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Abstract

This document describes new features, known issues, and resolved issues for the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization 2.4.

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CHAPTER 1. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR VIRTUALIZATION 2.4

Migrate virtual machines (VMs) from VMware vSphere or Red Hat Virtualization or OpenStack to OpenShift Virtualization with the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV).

The release notes describe technical changes, new features and enhancements, and known issues.

1.1. TECHNICAL CHANGES

This release has the following technical changes:

Faster disk image migration from RHV

Disk images are not converted anymore using virt-v2v when migrating from RHV. This change speeds up migrations and also allows migration for guest operating systems that are not supported by virt-vsv. (forklift-controller#403)

Faster disk transfers by ovirt-imageio client (ovirt-img)

Disk transfers use **ovirt-imageio** client (ovirt-img) instead of Containerized Data Import (CDI) when migrating from RHV to the local OpenShift Container Platform cluster, accelerating the migration.

Faster migration using conversion pod disk transfer

When migrating from vSphere to the local OpenShift Container Platform cluster, the conversion pod transfers the disk data instead of Containerized Data Importer (CDI), accelerating the migration.

Migrated virtual machines are not scheduled on the target OCP cluster

The migrated virtual machines are no longer scheduled on the target OpenShift Container Platform cluster. This enables migrating VMs that cannot start due to limit constraints on the target at migration time.

StorageProfile resource needs to be updated for a non-provisioner storage class

You must update the **StorageProfile** resource with **accessModes** and **volumeMode** for non-provisioner storage classes such as NFS.

VDDK 8 can be used in the VDDK image

Previous versions of MTV supported only using VDDK version 7 for the VDDK image. MTV supports both versions 7 and 8, as follows:

- If you are migrating to OCP 4.12 or earlier, use VDDK version 7.
- If you are migrating to OCP 4.13 or later, use VDDK version 8.

1.2. NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS

This release has the following features and improvements:

OpenStack migration

MTV now supports migrations with OpenStack as a source provider. This feature is a provided as a Technology Preview and only supports cold migrations.

OCP console plugin

The Migration Toolkit for Virtualization Operator now integrates the MTV web console into the Red Hat OpenShift web console. The new UI operates as an OCP Console plugin that adds the sub-menu **Migration** to the navigation bar. It is implemented in version 2.4, disabling the old UI. You can enable the old UI by setting **feature_ui: true** in ForkliftController. (MTV-427)

Skip certification option

Skip certificate validation option was added to VMware and RHV providers. If selected, the provider's certificate will not be validated and the UI will not ask for specifying a CA certificate.

Only third-party certificate required

Only the third-party certificate needs to be specified when defining a RHV provider that sets with the Manager CA certificate.

Conversion of VMs with RHEL9 guest operating system

Cold migrations from vSphere to a local Red Hat OpenShift cluster use virt-v2v on RHEL 9. (MTV-332)

1.3. KNOWN ISSUES

This release has the following known issues:

Deleting migration plan does not remove temporary resources

Deleting a migration plan does not remove temporary resources such as importer pods, conversion pods, config maps, secrets, failed VMs and data volumes. You must archive a migration plan before deleting it to clean up the temporary resources. (BZ#2018974)

Unclear error status message for VM with no operating system

The error status message for a VM with no operating system on the **Plans** page of the web console does not describe the reason for the failure. (BZ#22008846)

Log archive file includes logs of a deleted migration plan or VM

If deleting a migration plan and then running a new migration plan with the same name, or if deleting a migrated VM and then remigrate the source VM, then the log archive file created by the MTV web console might include the logs of the deleted migration plan or VM. (BZ#2023764)

Migration of virtual machines with encrypted partitions fails during conversion

vSphere only: Migrations from RHV and OpenStack don't fail, but the encryption key may be missing on the target OCP cluster.

Snapshots that are created during the migration in OpenStack are not deleted

The Migration Controller service does not delete snapshots that are created during the migration for source virtual machines in OpenStack automatically. Workaround: the snapshots can be removed manually on OpenStack.

RHV snapshots are not deleted after a successful migration

The Migration Controller service does not delete snapshots automatically after a successful warm migration of a RHV VM. Workaround: Snapshots can be removed from RHV instead. (MTV-349)

Migration fails during precopy/cutover while a snapshot operation is executed on the source VM

Some warm migrations from RHV might fail. When running a migration plan for warm migration of multiple VMs from RHV, the migrations of some VMs might fail during the cutover stage. In that case, restart the migration plan and set the cutover time for the VM migrations that failed in the first run.

