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Abstract

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CHAPTER 1. GETTING STARTED USING THE RHEL WEB CONSOLE

The following sections aim to help you install the web console in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and open the web console in your browser. You will also learn how to add remote hosts and monitor them in the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- Installed Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.
- Enabled networking.
- Registered system with appropriate subscription attached.
To obtain subscription, see link: Managing subscriptions in the web console.

1.1. WHAT IS THE RHEL WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL web console is a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 web-based interface designed for managing and monitoring your local system, as well as Linux servers located in your network environment.

The RHEL web console enables you a wide range of administration tasks, including:

- Managing services
- Managing user accounts
- Managing and monitoring system services
- Configuring network interfaces and firewall
- Reviewing system logs
- Managing virtual machines
- Creating diagnostic reports
1. Setting kernel dump configuration
2. Configuring SELinux
3. Updating software
4. Managing system subscriptions

The RHEL web console uses the same system APIs as you would in a terminal, and actions performed in a terminal are immediately reflected in the RHEL web console.

You can monitor the logs of systems in the network environment, as well as their performance, displayed as graphs. In addition, you can change the settings directly in the web console or through the terminal.

1.2. INSTALLING THE WEB CONSOLE

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 includes the RHEL 8 web console installed by default in many installation variants. If this is not the case on your system, install the Cockpit package and set up the cockpit.socket service to enable the RHEL 8 web console.

Procedure

1. Install the cockpit package:

   
   $ sudo yum install cockpit

2. Optionally, enable and start the cockpit.socket service, which runs a web server. This step is necessary, if you need to connect to the system through the web console.

   
   $ sudo systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket

To verify the previous installation and configuration, you can open the web console.

If you are using a custom firewall profile, you need to add the cockpit service to firewalld to open port 9090 in the firewall:

   
   $ sudo firewall-cmd --add-service=cockpit --permanent
   $ firewall-cmd --reload

1.3. LOGGING IN TO THE WEB CONSOLE

The following describes the first login to the RHEL web console using a system user name and password.

Prerequisites

- Use one of the following browsers for opening the web console:
  - Mozilla Firefox 52 and later
  - Google Chrome 57 and later
  - Microsoft Edge 16 and later
- System user account credentials
The RHEL web console uses a specific PAM stack located at `/etc/pam.d/cockpit`. Authentication with PAM allows you to log in with the user name and password of any local account on the system.

**Procedure**

1. Open the web console in your web browser:
   - Locally: [https://localhost:9090](https://localhost:9090)
   - Remotely with the server’s hostname: [https://example.com:9090](https://example.com:9090)
   - Remotely with the server’s IP address: [https://192.0.2.2:9090](https://192.0.2.2:9090)

   If you use a self-signed certificate, the browser issues a warning. Check the certificate and accept the security exception to proceed with the login.

   The console loads a certificate from the `/etc/cockpit/ws-certs.d` directory and uses the last file with a `.cert` extension in alphabetical order. To avoid having to grant security exceptions, install a certificate signed by a certificate authority (CA).

2. In the login screen, enter your system user name and password.

3. Optionally, click the **Reuse my password for privileged tasks** option.
   If the user account you are using to log in has sudo privileges, this makes it possible to perform privileged tasks in the web console, such as installing software or configuring SELinux.

4. Click **Log In**.

   After successful authentication, the RHEL web console interface opens.
CHAPTER 2. RED HAT WEB CONSOLE ADD-ONS

2.1. INSTALLING ADD-ONS

The cockpit package is a part of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 by default. To be able to use add-on applications you must install them separately.

Prerequisites

- Installed and enabled cockpit package. If you need to install web console first, check the installation section.

Procedure

- Install an add-on.

  # yum install <add-on>

2.2. ADD-ONS FOR THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

The following table lists available add-on applications for the RHEL 8 web console.

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CHAPTER 3. CONFIGURING SYSTEM SETTINGS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

In this chapter, you will learn how to execute basic system settings in the web console and thus be able to:

- Restart or shutdown the system in the web console.
- Change a system host name.
- Join the system to a domain.
- Configure time and time zones.
- Change a performance profile.

3.1. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO RESTART THE SYSTEM

The following procedure describes system restart executed in the web console.

Prerequisites

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click System.
3. In the Power Options drop down list, select Restart.
4. If there are users logged into the system, write a reason for the restart in the **Restart** dialog box.

5. In the **Delay** drop down list, select a time interval.

6. Click **Restart**.

   The system will be restarted according to your selection.
### 3.2. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO SHUTDOWN THE SYSTEM

The following procedure describes system shutdown executed in the web console.

#### Prerequisites

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

#### Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **System**.
3. In the **Power Options** drop down list, select **Shut Down**.
4. If there are users logged into the system, write a reason for the shutdown in the **Shut Down** dialog box.
5. In the **Delay** drop down list, select a time interval.
6. Click **Shut Down**.

The system will be turned off according to your selection.

### 3.3. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR SETTING A HOST NAME

The host name identifies the system. By default, the host name is set to `localhost`, but you can change it.
The host name identifies the system. By default, the host name is set to localhost, but you can change it.

Host names consist of two parts:

- **Host name** — It is a unique name which identifies a system.
- **Domain** — If you want to use the machine in the network and use names instead of just IP addresses, you need to add the domain as a suffix behind the host name. For example: `mymachine.example.com`

You can configure also a pretty host name in the RHEL web console. The pretty host name allows you to enter a host name with capital letters, spaces, and so on. The pretty host name displays in the web console, but it does not have to correspond with the host name.

**Example:**

Pretty host name: My Machine

Real host name (Fully qualified domain name): `mymachine.idm.company.com`

Host names are stored in the `/etc/hostname` file, however, you can set or change the host name in the web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible.
  For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
   For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **System**.

3. Click the current host name.

4. In the **Change Host Name** dialog box, enter the host name in the **Pretty Host Name** field.

5. In the **Real Host Name** field, the pretty name will be compounded with a domain name.
You can change the host name manually if it does not correspond with the pretty host name.

6. Click Change.

To verify that the host name is configured properly, try to log out from the web console and add to the browser the address with the new host name.

3.4. JOINING THE RHEL 8 SYSTEM TO THE IDM DOMAIN USING THE WEB CONSOLE

The following procedure describes joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain.

Prerequisites

- IdM domain running and reachable from the client you want to join.
- IdM domain administrator credentials.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
2. Open the **System** tab.

3. Click **Join Domain**.

4. In the **Join a Domain** dialog box, enter the host name of the IdM server in the **Domain Address** field.

5. In the **Authentication** drop down list, select if you want to use password or one time password for authentication.

![Join a Domain dialog box](image)

6. In the **Domain Administrator Name** field, enter the user name of the IdM administration account.

7. In the password field, add the password or one time password according to what you selected in the **Authentication** drop down list above.

8. Click **Join**.
If the RHEL 8 web console did not display an error, the system has been joined to the IdM domain and you can see the domain name in the **System** screen.

**WARNING**

If you click to the joined domain in the **System** screen, the system will display a warning dialog with the information about leaving the domain. If you click **Leave**, the system will leave the domain.
3.5. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING TIME SETTINGS

This section shows you how to set:

- The correct time zone
- Automatic time settings provided by an NTP server.
- A specific NTP server.

Prerequisites

- The web console must be installed and accessible.
  For details, see Installing the web console.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click System.

3. Click the current system time.

4. In the Change System Time dialog box, change the time zone if necessary.

5. In the Set Time drop down menu, select:
   - Manually
Automatically using NTP server — This is a default option. If the time of the system is correct, leave it as it is.

Automatically using specific NTP servers — Use this option only if you need to synchronize the system with a specific NTP server and add the DNS name or IP address of the server.

6. Click **Change**.

The change is now available in the **System** tab.

### 3.6. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR SELECTING PERFORMANCE PROFILES

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 includes performance profiles optimizing:

- Systems using Desktop
- Latency performance
- Network performance
- Low power consumption
- Virtual machines

The following procedure describes setting up performance profiles in the web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see **Installing the web console**.

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.  
For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click System.

3. In the Performance Profile field, click the current performance profile.

4. In the Change Performance Profile dialog box, change the profile if necessary.

5. Click Change.

The change is now available in the System tab.

3.7. DISABLING SIMULTANEOUS MULTI THREADING TO PREVENT CPU SECURITY ISSUES

IMPORTANT
This feature is available in RHEL 8.0.1 and RHEL 8.1.0 Beta.

This section helps you to disable SMT (Simultaneous Multi Threading) in case of attacks that misuse CPU Simultaneous Multi Threading.
Disabling SMT can help with security vulnerabilities on newer types of Intel processors, such as:

- L1TF
- MDS

This configuration requires system restart.

**IMPORTANT**

This configuration can slow down the system performance.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible.
  
  For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
   
   For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **System**.

3. In the **Hardware** item, click the hardware information.

4. In the **CPU Security** item, click **Mitigations**.
   
   If this link is not present, it means that your system does not support SMT, and therefore is not vulnerable.

5. In the **CPU Security Toggles** switch on the **Disable simultaneous multithreading (nosmt)** option.
6. Click on the **Save and reboot** button.

