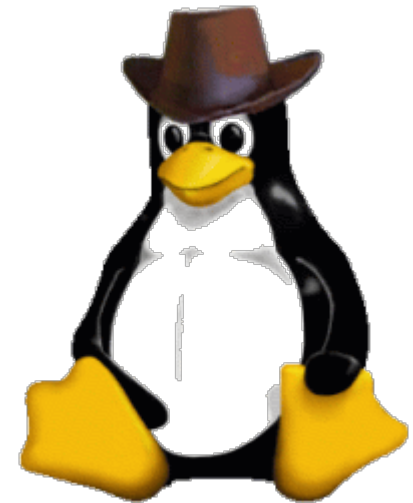


# Saddle up, Penguins!

## The ICS Admin RHEL7 Primer is Here

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# Agenda

- Introduction
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# Introduction

# Important Notation

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

Thus, they inherit the work... and the changes.

# Finding the Current Release (Good)

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

```
[malchw@localhost ~]$ cat /etc/redhat-release  
Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 7.2 (Maipo)
```

## But... This is Better

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

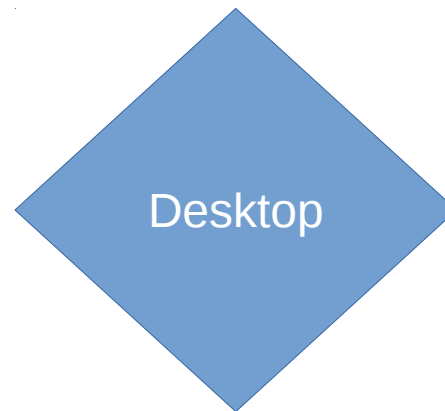
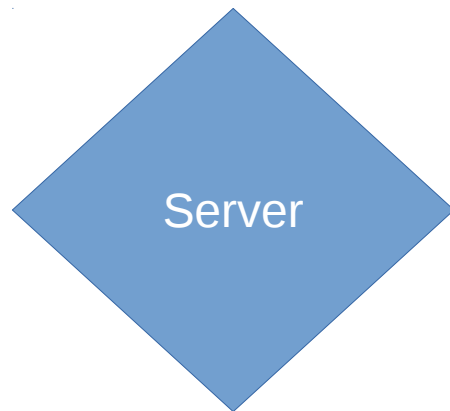
Instead, doublecheck with RPM

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -q redhat-release-server  
redhat-release-server-7.2-9.el7.x86_64
```



# New Features

# “We Only Do x64 (on Intel/AMD) Now!”





## A Few Useful Tidbits

- *Ext4* supports 50TB file system size
- *Snapper* creates, deletes, labels, and organizes snapshots for LVM logical volumes
- *OpenLMI* is a project for remote management through a common infrastructure with both physical and virtual systems
- *Live Media Creator* for customized Kickstart files - great for enterprise deployments

# In-place Upgrade v Clean Install

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..."*

# In-place Upgrade v Clean Install

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

# Updated Linux Lexicon

RHEL7 provides new terminology to better capture what technology offers

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

# New RHEL 7.2 Changes

- RHSM - registering now displays the subscription server URL utilized
- RHSM - can use *syslog* now, set here -> `/etc/rhsm/logging.conf`
- Firstboot now includes RHSM; Initial Setup's main menu
- NetworkManager supports Wake On LAN

# Security: 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>

Puhs

# Falling Back to Iptables

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/>*

# Security: Securing the systemd Journal

- Enter *Forward Secure Sealing* or FSS
  - Disabled by default
  - Enabled when setting up the Journal's keys

