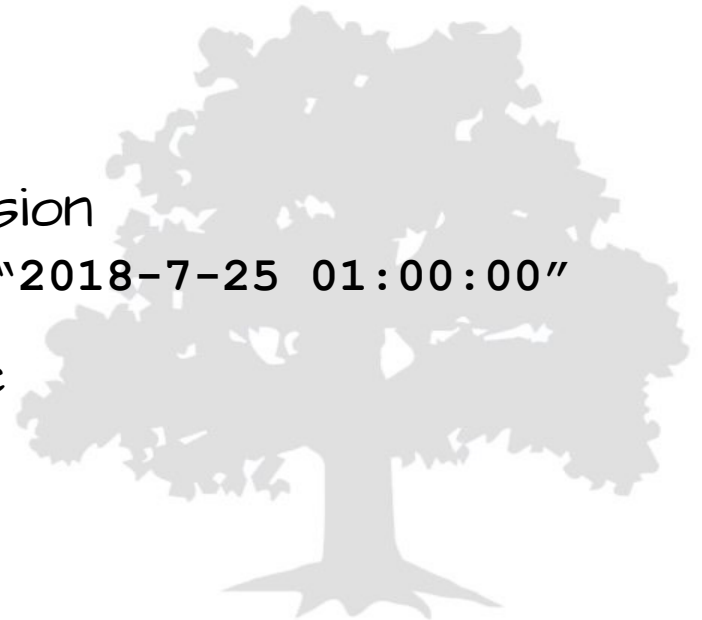
```
[root@localhost ~]# journalctl --list-boots
0 c90983b5d86543f2bafa5765a6a09742 Tue 2018-07-24 18:00:42 PDT-Wed 2018-07-25 06:21:07 PDT
```

- Display all messages for current user or system

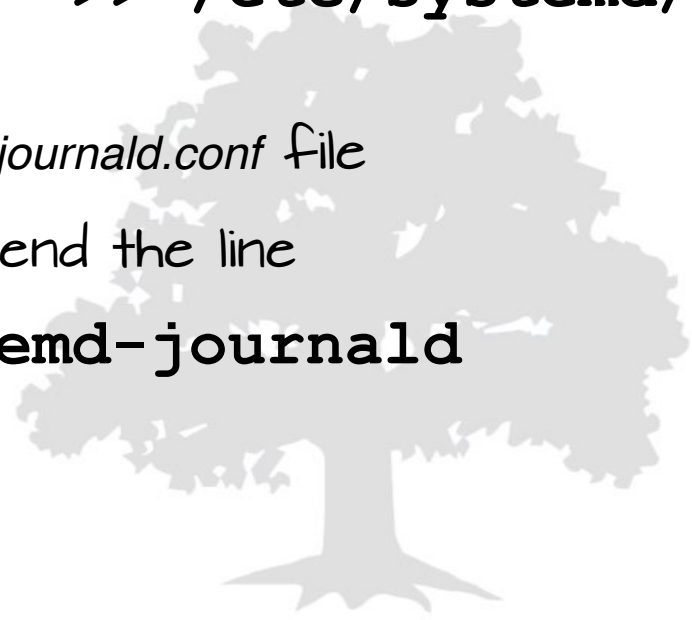
- #journalctl --user
- #journalctl --system



- Filter by priority
  - `#journalctl -p {emerg, alert, crit, err, warning, notice, info, debug}`
  - `#journalctl -p crit`
- Filter by (output) forms
  - `#journalctl -o {14 values}; eg. verbose, export, json`
- Filter by log fields: `$man system.journal-fields` for a list
  - `#journalctl -F {fieldname}`
  - `#journalctl fieldname={value}`
- Combine queries for surgical precision
  - `#journalctl -p warning --since="2018-7-25 01:00:00"`
- Live feed - last ten lines in real-time
  - `#journalctl -f`



- Data stored in `/run/log/journal`  
But are purged after each reboot
- If permanency is desired - one way is below:
  - `#mkdir /var/log/journal`
  - `#echo "SystemMaxUse=75M" >> /etc/systemd/journald.conf`
    - Append the parameter to the `journald.conf` file
    - You could use `vi` as well to append the line
  - `#systemctl restart systemd-journald`



Journalctl provides a simple command:

```
#journalctl --disk-usage
```

```
[root@localhost ~]# journalctl --disk-usage  
Archived and active journals take up 8.0M on disk.  
[root@localhost ~]#
```



# Containers



- CollabSphere contains great content via its sessions
- Two such cases discuss Docker Containers
  1. IS101 - Adopt Domino running in Docker Containers by Slobodan Lohja
  2. IS102 - An Introduction to Configuring Domino for Docker by Gabriella Davis
- Thus, this section provides an OS level taste