After the system restart, the CPU will not use Simultaneous Multi Threading.

**Additional resources**

For more details on security attacks which requires disabling SMT, see:

CHAPTER 4. REVIEWING LOGS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

4.1. REVIEWING LOGS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console Logs section is a UI for the `journalctl` utility. This section describes how to access system logs in the web console interface.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see Installing the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click Logs.
3. Open log entry details by clicking on your selected log entry in the list.

You can filter the logs by date, severity or service. For more information, see Filtering logs in the web console.

4.2. FILTERING LOGS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

This section shows how to filter log entries in the web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console interface must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click Logs.
3. By default, web console shows logs from your current boot. To filter by a different time range, click on the drop down menu with your current date and choose a preferred option.
4. **Error and above** severity logs list is shown by default. To filter by different severity, click on the **Error and above** drop-down menu and choose a preferred severity.

5. By default, web console shows logs for all services. To filter logs for a particular service, click on the **All** drop-down menu and select a service name.

6. To open a log entry, click on a selected log.
CHAPTER 5. MANAGING USER ACCOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console offers an interface for adding, editing, and removing system user accounts. After reading this section, you will know:

- From where the existing accounts come from.
- How to add new accounts.
- How to set password expiration.
- How and when to terminate user sessions.

Prerequisites

- Being logged into the RHEL 8 web console with an account that has administrator permissions assigned. For details, see Logging in to the RHEL web console.

5.1. SYSTEM USER ACCOUNTS MANAGED IN THE WEB CONSOLE

With user accounts displayed in the RHEL 8 web console you can:

- Authenticate users when accessing the system.
- Set them access rights to the system.

The RHEL 8 web console displays all user accounts located in the system. Therefore, you can see at least one user account just after the first login to the web console.

Ones you are logged in to the RHEL 8 web console, you can:

- Create new users accounts.
- Change their parameters.
- Lock accounts.
- Terminate the user session.

You can find the account management in the Accounts settings.
5.2. ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The following describes adding system user accounts in the RHEL 8 web console and setting administration rights to the accounts.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.

2. Click **Accounts**.

3. Click **Create New Account**

4. In the **Full Name** field, enter the full name of the user. The RHEL web console automatically suggests a user name from the full name and fills it in the **User Name** field. If you do not want to use the original naming convention consisting of the first letter of the first name and the whole surname, update the suggestion.

5. In the **Password/Confirm** fields, enter the password and retype it for verification that your password is correct. The color bar placed below the fields shows you security level of the entered password, which does not allow you to create a user with a weak password.

![Create New Account](image)

6. Click **Create** to save the settings and close the dialog box.

7. Select the newly created account.

8. Select **Server Administrator** in the **Roles** item.
Now you can see the new account in the Accounts settings and you can use the credentials to connect to the system.

5.3. ENFORCING PASSWORD EXPIRATION IN THE WEB CONSOLE

By default, user accounts have set passwords to never expire. To enforce password expiration, as administrator, set system passwords to expire after a defined number of days.

When the password expires, the next login attempt will prompt for a password change.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console interface.

2. Click Accounts.

3. Select the user account for which to enforce password expiration.

4. In the user account settings, click Never expire password.

5. In the Password Expiration dialog box, select Require password change every ... days and enter a positive whole number representing the number of days when the password expires.
6. Click **Change**.

To verify the settings, open the account settings. The RHEL 8 web console displays a link with the date of expiration.

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### 5.4. TERMINATING USER SESSIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

A user creates user sessions when logging into the system. Terminating user sessions means to log the user out from the system.

It can be helpful if you need to perform administrative tasks sensitive to configuration changes, for example, system upgrades.

In each user account in the RHEL 8 web console, you can terminate all sessions for the account except for the web console session you are currently using. This prevents you from cutting yourself off the system.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Accounts**.

3. Click the user account for which you want to terminate the session.

4. Click the **Terminate Session** button.

   If the **Terminate Session** button is inactive, the user is not logged in the system.

The RHEL web console terminates the sessions.
CHAPTER 6. MANAGING SERVICES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

This document describes how to manage system services in the web console interface. You can activate or deactivate services, restart or reload them or manage their automatic startup.

6.1. ACTIVATING OR DEACTIVATING SYSTEM SERVICES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

This procedure activates or deactivates system services using the web console interface.

Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see Installing the web console.

Procedure

NOTE

You can filter the services by name or description and also by Enabled, Disabled, or Static automatic startup. The interface shows the current state of the service and its recent logs.

1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administrator privileges. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click Services in the web console menu on the left.

3. The default tab for Services is System Services. If you want to manage targets, sockets, timers, or paths, switch to the respective tab in the menu on top.

4. To open service settings, click on a selected service from the list. You can tell which services are active or inactive by checking the State column.

5. Activate or deactivate a service:
   - To activate an inactive service, click the Start button.
To deactivate an active service, click the **Stop** button.

6.2. RESTARTING OR RELOADING SYSTEM SERVICES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

This procedure restarts or reloads system services using the web console interface.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

**Procedure**

**NOTE**

You can filter the services by name or description and also by Enabled, Disabled, or Static automatic startup. The interface shows the current state of the service and its recent logs.

1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administrator privileges. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **Services** in the web console menu on the left.

3. The default tab for **Services** is **System Services**. If you want to manage targets, sockets, timers, or paths, switch to the respective tab in the menu on top.
4. To open service settings, click on a selected service from the list.

5. Restart or reload a service:

   - To restart a service, click the Restart button.
   - To reload a service, click the drop-down menu next to the Restart button and select Reload.
CHAPTER 7. MANAGING NETWORKING IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console supports basic network configuration. You can:

- Configure IPv4/IPv6 network settings
- Manage Bonds
- Manage network bridges
- Manage VLANs
- Manage Teams
- Inspect a network log

NOTE

The RHEL 8 web console is build on top of the NetworkManager service.
For details, see Getting started with managing networking with NetworkManager.

Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console installed and enabled.
  For details, see Installing the web console.

7.1. CONFIGURING NETWORK BONDS USING THE WEB CONSOLE

This chapter helps you to understand how network bonding works and what all can configure in the web console. Additionally, you also find in this chapter the following guidelines:

- Adding a new bond
- Removing a bond
- Adding interfaces to a bond
- Removing interfaces from a bond

7.1.1. Understanding network bonding

Network bonding is a method to combine or aggregate network interfaces to provide a logical interface with higher throughput or redundancy.

The active-backup, balance-tlb, and balance-alb modes do not require any specific configuration of the network switch. However, other bonding modes require configuring the switch to aggregate the links. For example, Cisco switches requires EtherChannel for modes 0, 2, and 3, but for mode 4, the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) and EtherChannel are required.

For further details, see the documentation of your switch and https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/networking/bonding.txt.
Certain network bonding features, such as the fail-over mechanism, do not support direct cable connections without a network switch. For further details, see the Is bonding supported with direct connection using crossover cables? KCS solution.

7.1.2. Bond modes

The behavior of the bonded interfaces depends upon the mode. The bonding modes provide fault tolerance, load balancing or both.

Load balancing modes

- **Round Robin**: Sequentially transmit packets from the first available interface to the last one.

Fault tolerance modes

- **Active Backup**: Only when the primary interface fails, one of a backup interfaces replaces it. Only a MAC address used by active interface is visible.
- **Broadcast**: All transmissions are sent on all interfaces.

NOTE

Broadcasting significantly increases network traffic on all the bonded interfaces.

Fault tolerance and load balancing modes

- **XOR**: The destination MAC addresses are distributed equally between interfaces with a modulo hash. Each interface then serves the same group of MAC addresses.
- **802.3ad**: Sets an IEEE 802.3ad dynamic link aggregation policy. Creates aggregation groups that share the same speed and duplex settings. Transmits and receives on all interfaces in the active aggregator.

NOTE

This mode requires a switch that is 802.3ad compliant.

- **Adaptive transmit load balancing**: The outgoing traffic is distributed according to the current load on each interface. Incoming traffic is received by the current interface. If the receiving interface fails, another interface takes over the MAC address of the failed one.
- **Adaptive load balancing**: Includes transmit and receive load balancing for IPv4 traffic. Receive load balancing is achieved through Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) negotiation, therefore, it is necessary to set Link Monitoring to ARP in the bond’s configuration.

7.1.3. Adding a new bond using the web console

This section describes how to configure an active-backup bond on two or more network interfaces using the web console.

Other network bond modes can be configured similarly.
Prerequisites

- Two or more network cards are installed in the server.
- The network cards are connected to a switch.

Procedure

1. Log in to the web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Open Networking.
3. Click the Add Bond button.
4. In the Bond Settings dialog box, enter a name for the new bond.
5. In the Members field, select interfaces which should be a member of the bond.
6. [Optional] In the MAC drop down list, select a MAC address which will be used for this interface. If you leave the MAC field empty, the bond will get one of the addresses that are listed in the drop down list.
7. In the Mode drop down list, select the mode. For details, see Section 7.1.2, “Bond modes”.
8. If you select Active Backup, select the primary interface.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MAC</th>
<th>E8:6A:64:04:9A:C2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Active Backup</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Primary</td>
<td>enp0s31f6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
9. In the Link Monitoring drop down menu, leave here the MII option. Only the adaptive load balancing mode requires to switch this option to ARP.
10. The Monitoring Interval, Link up delay, and Link down delay fields, which contain values in milliseconds, leave as they are. Change it only for a troubleshooting purpose.
11. Click Apply.
To verify that the bond works correctly, go to the Networking section and check if the Sending and Receiving columns in the Interfaces table display a network activity.

