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Abstract

The Release notes for Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2 document provides an overview of new features in Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21 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.

MAKING OPEN SOURCE MORE INCLUSIVE

Red Hat is committed to replacing problematic language in our code, documentation, and web properties. We are beginning with these four terms: master, slave, blacklist, and whitelist. Because of the enormity of this endeavor, these changes will be implemented gradually over several upcoming releases. For more details, see [our CTO Chris Wright's message](#).

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 21

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 21 changes:

- FIPS support. Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21 automatically detects whether RHEL is in FIPS mode and automatically configures Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21 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 21 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.
- 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 certificates 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 21 release might include new features. Additionally, the latest release might enhance, deprecate, or remove features that originated from previous Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21 releases.



NOTE

For all the other changes and security fixes, see [Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2 Released](#).

Red Hat build of OpenJDK enhancements

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21 provides enhancements to features originally created in previous releases of Red Hat build of OpenJDK.

KEEPALIVE extended socket options support added on Windows

On Windows 10 version 1709 or later platforms, the `java.net.ExtendedSocketOptions` class now supports the `TCP_KEEPIDLE` and `TCP_KEEPINTERVAL` options.

Similarly, on Windows 10 version 1703 or later platforms, the `java.net.ExtendedSocketOptions` class now supports the `TCP_KEEPCOUNT` option.

See [JDK-8308593 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

Fixed potential JVM failures when using ZGC and a non-default `ObjectAlignmentInBytes` value

In the initial release of Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21, if you ran the JVM with the `-XX:+UseZGC` option and a non-default value for `-XX:ObjectAlignmentInBytes`, the JVM could fail or malfunction.

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2 resolves this issue to ensure that you can successfully use the Z Garbage Collector (ZGC) and non-default values for Java object alignment when running the JVM.

See [JDK-8315082 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

Peak values for committed memory included in NMT reports

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2, Native Memory Tracking (NMT) reports now show the peak value for all categories. The peak value is the highest value for committed memory in a given NMT category over the lifetime of the JVM process.

If the committed memory for a category is currently at its highest value, the NMT report shows an **at peak** value; otherwise, the NMT report shows the historic peak value.

For example, the following report output shows that compiler arena memory peaked above 6 MB but is now approximately 200KB:

```
Compiler (arena=196KB #4) (peak=6126KB #16)
```

See [JDK-8317772 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

JVM warnings about unsupported THPs on Red Hat Enterprise Linux

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux platforms, if Transparent Huge Pages (THPs) are requested but not supported, the JVM now prints the following message to standard output:

UseTransparentHugePages disabled; transparent huge pages are not supported by the operating system.

See [JDK-8313782 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

Let's Encrypt ISRG Root X2 CA certificate added

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2, the **cacerts** truststore includes the Internet Security Research Group (ISRG) Root X2 certificate authority (CA) certificate from Let's Encrypt:

- Name: Let's Encrypt
- Alias name: letsencryptisrgx2
- Distinguished name: CN=ISRG Root X2, O=Internet Security Research Group, C=US

See [JDK-8317374 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

Digicert, Inc. root certificates added

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2, the **cacerts** truststore includes four Digicert, Inc. root certificates:

Certificate 1

- Name: DigiCert, Inc.
- Alias name: digicertcseccrootg5
- Distinguished name: CN=DigiCert CS ECC P384 Root G5, O="DigiCert, Inc.", C=US

Certificate 2

- Name: DigiCert, Inc.
- Alias name: digicertcsrsarootg5
- Distinguished name: CN=DigiCert CS RSA4096 Root G5, O="DigiCert, Inc.", C=US

Certificate 3

- Name: DigiCert, Inc.
- Alias name: digicerttlseccrootg5
- Distinguished name: CN=DigiCert TLS ECC P384 Root G5, O="DigiCert, Inc.", C=US

Certificate 4

- Name: DigiCert, Inc.
- Alias name: digicerttlrsarootg5
- Distinguished name: CN=DigiCert TLS RSA4096 Root G5, O="DigiCert, Inc.", C=US

See [JDK-8318759 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

eMudhra Technologies Limited root certificates added

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2, the **cacerts** truststore includes three eMudhra Technologies Limited root certificates:

Certificate 1

- Name: eMudhra Technologies Limited
- Alias name: emsignrootcag1
- Distinguished name: CN=emSign Root CA - G1, O=eMudhra Technologies Limited, OU=emSign PKI, C=IN

Certificate 2

- Name: eMudhra Technologies Limited
- Alias name: emsigneccrootcag3
- Distinguished name: CN=emSign ECC Root CA - G3, O=eMudhra Technologies Limited, OU=emSign PKI, C=IN

Certificate 3

- Name: eMudhra Technologies Limited
- Alias name: emsignrootcag2
- Distinguished name: CN=emSign Root CA - G2, O=eMudhra Technologies Limited, OU=emSign PKI, C=IN

See [JDK-8319187 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

Telia Root CA v2 certificate added

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 21.0.2, the **cacerts** truststore includes the Telia Root CA v2 certificate:

- Name: Telia Root CA v2
- Alias name: teliarootcav2
- Distinguished name: CN=Telia Root CA v2, O=Telia Finland Oyj, C=FI

See [JDK-8317373 \(JDK Bug System\)](#).

CHAPTER 4. ADVISORIES RELATED TO THIS RELEASE

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

- [RHSA-2024:0247](#)
- [RHSA-2024:0248](#)
- [RHSA-2024:0249](#)
- [RHSA-2024:0250](#)

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