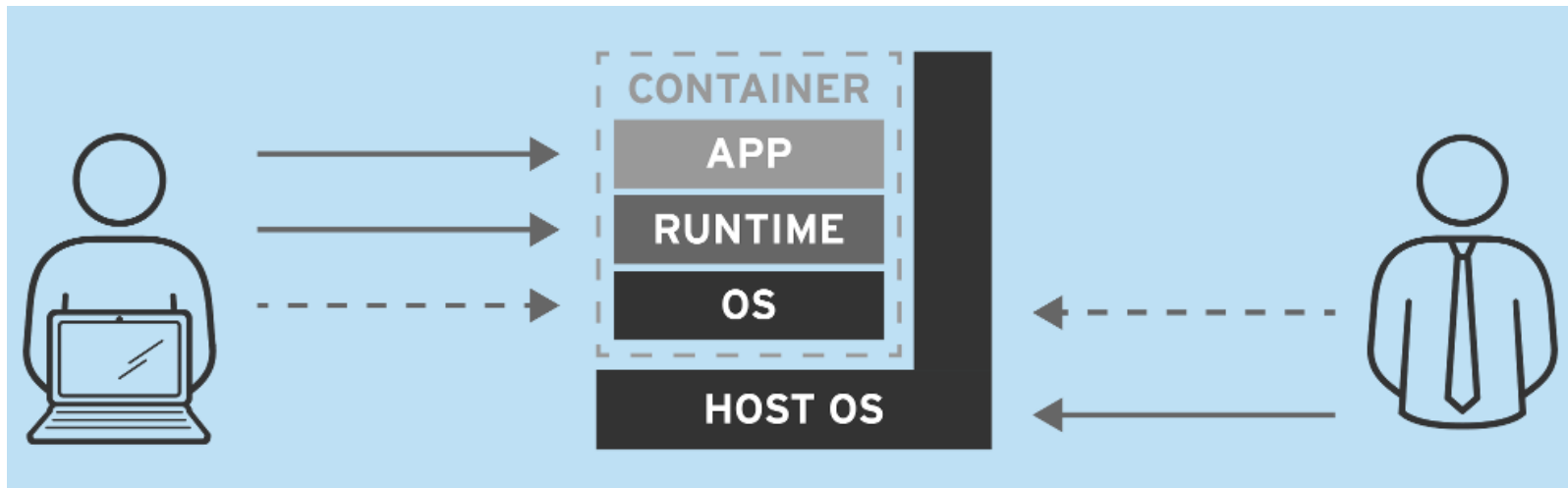


## What are they?

Linux® containers keep applications and their runtime components together by combining lightweight application isolation with an image-based deployment method. Containers package applications with the files on which they depend. This reduces the friction between development and operations, simplifies application deployment, and accelerates delivery cycles—allowing you to deliver value to customers faster.

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# Three Ways Containers Can Help Admins

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Collaborate	Compose	Modernize
Dev and Ops get apps in prod faster	Enables microservices deployment and recycling	Avoid maintaining physical environments with traditional applications

Mobile, Social, Web, Cloud  
All make good deployment candidates

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Just because an application is contained,  
does not imply it is secure...

“Security is just as important  
Inside a container as  
it is anywhere else  
in your Infrastructure.”  
--Josh Bressers  
Red Hat  
Security Strategist

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- Buildah - fully supported now  
Simplifies Docker container image creation
- OverlayFS: Docker container storage default
- Kubernetes RPMs, container images, plus  
docker-latest package deprecated  
See Red Hat OpenShift for full support

Footnotes: Red Hat –

<https://rhelblog.redhat.com/2018/04/10/container-related-changes-in-red-hat-enterprise-linux-7-5/>

<https://www.redhat.com/en/resources/The-Business-Value-of-Red-Hat-OpenShift>

# A Few Upgrade Tips



- RHEL6+ you are required to create a user with firstboot
- User attributes are minimized
- Solution: create an ephemeral account
- Login as root
- Create new accounts properly
- Expunge the ephemeral account





- Primary vendor documentation

[http://partnerweb.vmware.com/GOSIG/RHEL\\_7.html](http://partnerweb.vmware.com/GOSIG/RHEL_7.html)

- VMware Knowledge Base articles on RHEL7

<https://kb.vmware.com/s/global-search/%40uri#q=%22rhel%207%22&sort=relevancy>





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Through Reading  
Reference Material

