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Abstract

The Release notes for Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.11 document provides an overview of new features in Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 and a list of potential known issues and possible workarounds.

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PREFACE

Open Java Development Kit (OpenJDK) is a free and open source implementation of the Java Platform, Standard Edition (Java SE). The Red Hat build of OpenJDK is available in four versions: 8u, 11u, 17u, and 21u.

Packages for the Red Hat build of OpenJDK are made available on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Microsoft Windows and shipped as a JDK and JRE in the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog.

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CHAPTER 1. SUPPORT POLICY FOR RED HAT BUILD OF OPENJDK

Red Hat will support select major versions of Red Hat build of OpenJDK in its products. For consistency, these versions remain similar to Oracle JDK versions that are designated as long-term support (LTS).

A major version of Red Hat build of OpenJDK will be supported for a minimum of six years from the time that version is first introduced. For more information, see the OpenJDK Life Cycle and Support Policy .

NOTE

RHEL 6 reached the end of life in November 2020. Because of this, Red Hat build of OpenJDK is not supporting RHEL 6 as a supported configuration..

CHAPTER 2. DIFFERENCES FROM UPSTREAM OPENJDK 17

Red Hat build of OpenJDK in Red Hat Enterprise Linux contains a number of structural changes from the upstream distribution of OpenJDK. The Microsoft Windows version of Red Hat build of OpenJDK attempts to follow Red Hat Enterprise Linux updates as closely as possible.

The following list details the most notable Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 changes:

- FIPS support. Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 automatically detects whether RHEL is in FIPS mode and automatically configures Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 to operate in that mode. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- Cryptographic policy support. Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 obtains the list of enabled cryptographic algorithms and key size constraints from the RHEL system configuration. These configuration components are used by the Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption protocol, the certificate path validation, and any signed JARs. You can set different security profiles to balance safety and compatibility. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL dynamically links against native libraries such as **zlib** for archive format support and **libjpeg-turbo**, **libpng**, and **giflib** for image support. RHEL also dynamically links against **Harfbuzz** and **Freetype** for font rendering and management. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- The **src.zip** file includes the source for all of the JAR libraries shipped with Red Hat build of OpenJDK.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL uses system-wide timezone data files as a source for timezone information.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL uses system-wide CA certificates.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on Microsoft Windows includes the latest available timezone data from RHEL.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on Microsoft Windows uses the latest available CA certificate from RHEL.

Additional resources

- See, Improve system FIPS detection (RHEL Planning Jira)
- See, Using system-wide cryptographic policies (RHEL documentation)

CHAPTER 3. RED HAT BUILD OF OPENJDK FEATURES

The latest Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 release might include new features. Additionally, the latest release might enhance, deprecate, or remove features that originated from previous Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 releases.

Red Hat build of OpenJDK enhancements

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 provides enhancements to features originally created in previous releases of Red Hat build of OpenJDK.

XML Security for Java updated to Apache Santuario 3.0.3

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.11, the XML signature implementation is based on Apache Santuario 3.0.3.

This enhancement introduces the following four SHA-3-based RSA-MGF1 **SignatureMethod** algorithms:

- **SHA3_224_RSA_MGF1**
- **SHA3_256_RSA_MGF1**
- **SHA3_384_RSA_MGF1**
- **SHA3_512_RSA_MGF1**

Because the **javax.xml.crypto.dsig.SignatureMethod** API cannot be modified in update releases to provide constant values for the new algorithms, use the following equivalent string literal values for these algorithms:

- **http://www.w3.org/2007/05/xmldsig-more#sha3-224-rsa-MGF1**
- **http://www.w3.org/2007/05/xmldsig-more#sha3-256-rsa-MGF1**
- **http://www.w3.org/2007/05/xmldsig-more#sha3-384-rsa-MGF1**
- **http://www.w3.org/2007/05/xmldsig-more#sha3-512-rsa-MGF1**

This enhancement also introduces support for the **ED25519** and **ED448** elliptic curve algorithms, which are both Edwards-curve Digital Signature Algorithm (EdDSA) signature schemes.

NOTE

In contrast to the upstream community version of Apache Santuario 3.0.3, the JDK still supports the **here()** function. However, future support for the **here()** function is not guaranteed. You should avoid using **here()** in new XML signatures. You should also update any XML signatures that currently use **here()** to stop using this function. The **here()** function is enabled by default. To disable the **here()** function, ensure that the **jdk.xml.dsig.hereFunctionSupported** system property is set to **false**.

See JDK-8319124 (JDK Bug System).

Fixed indefinite hanging of jspawnhelper

In earlier releases, if the parent JVM process failed before successful completion of the handshake between the JVM and a **jspawnhelper** process, the **jspawnhelper** process could remain unresponsive indefinitely.

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.11, if the parent process fails prematurely, the **jspawnhelper** process receives an end-of-file (EOF) signal from the communication pipe. This enhancement helps to ensure that the **jspawnhelper** process shuts down correctly.

See JDK-8307990 (JDK Bug System).

SystemTray.isSupported() method returns false on most Linux desktops

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.11, the **java.awt.SystemTray.isSupported()** method returns **false** on systems that do not support the **SystemTray** API correctly. This enhancement is in accordance with the **SystemTray** API specification.

The **SystemTray** API is used to interact with the taskbar in the system desktop to provide notifications. **SystemTray** might also include an icon representing an application. Due to an underlying platform issue, GNOME desktop support for taskbar icons has not worked correctly for several years. This platform issue affects the JDK's ability to provide **SystemTray** support on GNOME desktops. This issue typically affects systems that use GNOME Shell 44 or earlier.

NOTE

Because the lack of correct **SystemTray** support is a long-standing issue on some systems, this API enhancement to return **false** on affected systems is likely to have a minimal impact on users.

See JDK-8322750 (JDK Bug System).

Certainly R1 and E1 root certificates added

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.11, the **cacerts** truststore includes two Certainly root certificates:

Certificate 1

- Name: Certainly
- Alias name: certainlyrootr1
- Distinguished name: CN=Certainly Root R1, O=Certainly, C=US

Certificate 2

- Name: Certainly
- Alias name: certainlyroote1
- Distinguished name: CN=Certainly Root E1, O=Certainly, C=US

See JDK-8321408 (JDK Bug System).

CHAPTER 4. ADVISORIES RELATED TO THIS RELEASE

The following advisories are issued to document bug fixes and CVE fixes included in this release:

- RHSA-2024:1823
- RHSA-2024:1824
- RHSA-2024:1825

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