Warm migration from RHV fails if a snapshot operation is performed on the source VM. If the user performs a snapshot operation on the source VM at the time when a migration snapshot is scheduled, the migration fails instead of waiting for the user's snapshot operation to finish. (MTV-456)

Cannot schedule migrated VM with multiple disks to more than one storage classes of type hostPath

When migrating a VM with multiple disks to more than one storage classes of type hostPath, it may result in a VM that cannot be scheduled. Workaround: It is recommended to use shared storage on the target OCP cluster.

Deleting migrated VM does not remove PVC and PV

When removing a VM that was migrated, its persistent volume claims (PVCs) and physical volumes (PV) are not deleted. Workaround: remove the CDI importer pods and then remove the remaining PVCs and PVs. (MTV-492)

PVC deletion hangs after archiving and deleting migration plan

When a migration fails, its PVCs and PVs are not deleted as expected when its migration plan is archived and deleted. Workaround: Remove the CDI importer pods and then remove the remaining PVCs and PVs. (MTV-493)

VM with multiple disks may boot from non-bootable disk after migration

VM with multiple disks that was migrated might not be able to boot on the target OCP cluster. Workaround: Set the boot order appropriately to boot from the bootable disk. (MTV-433)

Non-supported guest operating systems in warm migrations

Warm migrations and migrations to remote OCP clusters from vSphere do not support all types of guest operating systems that are supported in cold migrations to the local OCP cluster. It is a consequence of using RHEL 8 in the former case and RHEL 9 in the latter case.

See Converting virtual machines from other hypervisors to KVM with virt-v2v in RHEL 7, RHEL 8, and RHEL 9 for the list of supported guest operating systems.

VMs from vSphere with RHEL 9 guest operating system may start with network interfaces that are down

When migrating VMs that are installed with RHEL 9 as guest operating system from vSphere, their network interfaces could be disabled when they start in OpenShift Virtualization. (MTV-491)

Upgrade from 2.4.0 fails

When upgrading from MTV 2.4.0 to a later version, the operation fails with an error that says the field *spec.selector* of deployment **forklift-controller** is immutable. Workaround: remove the custom resource **forklift-controller** of type **ForkliftController** from the installed namespace, and recreate it. The user needs to refresh the OCP Console once the **forklift-console-plugin** pod runs to load the upgraded MTV web console. (MTV-518)

1.4. RESOLVED ISSUES

This release has the following resolved issues:

Multiple HTTP/2 enabled web servers are vulnerable to a DDoS attack (Rapid Reset Attack)

A flaw was found in handling multiplexed streams in the HTTP/2 protocol. In previous releases of MTV, the HTTP/2 protocol allowed a denial of service (server resource consumption) because request cancellation could reset multiple streams quickly. The server had to set up and tear down the streams while not hitting any server-side limit for the maximum number of active streams per connection, which resulted in a denial of service due to server resource consumption.

This issue has been resolved in MTV 2.4.3 and 2.5.2. It is advised to update to one of these versions of MTV or later.

For more information, see CVE-2023-44487 (Rapid Reset Attack) and CVE-2023-39325 (Rapid Reset Attack).

Improve invalid/conflicting VM name handling

Improve the automatic renaming of VMs during migration to fit RFC 1123. This feature that was introduced in 2.3.4 is enhanced to cover more special cases. (MTV-212)

Prevent locking user accounts due to incorrect credentials

If a user specifies an incorrect password for RHV providers, they are no longer locked in RHV. An error returns when the RHV manager is accessible and adding the provider. If the RHV manager is inaccessible, the provider is added, but there would be no further attempt after failing, due to incorrect credentials. (MTV-324)

Users without cluster-admin role can create new providers

Previously, the **cluster-admin** role was required to browse and create providers. In this release, users with sufficient permissions on MTV resources (providers, plans, migrations, NetworkMaps, StorageMaps, hooks) can operate MTV without cluster-admin permissions. (MTV-334)

Convert i440fx to q35

Migration of virtual machines with i440fx chipset is now supported. The chipset is converted to q35 during the migration. (MTV-430)

Preserve the UUID setting in SMBIOS for a VM that is migrated from RHV

The Universal Unique ID (UUID) number within the System Management BIOS (SMBIOS) no longer changes for VMs that are migrated from RHV. This enhancement enables applications that operate within the guest operating system and rely on this setting, such as for licensing purposes, to operate on the target OCP cluster in a manner similar to that of RHV. (MTV-597)

Do not expose password for RHV in error messages

Previously, the password that was specified for RHV manager appeared in error messages that were displayed in the web console and logs when failing to connect to RHV. In this release, error messages that are generated when failing to connect to RHV do not reveal the password for RHV manager.