```
#journalctl --setup-keys
```
- Still some controversy over whether this is a good idea, or trustworthy
- Listed as a placeholder, for future discussion



# New RHEL 7.2 Changes

- If "rescue" appears on kernel command line, system automatically enters rescue (*rescue.target* or *runlevel 1*)
- systemd updated to version 219 with several new changes
  - <https://access.redhat.com/articles/1611383>

# For Example, Version 219 Changes

## New systemd commands

- 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 Output Table

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.

# New RHEL 7.2 Changes

Atomic Host and Containers release notes are separate now, for easier updating

- <https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en/red-hat-enterprise-linux-atomic-host/7/single/release-notes/>

# New RHEL 7.2 Changes

Full major feature list, via Release Notes

- [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/7.2\\_Release\\_Notes/new-features.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/7.2_Release_Notes/new-features.html)

# Patience is Rewarded...

*Two Major Features Deprecated*

RHN

SysV init

# Additional Areas of Deprecation

- Windows guest virtual machine support limited

Runs only under Advanced Mission Critical programs (AMC)

- Older Device drivers: Full deprecated list

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/7.2\\_Release\\_Notes/chap-Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux-7.2\\_Release\\_Notes-Deprecated\\_Functionality-in-RHEL-7.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/7.2_Release_Notes/chap-Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux-7.2_Release_Notes-Deprecated_Functionality-in-RHEL-7.html)

# What Broke Between Point Releases - NFS

- With all the new changes in RHEL7.0, it took time to settle
- Versions 7.1. to 7.2 broke more features
- NFS: *nfs-secure-server* service changed functionality as *nfs-idmap* spawned a sibling *nfs-idmapd*
- Kerberos NSF client received *nfs-client.target*



# What Broke Between Point Releases - NetworkManager

RHEL Version	NFS Command Change
7.0	<pre># nmcli con mod myConn ipv4.addresses "10.0.0.10/24 10.0.0.1"</pre>
7.1	Now two steps: <pre># nmcli con mod myConn ipv4.addresses 10.0.0.10/24 # nmcli con mod myConn ipv4.gateway 10.0.0.1</pre>

Undocumented!

Key	
con	Connection
mod	Modify