### 7.1.4. Adding interfaces to the bond using the web console

Network bonds can include multiple interfaces and you can add or remove any of them any time.

This section describes adding a network interface to an existing bond.

**Prerequisites**
Having a bond with multiple interfaces configured as described in Section 7.1.3, “Adding a new bond using the web console”.

Procedure

1. Log in to the web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open Networking.

3. In the Interfaces table, click on the bond you want to configure.

4. In the bond settings screen, scroll down to the table of members (interfaces).

5. Click the + icon.

6. Select the interface in the drop down list and click it.

   ![Bond Members Table]

   The RHEL 8 web console adds the interface to the bond.

7.1.5. Removing or disabling an interface from the bond using the web console

Network bonds can include multiple interfaces. If you need to change a device, you can remove or disable particular interfaces from the bond, which will work with the rest of the active interfaces.

Basically, you have two options, how to stop using an interface included in a bond. You can:

- Remove the interface from the bond.
- Disable the interface temporarily. The interface stays a part of the bond, but the bond will not use it until you enable it again.

Prerequisites

- Having a bond with multiple interfaces configured as described in Section 7.1.3, “Adding a new bond using the web console”.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open Networking.

3. Click the bond you want to configure.

4. In the bond settings screen, scroll down to the table of ports (interfaces).

5. Select the interface and and remove or disable it:
Click the - icon to remove the interface.

Switch the ON/OFF button to Off.

Based on your choice, the web console either removes or disables the interface from the bond and you can see it back in the Networking section as standalone interface.

### 7.1.6. Removing or disabling a bond using the web console

This section describes how to remove or disable a network bond using the web console. If you disable the bond, the interfaces stay in the bond, but the bond will not be used for network traffic.

**Prerequisites**

- There is an existing bond in the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Open Networking.
3. Click the bond you want to remove.
4. In the bond settings screen, you can disable the bond with the ON/OFF button or click the Delete button to remove the bond permanently.

You can go back to Networking and verify that all the interfaces from the bond are now standalone interfaces.

### 7.2. CONFIGURING NETWORK BRIDGES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

Network bridges are used to connect multiple interfaces to the one subnet with the same range of IP addresses.
7.2.1. Adding bridges in the web console

This section describes creating a software bridge on multiple network interfaces using the web console.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open Networking.

3. Click the Add Bridge button.

4. In the Bridge Settings dialog box, enter a name for the new bridge.

5. In the Port field, select interfaces which you want to put to the one subnet.

6. Optionally, you can select the Spanning Tree protocol (STP) to avoid bridge loops and broadcast radiation.
   If you do not have a strong preference, leave the predefined values as they are.
7. Click **Create**.

If the bridge is successfully created, the web console displays the new bridge in the **Networking** section. Check values in the **Sending** and **Receiving** columns in the new bridge row.

If you can see that zero bytes are sent and received through the bridge, the connection does not work correctly and you need to adjust the network settings.

### 7.2.2. Configuring a static IP address in the web console

IP address for your system can be assigned from the pool automatically by the DHCP server or you can configure the IP address manually. The IP address will not be influenced by the DHCP server settings.

This section describes configuring static IPv4 addresses of a network bridge using the RHEL web console.
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open the Networking section.

3. Click the interface where you want to set the static IP address.

4. In the interface details screen, click the IPv4 configuration.

5. In the IPv4 Settings dialog box, select Manual in the Addresses drop down list.
6. Click **Apply**.

7. In the **Addresses** field, enter the desired IP address, netmask and gateway.

8. Click **Apply**.

At this point, the IP address has been configured and the interface uses the new static IP address.
7.2.3. Removing interfaces from the bridge using the web console

Network bridges can include multiple interfaces. You can remove them from the bridge. Each removed interface will be automatically changed to the standalone interface.

This section describes removing a network interface from a software bridge created in the RHEL 8 system.

**Prerequisites**

- Having a bridge with multiple interfaces in your system.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
   For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Open **Networking**.

3. Click the bridge you want to configure.

4. In the bridge settings screen, scroll down to the table of ports (interfaces).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ports</th>
<th>Sending</th>
<th>Receiving</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>enp0s3f0</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vnet0</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vnet1</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
5. Select the interface and click the - icon.

The RHEL 8 web console removes the interface from the bridge and you can see it back in the Networking section as standalone interface.

7.2.4. Deleting bridges in the web console

You can delete a software network bridge in the RHEL web console. All network interfaces included in the bridge will be changed automatically to standalone interfaces.

Prerequisites

- Having a bridge in your system.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open the Networking section.

3. Click the bridge you want to configure.

4. In the bridge settings screen, scroll down to the table of ports.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Sending</th>
<th>Receiving</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bridge0</td>
<td>10.253.16.25/24</td>
<td>396 bps</td>
<td>2.24 Kbps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unb0</td>
<td>192.168.122.1/24</td>
<td>No carrier</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vconfig</td>
<td>10.253.18.39/24</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
<td>0 bps</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Click Delete.

At this stage, go back to Networking and verify that all the network interfaces are displayed on the Interfaces tab. Interfaces which were part of the bridge can be inactive now. Therefore, you may need to activate them and set network parameters manually.
VLANs (Virtual LANs) are virtual networks created on a single physical Ethernet interface. Each VLAN is defined by an ID which represents a unique positive integer and works as a standalone interface.

The following procedure describes creating VLANs in the RHEL web console.

**Prerequisites**

- Having a network interface in your system.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Open Networking.

3. Click **Add VLAN** button.

4. In the **VLAN Settings** dialog box, select the physical interface for which you want to create a VLAN.

5. Enter the VLAN Id or just use the predefined number.

6. In the **Name** field, you can see a predefined name consisted of the parent interface and VLAN Id. If it is not necessary, leave the name as it is.
7. Click **Apply**.

The new VLAN has been created and you need to click at the VLAN and configure the network settings.
CHAPTER 8. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING FIREWALL

A firewall is a way to protect machines from any unwanted traffic from outside. It enables users to control incoming network traffic on host machines by defining a set of firewall rules. These rules are used to sort the incoming traffic and either block it or allow through.

Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console configures the firewalld service. For details about the firewalld service, see Getting started with firewalld.

8.1. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO RUN THE FIREWALL

This section describes where and how to run the RHEL 8 system firewall in the web console.

NOTE

The RHEL 8 web console configures the firewalld service.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open the Networking section.

3. In the Firewall section, click ON to run the firewall.

If you do not see the Firewall box, log in to the web console with the administration privileges.

At this stage, your firewall is running.

To configure firewall rules, see Adding rules in the web console using the web console.

8.2. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO STOP THE FIREWALL

This section describes where and how to stop the RHEL 8 system firewall in the web console.

NOTE

The RHEL 8 web console configures the firewalld service.
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Open the Networking section.

3. In the Firewall section, click OFF to stop it.

If you do not see the Firewall box, log in to the web console with the administration privileges.

At this stage, the firewall has been stopped and does not secure your system.

8.3. FIREWALLD

firewalld is a firewall service daemon that provides a dynamic customizable host-based firewall with a D-Bus interface. Being dynamic, it enables creating, changing, and deleting the rules without the necessity to restart the firewall daemon each time the rules are changed.

firewalld uses the concepts of zones and services, that simplify the traffic management. Zones are predefined sets of rules. Network interfaces and sources can be assigned to a zone. The traffic allowed depends on the network your computer is connected to and the security level this network is assigned. Firewall services are predefined rules that cover all necessary settings to allow incoming traffic for a specific service and they apply within a zone.

Services use one or more ports or addresses for network communication. Firewalls filter communication based on ports. To allow network traffic for a service, its ports must be open. firewalld blocks all traffic on ports that are not explicitly set as open. Some zones, such as trusted, allow all traffic by default.

Additional resources

- firewalld(1) man page

8.4. ZONES

firewalld can be used to separate networks into different zones according to the level of trust that the user has decided to place on the interfaces and traffic within that network. A connection can only be part of one zone, but a zone can be used for many network connections.

NetworkManager notifies firewalld of the zone of an interface. You can assign zones to interfaces with:

- NetworkManager
- firewall-config tool
- firewall-cmd command-line tool
The RHEL web console

The latter three can only edit the appropriate NetworkManager configuration files. If you change the zone of the interface using the web console, firewall-cmd or firewall-config, the request is forwarded to NetworkManager and is not handled by firewalld.

The predefined zones are stored in the /usr/lib/firewalld/zones/ directory and can be instantly applied to any available network interface. These files are copied to the /etc/firewalld/zones/ directory only after they are modified. The default settings of the predefined zones are as follows:

**block**

Any incoming network connections are rejected with an icmp-host-prohibited message for IPv4 and icmp6-adm-prohibited for IPv6. Only network connections initiated from within the system are possible.