QEMU guest agent is now installed on migrated VMs

The QEMU guest agent is installed on VMs during cold migration from vSphere. (BZ#2018062)

CHAPTER 2. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR VIRTUALIZATION 2.3

You can migrate virtual machines (VMs) from VMware vSphere or Red Hat Virtualization to OpenShift Virtualization with the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV).

The release notes describe technical changes, new features and enhancements, and known issues.

2.1. TECHNICAL CHANGES

This release has the following technical changes:

Setting the VddkInitImage path is part of the procedure of adding VMware provider.

In the web console, you enter the VddkInitImage path when adding a VMware provider. Alternatively, from the CLI, you add the VddkInitImage path to the **Provider** CR for VMware migrations.

The StorageProfile resource needs to be updated for a non-provisioner storage class

You must update the **StorageProfile** resource with **accessModes** and **volumeMode** for non-provisioner storage classes such as NFS. The documentation includes a link to the relevant procedure.

2.2. NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS

This release has the following features and improvements:

MTV 2.4 supports warm migration from RHV

You can use warm migration to migrate VMs from both VMware and RHV.

The minimal sufficient set of privileges for VMware users is established

VMware users do not have to have full **cluster-admin** privileges to perform a VM migration. The minimal sufficient set of user's privileges is established and documented.

MTV documentation is updated with instructions on using hooks

MTV documentation includes instructions on adding hooks to migration plans and running hooks on VMs.

2.3. KNOWN ISSUES

This release has the following known issues:

Some warm migrations from RHV might fail

When you run a migration plan for warm migration of multiple VMs from RHV, the migrations of some VMs might fail during the cutover stage. In that case, restart the migration plan and set the cutover time for the VM migrations that failed in the first run. (BZ#2063531)

Snapshots are not deleted after warm migration

The Migration Controller service does not delete snapshots automatically after a successful warm migration of a RHV VM. You can delete the snapshots manually. (BZ#22053183)

Warm migration from RHV fails if a snapshot operation is performed on the source VM

If the user performs a snapshot operation on the source VM at the time when a migration snapshot is scheduled, the migration fails instead of waiting for the user's snapshot operation to finish. (BZ#2057459)

QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs

The QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs. Workaround: Install the QEMU guest agent with a post-migration hook. (BZ#2018062)

Deleting migration plan does not remove temporary resources.

Deleting a migration plan does not remove temporary resources such as **importer** pods, **conversion** pods, config maps, secrets, failed VMs and data volumes. (BZ#2018974) You must archive a migration plan before deleting it in order to clean up the temporary resources.

Unclear error status message for VM with no operating system

The error status message for a VM with no operating system on the **Migration plan details** page of the web console does not describe the reason for the failure. (BZ#2008846)

Log archive file includes logs of a deleted migration plan or VM

If you delete a migration plan and then run a new migration plan with the same name or if you delete a migrated VM and then remigrate the source VM, the log archive file created by the MTV web console might include the logs of the deleted migration plan or VM. (BZ#2023764)

Migration of virtual machines with encrypted partitions fails during conversion

The problem occurs for both vSphere and RHV migrations.

MTV 2.3.4 only: When the source provider is RHV, duplicating a migration plan fails in either the network mapping stage or the storage mapping stage.

Possible workaround: Delete cache in the browser or restart the browser. (BZ#2143191)

CHAPTER 3. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR VIRTUALIZATION 2.2

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3.1. TECHNICAL CHANGES

This release has the following technical changes:

Setting the precopy time interval for warm migration

You can set the time interval between snapshots taken during the precopy stage of warm migration.

3.2. NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS

This release has the following features and improvements:

Creating validation rules

You can create custom validation rules to check the suitability of VMs for migration. Validation rules are based on the VM attributes collected by the **Provider Inventory** service and written in Rego, the Open Policy Agent native query language.

Downloading logs by using the web console

You can download logs for a migration plan or a migrated VM by using the MTV web console.

Duplicating a migration plan by using the web console

You can duplicate a migration plan by using the web console, including its VMs, mappings, and hooks, in order to edit the copy and run as a new migration plan.

Archiving a migration plan by using the web console

You can archive a migration plan by using the MTV web console. Archived plans can be viewed or duplicated. They cannot be run, edited, or unarchived.