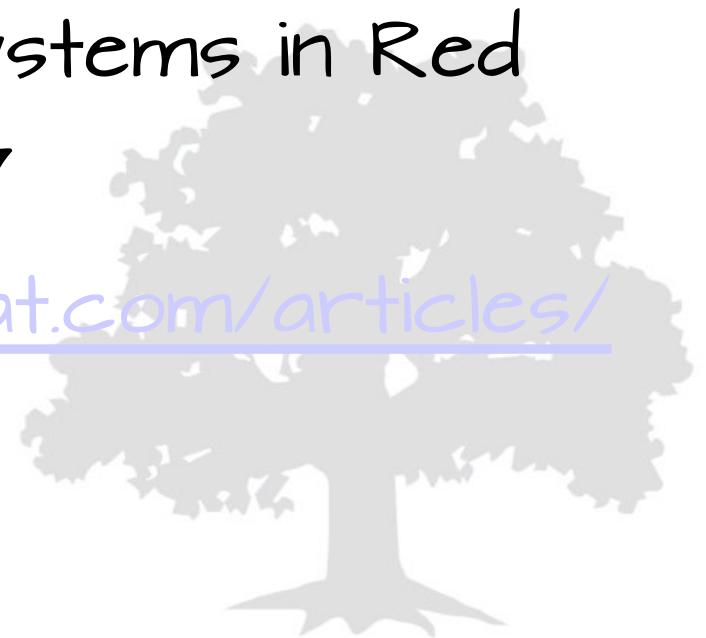


- Understanding Linux Filesystems: ext4 and Beyond

<https://opensource.com/article/18/4/ext4-filesystem>

- XFS and Other File Systems in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7

<https://access.redhat.com/articles/796293>



- Migration from EXT4 to XFS

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\\_hat\\_enterprise\\_linux/7/html/storage\\_administration\\_guide/migrating-ext4-xfs#differences-ext4-xfs](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/storage_administration_guide/migrating-ext4-xfs#differences-ext4-xfs)

- Appendix E. Reference Table for ext4 and XFS Commands

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\\_hat\\_enterprise\\_linux/7/html/installation\\_guide/appe-ext4-to-xfs-command-reference](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/installation_guide/appe-ext4-to-xfs-command-reference)



"New Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7  
Security Feature: systemd-journald"

[https://access.redhat.com/blogs/  
766093/posts/1976263](https://access.redhat.com/blogs/766093/posts/1976263)



## systemd Cheat Sheet for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7

[https://access.redhat.com/  
articles/systemd-cheat-sheet](https://access.redhat.com/articles/systemd-cheat-sheet)



- Containers, Microservices, and Orchestrating the Whole Symphony

<https://opensource.com/business/14/12/containers-microservices-and-orchestrating-whole-symphony>

- Red Hat Experts Author The Containers Blog

<http://rhelblog.redhat.com/tag/containers/>



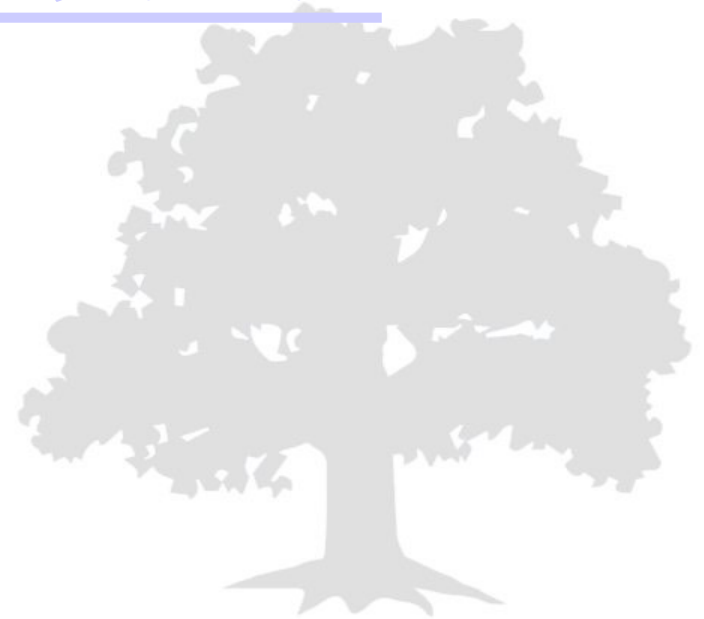
"Securing Containers Before They  
Take Over the World" - The Stack

[https://thystack.com/security/  
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Performance Tuning View CertDepot

<https://www.certdepot.net/rhel7-apply-tuning-profile-server/>





Red Hat offers a nice step-by-step guide here

[https://access.redhat.com/  
documentation/en-US/  
Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/  
html/Installation\\_Guide/sect-  
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