**dmz**

For computers in your demilitarized zone that are publicly-accessible with limited access to your internal network. Only selected incoming connections are accepted.

**drop**

Any incoming network packets are dropped without any notification. Only outgoing network connections are possible.

**external**

For use on external networks with masquerading enabled, especially for routers. You do not trust the other computers on the network to not harm your computer. Only selected incoming connections are accepted.

**home**

For use at home when you mostly trust the other computers on the network. Only selected incoming connections are accepted.

**public**

For use in public areas where you do not trust other computers on the network. Only selected incoming connections are accepted.

**trusted**

All network connections are accepted.

**work**

For use at work where you mostly trust the other computers on the network. Only selected incoming connections are accepted.

One of these zones is set as the default zone. When interface connections are added to NetworkManager, they are assigned to the default zone. On installation, the default zone in firewalld is set to be the public zone. The default zone can be changed.

**NOTE**

The network zone names have been chosen to be self-explanatory and to allow users to quickly make a reasonable decision. To avoid any security problems, review the default zone configuration and disable any unnecessary services according to your needs and risk assessments.
Additional resources

`firewalld.zone(5)` man page

8.5. ZONES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

**IMPORTANT**

Firewall zones are new in the RHEL 8.1.0 Beta.

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console implements major features of the firewalld service and enables you to:

- Add predefined firewall zones to a particular interface or range of IP addresses
- Configure zones with selecting services into the list of enabled services
- Disable a service by removing this service from the list of enabled service
- Remove a zone from an interface

8.6. ENABLING ZONES USING THE WEB CONSOLE

The web console enables you to apply predefined and existing firewall zones on a particular interface or a range of IP addresses. This section describes how to enable a zone on an interface.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).
- The firewall must be enabled. For details, see [Running the firewall in the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administration privileges. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **Networking**.

3. Click on the **Firewall** box title.

   If you do not see the **Firewall** box, log in to the web console with the administrator privileges.
4. In the **Firewall** section, click **Add Services**.

5. Click on the **Add Zone** button.

6. In the **Add Zone** dialog box, select a zone from the **Trust level** scale. You can see here all zones predefined in the **firewalld** service.

7. In the **Interfaces** part, select an interface or interfaces on which the selected zone is applied.

8. In the **Allowed Addresses** part, you can select whether the zone is applied on:
   - the whole subnet
   - or a range of IP addresses in the following format:
     - 192.168.1.0
     - 192.168.1.0/24
     - 192.168.1.0/24, 192.168.1.0

9. Click on the **Add zone** button.

Verify the configuration in **Active zones**.
8.7. ENABLING SERVICES ON THE FIREWALL USING THE WEB CONSOLE

By default, services are added to the default firewall zone. If you use more firewall zones on more network interfaces, you must select a zone first and then add the service with port.

The RHEL 8 web console displays predefined `firewalld` services and you can add them to active firewall zones.

**IMPORTANT**

The RHEL 8 web console configures the `firewalld` service.

The web console does not allow generic `firewalld` rules which are not listed in the web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see Installing the web console.
- The firewall must be enabled. For details, see Running the firewall in the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administrator privileges. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click **Networking**.
3. Click on the **Firewall** box title.
   
   If you do not see the **Firewall** box, log in to the web console with the administrator privileges.
4. In the **Firewall** section, click **Add Services**.
5. In the **Add Services** dialog box, select a zone for which you want to add the service. The **Add Services** dialog box includes a list of active firewall zones only if the system includes multiple active zones.

If the system uses just one (the default) zone, the dialog does not include zone settings.

6. In the **Add Services** dialog box, find the service you want to enable on the firewall.

7. Enable desired services.
At this point, the RHEL 8 web console displays the service in the list of *Allowed Services.*

**8.8. CONFIGURING CUSTOM PORTS USING THE WEB CONSOLE**

The web console allows you to add:

- Services listening on standard ports: [Section 8.7, “Enabling services on the firewall using the web console”](#).
- Services listening on custom ports.

This section describes how to add services with custom ports configured.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).
- The firewall must be enabled. For details, see [Running the firewall in the web console](#).

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administrator privileges. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click **Networking**.

3. Click on the **Firewall** box title.

   If you do not see the **Firewall** box, log in to the web console with the administration privileges.

4. In the **Firewall** section, click **Add Services**.

5. In the **Add Services** dialog box, select a zone for which you want to add the service. The **Add Services** dialog box includes a list of active firewall zones only if the system includes multiple active zones.

   If the system uses just one (the default) zone, the dialog does not include zone settings.

6. In the **Add Ports** dialog box, click on the **Custom Ports** radio button.

7. In the TCP and UDP fields, add ports according to examples. You can add ports in the following formats:
   - Port numbers such as 22
   - Range of port numbers such as 5900-5910
   - Aliases such as nfs, rsync
NOTE
You can add multiple values into each field. Values must be separated with the comma and without the space, for example: 8080,8081,http

8. After adding the port number in the **TCP** and/or **UDP** fields, verify the service name in the **Name** field.
The **Name** field displays the name of the service for which this port is reserved. You can rewrite the name if you are sure that this port is free to use and no server needs to communicate on this port.

9. In the **Name** field, add a name for the service including defined ports.

10. Click on the **Add Ports** button.

   ![Add Ports](image)

   To verify the settings, go to the **Firewall** page and find the service in the list of **Allowed Services**.

### 8.9. DISABLING ZONES USING THE WEB CONSOLE
This section describes how to disable a firewall zone in your firewall configuration using the web console.

Prerequisites
- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed.
  For details, see Installing the web console.

Procedure
1. Log in to the RHEL web console with administrator privileges.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click Networking.
3. Click on the Firewall box title.
   If you do not see the Firewall box, log in to the web console with the administrator privileges.
4. On the Active zones table, click on the Delete icon at the zone you want to remove.

   The zone is now disabled and the interface does not include opened services and ports which were configured in the zone.
CHAPTER 9. MANAGING PARTITIONS USING THE WEB CONSOLE

The web console enables you to manage file systems on RHEL 8 systems.

For details about the available file systems, see the Overview of available file systems.

This chapter describes the following file system configurations:

- Displaying partitions
- Creating partitions
- Deleting partitions
- Mounting and unmounting file systems

9.1. DISPLAYING PARTITIONS FORMATTED WITH FILE SYSTEMS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The Storage section in the web console displays all available file systems in the Filesystems table.

This section navigates you to get to the list of partitions formatted with file systems displayed in the web console.

Prerequisites

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click on the Storage tab.

In the Filesystems table, you can see all available partitions formatted with file systems, its name, size and how much space is available on each partition.
9.2. CREATING PARTITIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

To create a new partition:

- Use an existing partition table
- Create a partition

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).
- An unformatted volume connected to the system visible in the Other Devices table of the Storage tab.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click the Storage tab.
3. In the Other Devices table, click a volume in which you want to create the partition.
4. In the Content section, click the Create Partition button.

5. In the Create partition dialog box, select the size of the new partition.

6. In the Erase drop down menu, select:
   - Don’t overwrite existing data— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
   - Overwrite existing data with zeros— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program has to go through the whole disk, but it is more secure. Use this option if the disk includes any data and you need to overwrite it.

7. In the Type drop down menu, select a file system:
   - XFS file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing an existing file system. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
   - ext4 file system supports:
     - Logical volumes
     - Switching physical drives online without outage
     - Growing a file system
     - Shrinking a file system
     Additional option is to enable encryption of partition done by LUKS (Linux Unified Key Setup), which allows you to encrypt the volume with a passphrase.

8. In the Name field, enter the logical volume name.

9. In the Mounting drop down menu, select Custom. The Default option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

10. In the Mount Point field, add the mount path.

11. Select Mount at boot.

12. Click the Create partition button.
Formatting can take several minutes depending on the volume size and which formatting options are selected.

After the formatting has completed successfully, you can see the details of the formatted logical volume on the Filesystem tab.

To verify that the partition has been successfully added, switch to the Storage tab and check the Filesystems table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Mount Point</th>
<th>Size</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/dev/rhel10</td>
<td>/</td>
<td>12.1 / 17.0 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/dev/sda1</td>
<td>/boot</td>
<td>290 / 1014 MIB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partition 1</td>
<td>/media</td>
<td>500 GB</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**9.3. DELETING PARTITIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE**

This paragraph is the procedure module introduction: a short description of the procedure.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.
- Unmount the partition’s file system. For details about mounting and unmounting partitions, see Section 9.4, “Mounting and unmounting file systems in the web console”.

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click on the Storage tab.

3. In the Filesystems table, select a volume in which you want to delete the partition.

4. In the Content section, click on the partition you want to delete.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Content</th>
<th>Path</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>512 MiB ext4 File System</td>
<td>/dev/nvme0n1p1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32 GiB Encrypted data</td>
<td>/dev/nvme0n1p2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32.0 GiB ext4 File System</td>
<td>/dev/mapper/luks-20bca9d6-0fb1-4bb8-8643-5f915415dea8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.00 GiB Encrypted data</td>
<td>/dev/nvme0n1p3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 GiB Swap Space</td>
<td>/dev/mapper/luks-01afe046-6b21-4037-8927-6c0f1a7ae1dc0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>198 GiB Extended Partition</td>
<td>/dev/nvme0n1p4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>198 GiB Encrypted data</td>
<td>/dev/nvme0n1p5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>198 GiB ext4 File System</td>
<td>/dev/mapper/luks-913540eb-284e-4e56-8f58-572ef6f4e8cf0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. The partition rolls down and you can click on the Delete button.