/24	Entire Class C network

# What Broke Between Point Releases - systemd

- RHEL 7.2 provides v219 from v208
- Beware of the new RemoveIPC command
  - Impacts ASM (Oracle), DBs, applications with Shared Memory Segment (SHM) not the entire server
  - Enable and if the UID exceeds 1000
  - **C R A S H!**

# What Broke Between Point Releases - systemd

- Disable in the config file
  - `/etc/systemd/logind.conf`
  - **`#systemctl restart systemd-logind`**
- Source: "How to kill your database in seconds with OS update - RHEL / OEL 7.1 - mind the `RemoveIPC` parameter"

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/how-kill-your-database-seconds-os-update-rhel-oel-71-maciej-tokar>

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# Subscription Management

# Get Ready for Subscription Management

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

- Note: RHEL7, Subscription Asset Manager, CloudForms, Directory Server 9 already use RHSM
  - Older products can use the respective product based tools
- Additional information location below:
1. <https://access.redhat.com/rhn-to-rhsm#guides>
  2. <https://access.redhat.com/rhn-to-rhsm#learn>
  3. <https://access.redhat.com/rhn-to-rhsm>

# Upgrading/Transitioning Enterprise Linux

- Install Missing RPMs (Pre-RHEL7 Systems)
  - `#yum install subscription-manager-migration subscription-manager-migration-data`
- Run this command:
  - `#rhn-migrate-classic-to-rhsm`
- View migration process status and history
  - `#subscription-manager facts --list | grep migration`  
migration.classic\_system\_id: 12345  
migration.migrated\_from: rhn\_hosted\_classic  
migration.migration\_date: 2016-07-24T12:32:01.179408

# RHSM Manages Multiple System Tasks

What RHSM Provides	
System registration to a designated subscription service	Product subscriptions for installed products

# Key RHSM Directories

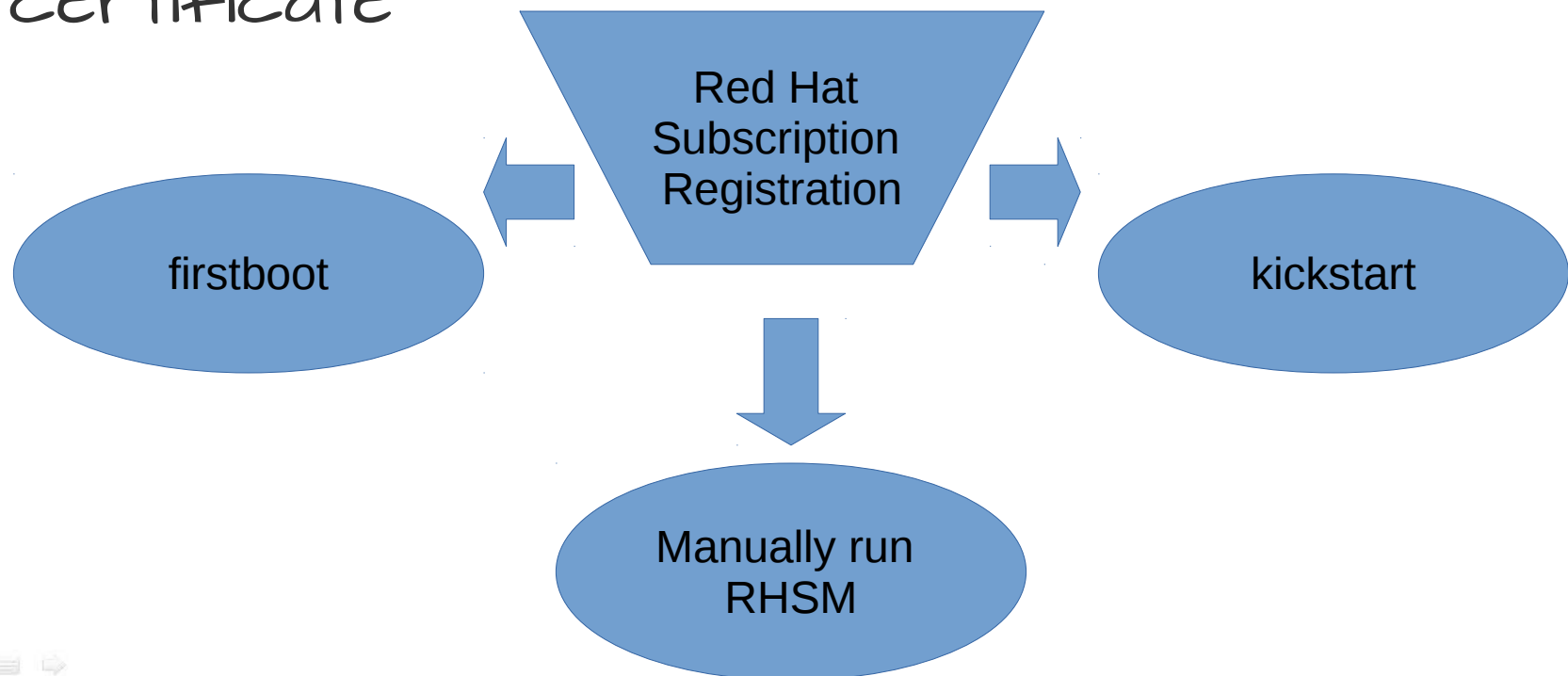
Two key directory paths where confirmation information is stored:

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



# Registering Your New Server

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



# Three Fundamental RHSM Commands

- Basic Registration with or with 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>`

# “How Do I Find my Pool ID?”

Executing the list all available subscriptions commands provides the needed data