3.3. KNOWN ISSUES

This release has the following known issues:

Certain Validation service issues do not block migration

Certain **Validation** service issues, which are marked as **Critical** and display the assessment text, **The VM** will **not be migrated**, do not block migration. (**BZ#2025977**)

The following **Validation** service assessments do not block migration:

Table 3.1. Issues that do not block migration

| Assessment | Result |
|---|--|
| The disk interface type is not supported by OpenShift Virtualization (only sata, virtio_scsi and virtio interface types are currently supported). | The migrated VM will have a virtio disk if the source interface is not recognized. |
| The NIC interface type is not supported by OpenShift Virtualization (only e1000, rtl8139 and virtio interface types are currently supported). | The migrated VM will have a virtio NIC if the source interface is not recognized. |
| The VM is using a vNIC profile configured for host device passthrough, which is not currently supported by OpenShift Virtualization. | The migrated VM will have an SR-IOV NIC. The destination network must be set up correctly. |
| One or more of the VM's disks has an illegal or locked status condition. | The migration will proceed but the disk transfer is likely to fail. |
| The VM has a disk with a storage type other than image , and this is not currently supported by OpenShift Virtualization. | The migration will proceed but the disk transfer is likely to fail. |
| The VM has one or more snapshots with disks in ILLEGAL state. This is not currently supported by OpenShift Virtualization. | The migration will proceed but the disk transfer is likely to fail. |
| The VM has USB support enabled, but USB devices are not currently supported by OpenShift Virtualization. | The migrated VM will not have USB devices. |
| The VM is configured with a watchdog device, which is not currently supported by OpenShift Virtualization. | The migrated VM will not have a watchdog device. |
| The VM's status is not up or down . | The migration will proceed but it might hang if the VM cannot be powered off. |

QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs

The QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs. Workaround: Install the QEMU guest agent with a post-migration hook. (BZ#2018062)

Missing resource causes error message in current.log file

If a resource does not exist, for example, if the **virt-launcher** pod does not exist because the migrated VM is powered off, its log is unavailable.

The following error appears in the missing resource's **current.log** file when it is downloaded from the web console or created with the **must-gather** tool: **error: expected 'logs [-f] [-p] (POD | TYPE/NAME) [-c CONTAINER]'.** (BZ#2023260)

Importer pod log is unavailable after warm migration

Retaining the **importer** pod for debug purposes causes warm migration to hang during the precopy stage. (BZ#2016290)

As a temporary workaround, the **importer** pod is removed at the end of the precopy stage so that the

precopy succeeds. However, this means that the **importer** pod log is not retained after warm migration is complete. You can only view the **importer** pod log by using the **oc logs -f <cdi-importer_pod>** command during the precopy stage.

This issue only affects the **importer** pod log and warm migration. Cold migration and the **virt-v2v** logs are not affected.

Deleting migration plan does not remove temporary resources.

Deleting a migration plan does not remove temporary resources such as **importer** pods, **conversion** pods, config maps, secrets, failed VMs and data volumes. (BZ#2018974) You must archive a migration plan before deleting it in order to clean up the temporary resources.

Unclear error status message for VM with no operating system

The error status message for a VM with no operating system on the **Migration plan details** page of the web console does not describe the reason for the failure. (BZ#2008846)

Network, storage, and VM referenced by name in the Plan CR are not displayed in the web console.

If a Plan CR references storage, network, or VMs by name instead of by ID, the resources do not appear in the MTV web console. The migration plan cannot be edited or duplicated. (BZ#1986020)

Log archive file includes logs of a deleted migration plan or VM

If you delete a migration plan and then run a new migration plan with the same name or if you delete a migrated VM and then remigrate the source VM, the log archive file created by the MTV web console might include the logs of the deleted migration plan or VM. (BZ#2023764)

If a target VM is deleted during migration, its migration status is Succeeded in the Plan CR

If you delete a target **VirtualMachine** CR during the *Convert image to kubevirt* step of the migration, the **Migration details** page of the web console displays the state of the step as **VirtualMachine CR not found**. However, the status of the VM migration is **Succeeded** in the **Plan** CR file and in the web console. (**BZ#2031529**)

CHAPTER 4. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR VIRTUALIZATION 2.1

You can migrate virtual machines (VMs) from VMware vSphere or Red Hat Virtualization to OpenShift Virtualization with the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV).

The release notes describe new features and enhancements, known issues, and technical changes.

4.1. TECHNICAL CHANGES

VDDK image added to HyperConverged custom resource

The VMware Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK) SDK image must be added to the **HyperConverged** custom resource. Before this release, it was referenced in the **v2v-vmware** config map.

4.2. NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS

This release adds the following features and improvements.

Cold migration from Red Hat Virtualization

You can perform a cold migration of VMs from Red Hat Virtualization.