The partition must not be mounted and used.

To verify that the partition has been successfully removed, switch to the Storage tab and check the Content table.

9.4. MOUNTING AND UNMOUNTING FILE SYSTEMS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

To be able to use partitions on RHEL systems, you need to mount a filesystem on the partition as a device.
NOTE

You also can unmount a file system and the RHEL system will stop using it. Unmounting the file system enables you to delete, remove, or re-format devices.

Prerequisites

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.
- If you want to unmount a file system, ensure that the system does not use any file, service, or application stored in the partition.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Click on the Storage tab.
3. In the Filesystems table, select a volume in which you want to delete the partition.
4. In the Content section, click on the partition whose file system you want to mount or unmount.
5. Click on the Mount or Unmount button.

At this point, the file system has been mounted or unmounted according to your action.
You can use the RHEL 8 web console to configure physical and virtual storage devices. This chapter provides instructions for these devices:

- Mounted NFS
- Logical Volumes
- RAID
- VDO

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console has been installed. 
  For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

**10.1. MANAGING NFS MOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE**

The RHEL 8 web console enables you to mount remote directories using the Network File System (NFS) protocol.

NFS makes it possible to reach and mount remote directories located on the network and work with the files as if the directory was located on your physical drive.

**Prerequisites**

- NFS server name or IP address.
- Path to the directory on the remote server.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
   For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **Storage**.

3. Click **+** in the **NFS mounts** section.
4. In the **New NFS Mount** dialog box, enter the server or IP address of the remote server.

5. In the **Path on Server** field, enter the path to the directory you want to mount.

6. In the **Local Mount Point** field, enter the path where you want to find the directory in your local system.

7. Select **Mount at boot**. This ensures that the directory will be reachable also after the restart of the local system.

8. Optionally, select **Mount read only** if you do not want to change the content.

9. Click **Add**.

At this point, you can open the mounted directory and verify that the content is accessible.

To troubleshoot the connection, you can adjust it with the **Custom Mount Options**.

### 10.1.2. Customizing NFS mount options in the web console

The following section provides you with information on how to edit an existing NFS mount and shows you where to add custom mount options.

Custom mount options can help you to troubleshoot the connection or change parameters of the NFS mount such as changing timeout limits or configuring authentication.

**Prerequisites**
NFS mount added.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click Storage.

3. Click on the NFS mount you want to adjust.

4. If the remote directory is mounted, click Unmount. The directory must not be mounted during the custom mount options configuration. Otherwise the web console does not save the configuration and this will cause an error.

5. Click Edit.

6. In the **NFS Mount** dialog box, select **Custom mount option**.

7. Enter mount options separated by a comma. For example:
   - `nfsvers=4` – the NFS protocol version number
   - `soft` – type of recovery after an NFS request times out
   - `sec=krb5` – files on the NFS server can be secured by Kerberos authentication. Both the NFS client and server have to support Kerberos authentication.
For a complete list of the NFS mount options, enter `man nfs` in the command line.

8. Click **Apply**.

9. Click **Mount**.

Now you can open the mounted directory and verify that the content is accessible.

### 10.2. MANAGING REDUNDANT ARRAYS OF INDEPENDENT DISKS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

Redundant Arrays of Independent Disks (RAID) represents a way how to arrange more disks into one storage.

RAID protects data stored in the disks against disk failure with the following data distribution strategies:

- **Mirroring** — data are copied to two different locations. If one disk fails, you have a copy and your data is not lost.
- **Striping** — data are evenly distributed among disks.

Level of protection depends on the RAID level.

The RHEL web console supports the following RAID levels:

- RAID 0 (Stripe)
- RAID 1 (Mirror)
- RAID 4 (Dedicated parity)
- RAID 5 (Distributed parity)
- RAID 6 (Double Distributed Parity)
- RAID 10 (Stripe of Mirrors)

Before you can use disks in RAID, you need to:

- Create a RAID.
- Format it with file system.
- Mount the RAID to the server.

**Prerequisites**

- The RHEL 8 web console is running and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.

### 10.2.1. Creating RAID in the web console

This procedure aims to help you with configuring RAID in the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**

- Physical disks connected to the system. Each RAID level requires different amount of disks.

**Procedure**

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.

2. Click **Storage**.

3. Click the + icon in the **RAID Devices** box.

4. In the **Create RAID Device** dialog box, enter a name for a new RAID.

5. In the **RAID Level** drop-down list, select a level of RAID you want to use.

6. In the **Chunk Size** drop-down list, leave the predefined value as it is. The **Chunk Size** value specifies how large is each block for data writing. If the chunk size is 512 KiB, the system writes the first 512 KiB to the first disk, the second 512 KiB is written to the second disk, and the third chunk will be written to the third disk. If you have three disks in your RAID, the fourth 512 KiB will be written to the first disk again.

7. Select disks you want to use for RAID.
8. Click Create.

In the Storage section, you can see the new RAID in the RAID devices box and format it.

Now you have the following options how to format and mount the new RAID in the web console:

- Formatting RAID
- Creating partitions on partition table
- Creating a volume group on top of RAID

10.2.2. Formatting RAID in the web console

This section describes formatting procedure of the new software RAID device which is created in the RHEL 8 web interface.

Prerequisites

- Physical disks are connected and visible by RHEL 8.
- RAID is created.
- Consider the file system which will be used for the RAID.
- Consider creating of a partitioning table.

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Storage.

3. In the RAID devices box, choose the RAID you want to format by clicking on it.

4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the Content part.

5. Click to the newly created RAID.

6. Click the Format button.

7. In the Erase drop-down list, select:
   - Don’t overwrite existing data— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
   - Overwrite existing data with zeros— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program has to go through the whole disk. Use this option if the RAID includes any data and you need to rewrite it.

8. In the Type drop-down list, select a XFS file system, if you do not have another strong preference.

9. Enter a name of the file system.

10. In the Mounting drop down list, select Custom. The Default option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

11. In the Mount Point field, add the mount path.
12. Select **Mount at boot**.

13. Click the **Format** button. Formatting can take several minutes depending on the used formatting options and size of RAID.

After successful finish, you can see the details of the formatted RAID on the **Filesystem** tab.

14. To use the RAID, click **Mount**.

At this point, the system uses mounted and formatted RAID.

### 10.2.3. Using the web console for creating a partition table on RAID

RAID requires formatting as any other storage device. You have two options:

- Format the RAID device without partitions
- Create a partition table with partitions
This section describes formatting RAID with the partition table on the new software RAID device created in the RHEL 8 web interface.

Prerequisites

- Physical disks are connected and visible by RHEL 8.
- RAID is created.
- Consider the file system used for the RAID.
- Consider creating a partitioning table.

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. In the RAID devices box, select the RAID you want to edit.
4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the Content part.
5. Click to the newly created RAID.
6. Click the Create partition table button.
7. In the Erase drop-down list, select:
   - Don’t overwrite existing data— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
   - Overwrite existing data with zeros— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole RAID with zeros. This option is slower because the program has to go through the whole RAID. Use this option if RAID includes any data and you need to rewrite it.
8. In the Partitioning drop-down list, select:
   - Compatible with modern system and hard disks > 2TB (GPT) – GUID Partition Table is a modern recommended partitioning system for large RAIDs with more than four partitions.
   - Compatible with all systems and devices (MBR) – Master Boot Record works with disks up to 2 TB in size. MBR also support four primary partitions max.
9. Click Format.

At this point, the partitioning table has been created and you can create partitions.

For creating partitions, see Using the web console for creating partitions on RAID.

10.2.4. Using the web console for creating partitions on RAID

This section describes creating a partition in the existing partition table.

**Prerequisites**

- Partition table is created.
  
  For details, see Section 10.2.3, “Using the web console for creating a partition table on RAID”

**Procedure**

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.

2. Click Storage.

3. In the RAID devices box, click to the RAID you want to edit.

4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the Content part.

5. Click to the newly created RAID.

6. Click Create Partition.

7. In the Create partition dialog box, set up the size of the first partition.

8. In the Erase drop-down list, select:

   - **Don’t overwrite existing data**— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.

   - **Overwrite existing data with zeros**— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole RAID with zeros. This option is slower because the program have to go through the whole RAID. Use this option if RAID includes any data and you need to rewrite it.

9. In the Type drop-down list, select a XFS file system, if you do not have another strong preference.

10. Enter any name for the file system. Do not use spaces in the name.
11. In the Mounting drop down list, select Custom. The Default option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

12. In the Mount Point field, add the mount path.

13. Select Mount at boot.

14. Click Create partition.

Formatimg can take several minutes depending on used formatting options and size of RAID.

After successful finish, you can continue with creating other partitions.

At this point, the system uses mounted and formatted RAID.

10.2.5. Using the web console for creating a volume group on top of RAID

This section shows you how to build a volume group from software RAID.

Prerequisites

- RAID device, which is not formatted and mounted.