```
[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
```

# Subscription Manager Full Command Set

## 1-2: 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
```

# Subscription Manager Full Command Set

## 2-2: 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



# Determining the RHSM Version

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

```
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager version
server type: This system is currently not registered.
subscription management server: 0.9.51.11-1
subscription management rules: 5.15
subscription-manager: 1.15.9-15.e17 ←
python-rhsm: 1.15.4-5.e17
```

# Subscription Manager Notation

Primary commands offer sub-commands

- Access via `-h` or `--help` parameter
- *Attach* and *Register* offer the longest list

```
[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
  --pool=POOL              the ID of the pool to attach (can be specified more
                           than once)
  --quantity=QUANTITY     number of subscriptions to attach
  --auto                   Automatically attach compatible subscriptions to this
                           system. This is the default action.
  --servicelevel=SERVICE_LEVEL
                           service level to apply to this system
  --file=FILE              A file from which to read pool IDs. If a hyphen is
                           provided, pool IDs will be read from stdin.
```

# Handling Multiple Socket Servers

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`



# My (Pre-Prod) Server is Not Online

Don't have Internet access, unable to access Red Hat's subscription server, or want to allocate a license before installation? Easy, just *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
```

# Removal vs. Unregister

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

# Precise Removal

- Each registered product provides an identifying X.509 certificate
  - `/etc/pki/entitlement/<serial_number>.pem`
- To remove a product's subscription, identify the 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

--OR--



```
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l /etc/pki/product
total 0
[root@localhost ~]# subscription-manager list
+-----+
+-----+
+-----+
+-----+
Product Name:   Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server
Product ID:     69
Version:        7.2
Arch:           x86_64
Status:         Unknown
Status Details:
Starts:
Ends:
```

- Check to ensure `/etc/pki/product-default` has a respective `.pem` file
- Ensure file permissions:  

```
#ls -l /etc/pki/product
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2159 Oct 23 2015
/etc/pki/product/69.pem
```

# Finally, to Acquire Additional Information

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

`$man subscription-manager`



# Systemd

# “What Does systemd Do For Me?”

- The new system and service manager
- Is backwards compatible with SysV init scripts
- On-demand daemon activation
- System state snapshots
- Server boots faster
  - Uses fewer scripts
  - Increased task (unit) parallelization

# Systemd's Distributed File Locations

Path	Provides
<code>/etc/systemd</code>	Global systemd configuration
<code>/etc/systemd/system/</code>	System administrator created and managed units Supersedes runtime units ( <code>/run/systemd/system</code> )
<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 - Systemctl

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

Note: You can also include the .service extension above

# Basic Command Set – 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.

# Available Systemd Unit Types -- Annotation

The previous slide's robust table provided as follows:

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#t-abi-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#t-abi-Managing_Services_with_systemd-Introduction-Units-Types)

# What Units are Installed on your System

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                           disabled
systemd-ask-password-console.path       static
systemd-ask-password-plymouth.path      static
systemd-ask-password-wall.path          static
session-1.scope                          static
abrt-ccpp.service                        enabled
abrt-oops.service                       enabled
abrt-nstoregns.service                   disabled
```

# Boot Process Time Check

Is this fast?

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

# 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.

graphical.target @45.279s
├─multi-user.target @45.279s
│   └─postfix.service @19.090s +1.386s
│       └─network.target @19.070s
│           └─network.service @18.487s +580ms
│               └─NetworkManager.service @12.874s +381ms
│                   └─firewalld.service @8.555s +4.308s
│                       └─basic.target @8.271s
│                           └─sockets.target @8.270s
│                               └─dbus.socket @8.254s
│                                   └─sysinit.target @8.250s
│                                       └─systemd-update-utmp.service @8.195s +54ms
│                                           └─auditd.service @7.845s +347ms
│                                               └─systemd-tmpfiles-setup.service @7.739s +94ms
│                                                   └─rhel-import-state.service @7.504s +230ms
│                                                       └─local-fs.target @7.503s
│                                                           └─boot.mount @5.152s +1.312s
│                                                               └─dev-disk-by\x2duuid-92b7955d\x2d4892\x2d44fe1\x2db2fc\x2d7f0bfc53495b.device @5.149s
```

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

# The system event log file - Journald



# Searching the systemd Journal

*Systemd manages the RHEL7 system log through the Journald program*

- *Written via* `systemd-journald.service`
- **#journalctl**

# Useful Journald Query Commands

- Print recent sshd entries, refresh as written
  - `#journalctl `which sshd` -f`
- Print most recent 100 lines
  - `#journalctl -n100`
- Reverse display order
  - `#journalctl -r`
- List time-based subset
  - `#journalctl --since=yesterday`

# Useful Journald Query Commands

- Display recent boots
  - `#journalctl --list-boots`