Migration hooks

You can create migration hooks to run Ansible playbooks or custom code before or after migration.

Filtered must-gather data collection

You can specify options for the **must-gather** tool that enable you to filter the data by namespace, migration plan, or VMs.

SR-IOV network support

You can migrate VMs with a single root I/O virtualization (SR-IOV) network interface if the OpenShift Virtualization environment has an SR-IOV network.

4.3. KNOWN ISSUES

QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs

The QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs. Workaround: Install the QEMU guest agent with a post-migration hook. (BZ#2018062)

Disk copy stage does not progress

The disk copy stage of a RHV VM does not progress and the MTV web console does not display an error message. (BZ#1990596)

The cause of this problem might be one of the following conditions:

- The storage class does not exist on the target cluster.
- The VDDK image has not been added to the **HyperConverged** custom resource.
- The VM does not have a disk.
- The VM disk is locked.

- The VM time zone is not set to UTC.
- The VM is configured for a USB device.

To disable USB devices, see Configuring USB Devices in the Red Hat Virtualization documentation.

To determine the cause:

- 1. Click Workloads → Virtualization in the Red Hat OpenShift web console.
- 2. Click the Virtual Machines tab.
- 3. Select a virtual machine to open the Virtual Machine Overview screen.
- 4. Click **Status** to view the status of the virtual machine.

VM time zone must be UTC with no offset

The time zone of the source VMs must be UTC with no offset. You can set the time zone to **GMT Standard Time** after first assessing the potential impact on the workload. (**BZ#1993259**)

RHV resource UUID causes a "Provider not found" error

If a RHV resource UUID is used in a **Host**, **NetworkMap**, **StorageMap**, or **Plan** custom resource (CR), a "Provider not found" error is displayed.

You must use the resource name. (BZ#1994037)

Same RHV resource name in different data centers causes ambiguous reference

If a RHV resource name is used in a **NetworkMap**, **StorageMap**, or **Plan** custom resource (CR) and if the same resource name exists in another data center, the **Plan** CR displays a critical "Ambiguous reference" condition. You must rename the resource or use the resource UUID in the CR.

In the web console, the resource name appears twice in the same list without a data center reference to distinguish them. You must rename the resource. (BZ#1993089)

Snapshots are not deleted after warm migration

Snapshots are not deleted automatically after a successful warm migration of a VMware VM. You must delete the snapshots manually in VMware vSphere. (BZ#2001270)

CHAPTER 5. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR VIRTUALIZATION 2.0

You can migrate virtual machines (VMs) from VMware vSphere with the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV).

The release notes describe new features and enhancements, known issues, and technical changes.

5.1. NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS

This release adds the following features and improvements.

Warm migration

Warm migration reduces downtime by copying most of the VM data during a precopy stage while the VMs are running. During the cutover stage, the VMs are stopped and the rest of the data is copied.

Cancel migration

You can cancel an entire migration plan or individual VMs while a migration is in progress. A canceled migration plan can be restarted in order to migrate the remaining VMs.

Migration network

You can select a migration network for the source and target providers for improved performance. By default, data is copied using the VMware administration network and the Red Hat OpenShift pod network.

Validation service

The validation service checks source VMs for issues that might affect migration and flags the VMs with concerns in the migration plan.



IMPORTANT

The validation service is a Technology Preview feature only. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

For more information about the support scope of Red Hat Technology Preview features, see https://access.redhat.com/support/offerings/techpreview/.

5.2. KNOWN ISSUES

This section describes known issues and mitigations.

QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs

The QEMU guest agent is not installed on migrated VMs. Workaround: Install the QEMU guest agent with a post-migration hook. (BZ#2018062)

Network map displays a "Destination network not found" error

If the network map remains in a **NotReady** state and the **NetworkMap** manifest displays a **Destination network not found** error, the cause is a missing network attachment definition. You must create a network attachment definition for each additional destination network before you create the network

map. (**BZ#1971259**)

Warm migration gets stuck during third precopy

Warm migration uses changed block tracking snapshots to copy data during the precopy stage. The snapshots are created at one-hour intervals by default. When a snapshot is created, its contents are copied to the destination cluster. However, when the third snapshot is created, the first snapshot is deleted and the block tracking is lost. (BZ#1969894)

You can do one of the following to mitigate this issue:

- Start the cutover stage no more than one hour after the precopy stage begins so that only one internal snapshot is created.
- Increase the snapshot interval in the vm-import-controller-config config map to 720 minutes:

\$ oc patch configmap/vm-import-controller-config \
-n openshift-cnv -p '{"data": \
{"warmImport.intervalMinutes": "720"}}'