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.

2. Click Storage.

3. Click the + icon in the Volume Groups box.

4. In the Create Volume Group dialog box, enter a name for the new volume group.

5. In the Disks list, select a RAID device.
If you do not see the RAID in the list, unmount the RAID from the system. The RAID device must not be used by the RHEL 8 system.

6. Click **Create**.

The new volume group has been created and you can continue with creating a logical volume.

**10.3. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING LVM LOGICAL VOLUMES**

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 supports the LVM logical volume manager. When you install a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, it will be installed on LVM automatically created during the installation.
The screenshot shows you a clean installation of the RHEL 8 system with two logical volumes in the RHEL 8 web console automatically created during the installation.

To find out more about logical volumes, follow the sections describing:

- What is logical volume manager and when to use it.
- What are volume groups and how to create them.
- What are logical volumes and how to create them.
- How to format logical volumes.
- How to resize logical volumes.

Prerequisites

- Physical drives, RAID devices, or any other type of block device from which you can create the logical volume.

10.3.1. Logical Volume Manager in the web console

The RHEL 8 web console provides a graphical interface to create LVM volume groups and logical volumes.

Volume groups create a layer between physical and logical volumes. It makes you possible to add or remove physical volumes without influencing logical volume itself. Volume groups appear as one drive with capacity consisting of capacities of all physical drives included in the group.

You can join physical drives into volume groups in the web console.

Logical volumes act as a single physical drive and it is built on top of a volume group in your system.

Main advantages of logical volumes are:
• Better flexibility than the partitioning system used on your physical drive.

• Ability to connect more physical drives into one volume.

• Possibility of expanding (growing) or reducing (shrinking) capacity of the volume on-line, without restart.

• Ability to create snapshots.

Additional resources

• For details, see Configuring and managing logical volumes.

10.3.2. Creating volume groups in the web console

The following describes creating volume groups from one or more physical drives or other storage devices. Logical volumes are created from volume groups.

Each volume group can include multiple logical volumes.

For details, see Volume groups.

Prerequisites

• Physical drives or other types of storage devices from which you want to create volume groups.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.

2. Click Storage.

3. Click the + icon in the Volume Groups box.

4. In the Name field, enter a name of a group without spaces.

5. Select the drives you want to combine to create the volume group.
It might happen that you cannot see devices as you expected. The RHEL web console displays only unused block devices. Used devices means, for example:

- Devices formatted with a file system
- Physical volumes in another volume group
- Physical volumes being a member of another software RAID device

If you do not see the device, format it to be empty and unused.

6. Click **Create**.

The web console adds the volume group in the **Volume Groups** section. After clicking the group, you can create logical volumes that are allocated from that volume group.

### 10.3.3. Creating logical volumes in the web console

The following steps describe how to create LVM logical volumes.

**Prerequisites**

- Volume group created. For details, see [Creating volume groups in the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the volume group in which you want to create logical volumes.
4. Click **Create new Logical Volume**

5. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the new logical volume without spaces.

6. In the **Purpose** drop down menu, select **Block device for filesystems**. This configuration enables you to create a logical volume with the maximum volume size which is equal to the sum of the capacities of all drives included in the volume group.

7. Define the size of the logical volume. Consider:
   - How much space the system using this logical volume will need.
   - How many logical volumes you want to create.

You do not have to use the whole space. If necessary, you can grow the logical volume later.

8. Click **Create**.

To verify the settings, click your logical volume and check the details.
At this stage, the logical volume has been created and you need to create and mount a file system with the formatting process.

10.3.4. Formatting logical volumes in the web console

Logical volumes act as physical drives. To use them, you need to format them with a file system.

The file system you select determines the configuration parameters you can use for logical volumes. For example, some the XFS file system does not support shrinking volumes. For details, see Resizing logical volumes in the web console.

The following steps describe the procedure to format logical volumes.

**Prerequisites**

- Logical volume created. For details, see Creating volume groups in the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. Click the volume group in which the logical volume is placed.
4. Click the logical volume.
5. Click on the **Unrecognized Data** tab.
6. Click **Format**.

7. In the **Erase** drop down menu, select:
   - **Don’t overwrite existing data**— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
   - **Overwrite existing data with zeros**— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program have to go through the whole disk. Use this option if the disk includes any data and you need to overwrite it.

8. In the **Type** drop down menu, select a file system:
   - **XFS** file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing an existing file system. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
     XFS does not support reducing the size of a volume formatted with an XFS file system
   - **ext4** file system supports:
     - Logical volumes
     - Switching physical drives online without outage
     - Growing a file system
     - Shrinking a file system
   You can also select a version with the LUKS (Linux Unified Key Setup) encryption, which allows you to encrypt the volume with a passphrase.

9. In the **Name** field, enter the logical volume name.

10. In the **Mounting** drop down menu, select **Custom**.
    The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

11. In the **Mount Point** field, add the mount path.

12. Select **Mount at boot**.
13. Click **Format**.

Formatting can take several minutes depending on the volume size and which formatting options are selected.

After the formatting has completed successfully, you can see the details of the formatted logical volume on the **Filesystem** tab.

14. To use the logical volume, click **Mount**.

At this point, the system can use mounted and formatted logical volume.

**10.3.5. Resizing logical volumes in the web console**

This section describes how to resize logical volumes. You can extend or even reduce logical volumes. Whether you can resize a logical volume depends on which file system you are using. Most file systems enable you to extend (grow) the volume online (without outage).

You can also reduce (shrink) the size of logical volumes, if the logical volume contains a file system which supports shrinking. It should be available, for example, in the ext3/ext4 file systems.
WARNING
You cannot reduce volumes that contain GFS2 or XFS filesystem.

Prerequisites
- Existing logical volume containing a file system which supports resizing logical volumes.

Procedure
The following steps provide the procedure for growing a logical volume without taking the volume offline:

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. Click the volume group in which the logical volume is placed.
4. Click the logical volume.
5. On the Volume tab, click Grow.
6. In the Grow Logical Volume dialog box, adjust volume space.

![Grow Logical Volume](image)

7. Click Grow.

LVM grows the logical volume without system outage.

10.3.6. Related information
- For more details on creating logical volumes, see Configuring and managing logical volumes.

10.4. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING THIN LOGICAL VOLUMES
Thinly-provisioned logical volumes enables you to allocate more space for designated applications or servers than how much space logical volumes actually contain.

For details, see Thinly-provisioned logical volumes (thin volumes).
The following sections describe:

- Creating pools for the thinly provisioned logical volumes.
- Creating thin logical volumes.
- Formatting thin logical volumes.

Prerequisites

- Physical drives or other types of storage devices from which you want to create volume groups.

10.4.1. Creating pools for thin logical volumes in the web console

The following steps show you how to create a pool for thinly provisioned volumes:

Prerequisites

- Volume group created.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. Click the volume group in which you want to create thin volumes.
4. Click Create new Logical Volume
5. In the Name field, enter a name for the new pool of thin volumes without spaces.
6. In the Purpose drop down menu, select Pool for thinly provisioned volumes This configuration enables you to create the thin volume.

7. Define the size of the pool of thin volumes. Consider:
   - How many thin volumes you will need in this pool?
   - What is the expected size of each thin volume?

   You do not have to use the whole space. If necessary, you can grow the pool later.
8. Click **Create**.
The pool for thin volumes has been created and you can add thin volumes.

### 10.4.2. Creating thin logical volumes in the web console

The following text describes creating a thin logical volume in the pool. The pool can include multiple thin volumes and each thin volume can be as large as the pool for thin volumes itself.

**IMPORTANT**
Using thin volumes requires regular checkup of actual free physical space of the logical volume.

**Prerequisites**
- Pool for thin volumes created. For details, see [Creating volume groups in the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the volume group in which you want to create thin volumes.
4. Click the desired pool.
5. Click **Create Thin Volume**.

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6. In the **Create Thin Volume** dialog box, enter a name for the thin volume without spaces.

7. Define the size of the thin volume.

![Create Thin Volume dialog box](image)

8. Click **Create**.

At this stage, the thin logical volume has been created and you need to format it.

### 10.4.3. Formatting logical volumes in the web console

Logical volumes act as physical drives. To use them, you need to format them with a file system.

**WARNING**

Formatting logical volumes will erase all data on the volume.

The file system you select determines the configuration parameters you can use for logical volumes. For example, some the XFS file system does not support shrinking volumes. For details, see [Resizing logical volumes in the web console](#).

The following steps describe the procedure to format logical volumes.

#### Prerequisites

- Logical volume created. For details, see [Creating volume groups in the web console](#).

#### Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.

2. Click **Storage**.

3. Click the volume group in which the logical volume is placed.

4. Click the logical volume.

5. Click on the **Unrecognized Data** tab.
Logical Volumes

6. Click **Format**.

7. In the **Erase** drop down menu, select:
   - **Don’t overwrite existing data**— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
   - **Overwrite existing data with zeros**— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program have to go through the whole disk. Use this option if the disk includes any data and you need to overwrite it.