```
[root@localhost ~]# journalctl --list-boots
0 b6d0a392d8584a1096122adde3c58d24 Sun 2016-08-14 12:22:26 PDT-Thu 2016-08-18 12:23:09 PDT
```

- Display all messages for current user or system
  - `#journalctl --user`
  - `#journalctl --system`

# Journald Useful Tips

- 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`

# Want to Know How Big The Journald Is?

Journald provides a simple command

- `#journalctl --disk-usage`

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



# Containers

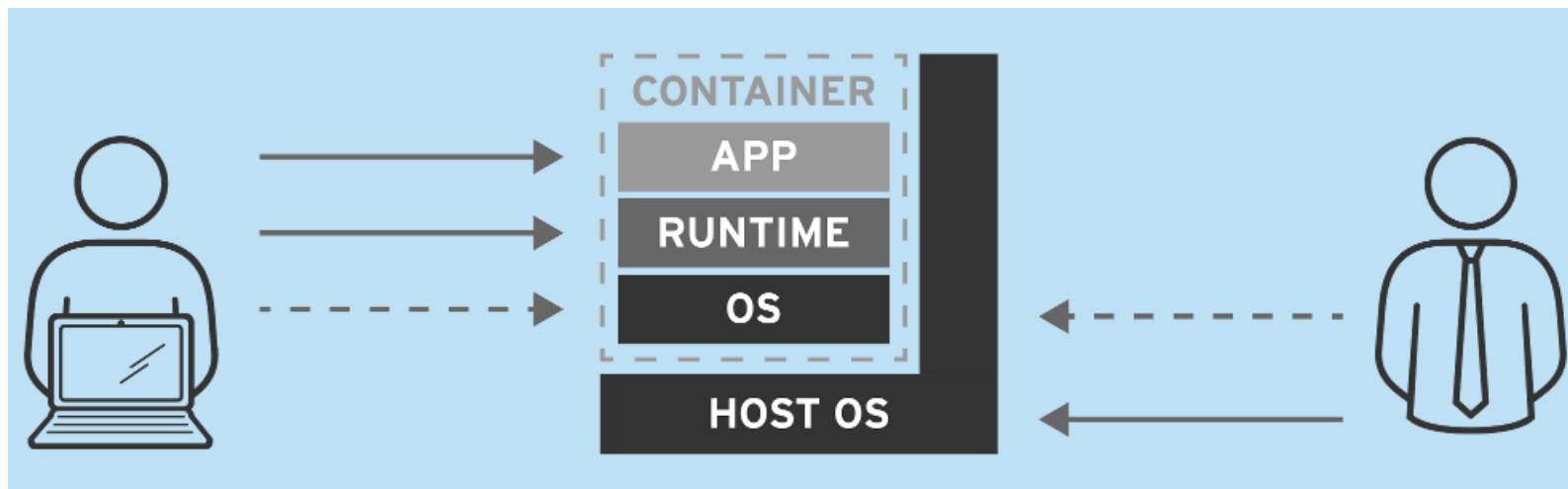
# Containers Conundrum

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.

Footnote: Red Hat, <https://www.redhat.com/en/insights/containers>

# Let's Get Visual



Footnote: Red Hat, <https://www.redhat.com/en/insights/containers>



# Three Ways Containers Can Help Admins

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

Footnote: Red Hat, <https://www.redhat.com/en/insights/containers>

# Security is Utmost Performance

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

Footnote: Red Hat, <https://www.redhat.com/en/insights/containers>

# A Few Upgrade Tips

# Creating a firstboot User

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



# VMware tips

- 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/selfservice/microsites/microsite.do>

# Command Reference

Command	Provides
<code># lspci -nn</code>	Hardware PCI IDs
<code># tuned-adm</code>	Server tuning profiles
<code># yum install -y tuned</code>	Package installation for tune-adm

# Become Even Smarter Through Reading Reference Material



# Container Enablement

- 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/>

# Container Security

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

<https://thestack.com/security/2016/01/21/red-hat-insider-securing-containers-before-they-take-over-the-world/>

# Red Hat Server Tuning Profiles

Performance Tuning View CertDepot

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

# Need Help Burning an ISO Image to USB?

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

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/Installation\\_Guide/sect-making-usb-media.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/Installation_Guide/sect-making-usb-media.html)

# Quick Background



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