8. In the **Type** drop down menu, select a file system:
   - **XFS** file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing an existing file system. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
     XFS does not support reducing the size of a volume formatted with an XFS file system
   - **ext4** file system supports:
     - Logical volumes
     - Switching physical drives online without outage
     - Growing a file system
     - Shrinking a file system
       You can also select a version with the LUKS (Linux Unified Key Setup) encryption, which allows you to encrypt the volume with a passphrase.

9. In the **Name** field, enter the logical volume name.

10. In the **Mounting** drop down menu, select **Custom**.
    The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

11. In the **Mount Point** field, add the mount path.

12. Select **Mount at boot**.
13. Click **Format**.
   Formatting can take several minutes depending on the volume size and which formatting options are selected.

   After the formatting has completed successfully, you can see the details of the formatted logical volume on the **Filesystem** tab.

14. To use the logical volume, click **Mount**.
   
   At this point, the system can use mounted and formatted logical volume.

### 10.5. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CHANGING PHYSICAL DRIVES IN VOLUME GROUPS

The following text describes how to change the drive in a volume group using the RHEL 8 web console.

The change of physical drives consists of the following procedures:

- Adding physical drives from logical volumes.
- Removing physical drives from logical volumes.

**Prerequisites**
• A new physical drive for replacing the old or broken one.
• The configuration expects that physical drives are organized in a volume group.

10.5.1. Adding physical drives to volume groups in the web console

The RHEL 8 web console enables you to add a new physical drive or other type of volume to the existing logical volume.

Prerequisites

• A volume group must be created.
• A new drive connected to the machine.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. In the Volume Groups box, click the volume group in which you want to add a physical volume.
4. In the Physical Volumes box, click the + icon.

   ![Physical Volumes screenshot](image)

5. In the Add Disks dialog box, select the preferred drive and click Add.

   ![Add Disks dialog box](image)

As a result, the RHEL 8 web console adds the physical volume. You can see it in the Physical Volumes section, and the logical volume can immediately start to write on the drive.

10.5.2. Removing physical drives from volume groups in the web console

If a logical volume includes multiple physical drives, you can remove one of the physical drives online.

The system moves automatically all data from the drive to be removed to other drives during the removal process. Notice that it can take some time.

The web console also verifies, if there is enough space for removing the physical drive.
Prerequisites

- A volume group with more than one physical drive connected.

Procedure

The following steps describe how to remove a drive from the volume group without causing outage in the RHEL web console.

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Storage.
3. Click the volume group in which you have the logical volume.
4. In the Physical Volumes section, locate the preferred volume.
5. Click the - icon.
   The RHEL 8 web console verifies, if the logical volume has enough free space for removing the disk. If not, you cannot remove the disk and it is necessary to add another disk first. For details, see Adding physical drives to logical volumes in the web console.

As results, the RHEL 8 web console removes the physical volume from the created logical volume without causing an outage.

10.6. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL DATA OPTIMIZER VOLUMES

This chapter describes the Virtual Data Optimizer (VDO) configuration using the RHEL 8 web console. After reading it, you will be able to:

- Create VDO volumes
- Format VDO volumes
- Extend VDO volumes

Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console is installed and accessible.
  For details, see Installing the web console.

10.6.1. VDO volumes in the web console
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 supports Virtual Data Optimizer (VDO). VDO is a block virtualization technology that combines:

**Compression**  
For details, see [Enabling or disabling compression in VDO](#).

**Deduplication**  
For details, see [Enabling or disabling deduplication in VDO](#).

**Thin provisioning**  
For details, see [Thinly-provisioned logical volumes (thin volumes)](#).

Using these technologies, VDO:

- Saves storage space inline
- Compresses files
- Eliminates duplications
- Enables you to allocate more virtual space than how much the physical or logical storage provides
- Enables you to extend the virtual storage by growing

VDO can be created on top of many types of storage. In the RHEL 8 web console, you can configure VDO on top of:

- LVM

  **NOTE**  
  It is not possible to configure VDO on top of thinly-provisioned volumes.

- Physical volume
- Software RAID

For details about placement of VDO in the Storage Stack, see [System Requirements](#).

**Additional resources**  
For details about VDO, see [Deduplicating and compressing storage](#).

### 10.6.2. Creating VDO volumes in the web console

This section helps you to create a VDO volume in the RHEL web console.

**Prerequisites**

- Physical drives, LVMs, or RAID from which you want to create VDO.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.

3. Click the + icon in the **VDO Devices** box.

4. In the **Name** field, enter a name of a VDO volume without spaces.

5. Select the drive that you want to use.

6. In the **Logical Size** bar, set up the size of the VDO volume. You can extend it more than ten times, but consider for what purpose you are creating the VDO volume:
   - For active VMs or container storage, use logical size that is ten times the physical size of the volume.
   - For object storage, use logical size that is three times the physical size of the volume.

   For details, see **Deploying VDO**.

7. In the **Index Memory** bar, allocate memory for the VDO volume.
   For details about VDO system requirements, see **System Requirements**.

8. Select the **Compression** option. This option can efficiently reduce various file formats.
   For details, see **Enabling or disabling compression in VDO**.

9. Select the **Deduplication** option.
   This option reduces the consumption of storage resources by eliminating multiple copies of duplicate blocks. For details, see **Enabling or disabling deduplication in VDO**.

10. [Optional] If you want to use the VDO volume with applications that need a 512 bytes block size, select **Use 512 Byte emulation**. This reduces the performance of the VDO volume, but should be very rarely needed. If in doubt, leave it off.

11. Click **Create**.
If the process of creating the VDO volume succeeds, you can see the new VDO volume in the **Storage** section and format it with a file system.

### 10.6.3. Formatting VDO volumes in the web console

VDO volumes act as physical drives. To use them, you need to format them with a file system.

**Warning**

Formatting VDO will erase all data on the volume.

The following steps describe the procedure to format VDO volumes.

**Prerequisites**

- A VDO volume is created. For details, see Section 10.6.2, "Creating VDO volumes in the web console".
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. 
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click Storage.

3. Click the VDO volume.

4. Click on the Unrecognized Data tab.

5. Click Format.

6. In the Erase drop down menu, select:

   Don’t overwrite existing data
   The RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. The advantage of this option is the speed of formatting.

   Overwrite existing data with zeros
   The RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program has to go through the whole disk. Use this option if the disk includes any data and you need to rewrite them.

7. In the Type drop down menu, select a filesystem:

   • The XFS file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference. XFS does not support shrinking volumes. Therefore, you will not be able to reduce volume formatted with XFS.

   • The ext4 file system supports logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, growing, and shrinking.

   You can also select a version with the LUKS (Linux Unified Key Setup) encryption, which allows you to encrypt the volume with a passphrase.

8. In the Name field, enter the logical volume name.

9. In the Mounting drop down menu, select Custom.
   The Default option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

10. In the Mount Point field, add the mount path.

11. Select Mount at boot.
12. Click **Format**.
Formatting can take several minutes depending on the used formatting options and the volume size.

After a successful finish, you can see the details of the formatted VDO volume on the **Filesystem** tab.

13. To use the VDO volume, click **Mount**.
At this point, the system uses the mounted and formatted VDO volume.

**10.6.4. Extending VDO volumes in the web console**

This section describes extending VDO volumes in the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The VDO volume created.

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.  
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click **Storage**.

3. Click your VDO volume in the **VDO Devices** box.

4. In the VDO volume details, click the **Grow** button.

5. In the **Grow logical size of VDO** dialog box, extend the logical size of the VDO volume.

   ![Grow logical size of VDO](image)

   Original size of the logical volume from the screenshot was 6 GB. As you can see, the RHEL web console enables you to grow the volume to more than ten times the size and it works correctly because of the compression and deduplication.

6. Click **Grow**.

   If the process of growing VDO succeeds, you can see the new size in the VDO volume details.
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CHAPTER 11. MANAGING SOFTWARE UPDATES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The Software Updates module in the web console is based on the *yum* utility. For more information about updating software with *yum*, see the Checking for updates and updating packages section in the Configuring basic system settings title.

11.1. MANAGING MANUAL SOFTWARE UPDATES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

This section describes how to manually update your software using the web console.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see Installing the web console.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. Click Software Updates. The list of available updates refreshes automatically if the last check happened more than 24 hours ago. To trigger a refresh, click the Check for Updates button.

3. Apply updates.
   
   a. To install all available updates, click the Install all updates button.
   
   ![Install All Updates]

   You can watch the update log while the update is running.

   b. If you have security updates available, you can install them separately by clicking the Install Security Updates button.
   
   ![Install Security Updates]

4. After the system applies updates, you get a recommendation to restart your system. We recommend this especially if the update included a new kernel or system services that you do not want to restart individually.

5. Click Ignore to cancel the restart, or Restart Now to proceed with restarting your system. After the system restart, log in to the web console and go to the Software Updates page to verify that the update has been successful.

11.2. MANAGING AUTOMATIC SOFTWARE UPDATES IN THE WEB CONSOLE
In the web console, you can choose to apply all updates, or security updates and also manage periodicity and time of your automatic updates.

**Prerequisites**

- The web console must be installed and accessible. For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

**Procedure**

1. Log in to RHEL 8 web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. Click **Software Updates**.

3. If you want to automatically apply only security updates, click on the **Apply all updates** drop-down menu and select **Apply security updates**.

4. To modify day of the automatic update, click on the **every day** drop-down menu and select a specific day.

5. To modify time of the automatic update, click on the **6:00** drop-down menu and select a specific time.

6. If you want to disable automatic software updates, click on switch next to **Automatic Updates** to move it to disabled position.
CHAPTER 12. MANAGING SUBSCRIPTIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console can help you to register and manage your subscription for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.

To get a subscription for your Red Hat Enterprise Linux, you need to have an account in the Red Hat Customer Portal or an activation key.

This chapter covers:

- Subscription management in the RHEL 8 web console.
- Registering subscriptions for your system in the web console with the Red Hat user name and password.
- Registering subscriptions with the activation key.

Prerequisites

- Purchased subscriptions.
- The system subjected to subscription has to be connected to the Internet because the web console needs to communicate with the Red Hat Customer Portal.

12.1. SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console provides an interface for using Red Hat Subscription Manager installed on your local system. The Subscription Manager connects to the Red Hat Customer Portal and verifies all available:

- Active subscriptions
- Expired subscriptions
- Renewed subscriptions

If you want to renew the subscription or get a different one in Red Hat Customer Portal, you do not have to update the Subscription Manager data manually. The Subscription Manager synchronizes data with Red Hat Customer Portal automatically.

12.2. REGISTERING SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH CREDENTIALS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The following describes subscribing the newly installed Red Hat Enterprise Linux using the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- Valid user account in the Red Hat Customer Portal. See the Create a Red Hat Login page.
- Active subscription for the RHEL system.
Procedure

1. Type subscription in the search field and press the **Enter** key.

   Alternatively, you can log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

2. In the polkit authentication dialog for privileged tasks, add the password belonging user name displayed in the dialog.

3. Click **Authenticate**.

4. In the **Subscriptions** dialog box, click **Register**.
5. Enter your Customer Portal credentials.

6. Enter the name of your organization.
   You need to add the organization name or organization ID, if you have more than one account in
   the Red Hat Customer Portal. To get the org ID, go to your Red Hat contact point.

7. Click the Register button.

At this point, your RHEL 8 system has been successfully registered.
12.3. REGISTERING SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH ACTIVATION KEYS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

To register a subscription for Red Hat Enterprise Linux,

Prerequisites

- If you do not have a user account in the portal, your vendor provides you with the activation key.

Procedure

1. Type subscription in the search field and press the Enter key.
Alternatively, you can log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

2. In the authentication dialog, add the system username and password you created during the system installation.

3. Click **Authenticate**.

4. In the **Subscriptions** dialog box, click **Register**.

5. Enter the activation key in the registration form.
6. Enter the name of your organization. You need to add the organization name or organization ID, if you have more than one account in the Red Hat Customer Portal.

To get the org ID, go to your Red Hat contact point.

7. Click the **Register** button.

At this point, your RHEL 8 system has been successfully registered.
Subscriptions

Status: Current
Unregister

System Purpose

Status: Unknown
Usage: Development/Test
Role: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Workstation

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CHAPTER 13. CONFIGURING KDUMP IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The following sections provide an overview of how to setup and test the kdump configuration through the Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console. The web console is part of a default installation of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and enables or disables the kdump service at boot time. Further, the web console conveniently enables you to configure the reserved memory for kdump; or to select the vmcore saving location in an uncompressed or compressed format.

Prerequisites

- See Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console for further details.

13.1. CONFIGURING KDUMP MEMORY USAGE AND TARGET LOCATION IN WEB CONSOLE

The procedure below shows you how to use the Kernel Dump tab in the Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console interface to configure the amount of memory that is reserved for the kdump kernel. The procedure also describes how to specify the target location of the vmcore dump file and how to test your configuration.

Prerequisites

- Introduction to operating the web console

Procedure

1. Open the Kernel Dump tab and start the kdump service.

2. Configure the kdump memory usage through the command line.

3. Click the link next to the Crash dump location option.

4. Select the Local Filesystem option from the drop-down and specify the directory you want to save the dump in.
 Alternatively, select the Remote over SSH option from the drop-down to send the vmcore to a remote machine using the SSH protocol. Fill the Server, ssh key, and Directory fields with the remote machine address, ssh key location, and a target directory.

 Another choice is to select the Remote over NFS option from the drop-down and fill the Mount field to send the vmcore to a remote machine using the NFS protocol.

 **NOTE**

 Tick the Compression check box to reduce the size of the vmcore file.

5. Test your configuration by crashing the kernel.

**WARNING**

This step disrupts execution of the kernel and results in a system crash and loss of data.
Additional resources

- For a complete list of currently supported targets for **kdump**, see *Supported kdump targets*.

- For information on how to configure an SSH server and set up a key-based authentication, see *Configuring basic system settings* in Red Hat Enterprise Linux.
CHAPTER 14. USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINES

To manage virtual machines in a graphical interface on a RHEL 8 host, you can use the Virtual Machines pane in the RHEL 8 web console.

The following sections describe the web console’s virtualization management capabilities and provide instructions for using them.

14.1. OVERVIEW OF VIRTUAL MACHINE MANAGEMENT USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console is a web-based interface for system administration. With the installation of a web console plug-in, the web console can be used to manage virtual machines (VMs) on connected servers. It provides a graphical view of VMs on a host system to which the web console can connect, and allows monitoring system resources and adjusting configuration with ease.

Using the RHEL 8 web console for VM management, you can do for example the following:

- Create and delete VMs
- Install operating systems on VMs
- Start and shut down VMs
- View information about VMs
- Create and attach disks to VMs
- Configure virtual CPU settings for VMs

The following sections describe the web console’s virtualization management capabilities and provide instructions for using them.
- Manage virtual network interfaces
- Interact with VMs using VM consoles

**NOTE**

The Virtual Machine Manager (virt-manager) application is still supported in RHEL 8 but has been deprecated. The RHEL 8 web console is intended to become its replacement in a subsequent release. It is, therefore, recommended that you get familiar with the web console for managing virtualization in a GUI.

However, in RHEL 8, some features may only be accessible from either virt-manager or the command line. For details, see Section 14.12, "Differences between virtualization features in virtual machine manager and the RHEL 8 web console".

For more information on the Virtual Machine Manager, see RHEL 7 documentation.

14.2. SETTING UP THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE TO MANAGE VIRTUAL MACHINES

Before using the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

**Prerequisites**

- Ensure that the web console is installed on your machine.

```
$ yum info cockpit
Installed Packages
Name : cockpit
[...]
```

If the web console is not installed, see the Managing systems using the RHEL 8 web console guide for more information about installing the web console.

**Procedure**

- Install the cockpit-machines plug-in.

```
# yum install cockpit-machines
```

If the installation is successful, Virtual Machines appears in the web console side menu.
14.3. CREATING VIRTUAL MACHINES AND INSTALLING GUEST OPERATING SYSTEMS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

The following sections provide information on how to use the RHEL 8 web console to create virtual machines and install operating systems on VMs.

14.3.1. Creating virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

To create a virtual machine (VM) on the host machine to which the web console is connected, follow the instructions below.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.
- Make sure you have sufficient amount of system resources to allocate to your VMs, such as disk space, RAM, or CPUs. The recommended values may vary significantly depending on the intended tasks and workload of the VMs.
- A locally available operating system (OS) installation source, which can be one of the following:
  - An ISO image of an installation medium
  - A disk image of an existing VM installation

**Procedure**

1. In the Virtual Machines interface of the web console, click Create VM. The Create New Virtual Machine dialog appears.
2. Enter the basic configuration of the VM you want to create.

- **Connection** - The connection to the host to be used by the VM.

- **Name** - The name of the VM.

- **Installation Source Type** - The installation can use a local installation medium, a URL, a PXE network boot, or a disk image of an existing VM.

- **OS Vendor** - The vendor of the VM’s operating system.

- **Operating System** - The VM’s operating system. Note that Red Hat provides support only for a limited set of guest operating systems.

- **Memory** - The amount of memory with which to configure the VM.

- **Storage Size** - The amount of storage space with which to configure the VM.

- **Immediately Start VM** - Whether or not the VM will start immediately after it is created.

3. Click **Create**.

   The VM is created. If the **Immediately Start VM** checkbox is selected, the VM will immediately start and begin installing the guest operating system.

If you did not choose **Existing Disk Image** as the installation source type, you must install the operating system the first time the VM is run.
14.3.2. Installing operating systems using the RHEL 8 web console

The first time a virtual machine (VM) loads, you must install an operating system on the VM.

**NOTE**

If the *Immediately Start VM* checkbox in the Create New Virtual Machine dialog is checked, the installation routine of the operating system starts automatically when the VM is created.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.
- A VM on which to install an operating system.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM on which you want to install a guest OS.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for installing and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Install**.
   The installation routine of the operating system runs in the VM console.

**Troubleshooting**

- If the installation routine fails, the VM must be deleted and recreated.

14.4. DELETING VIRTUAL MACHINES USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

To delete a virtual machine (VM) and its associated storage files from the host to which the RHEL 8 web console is connected with, follow the procedure below:

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.
- Back up important data from the VM.
- Shut down the VM.
- Make sure no other VMs use the same associated storage.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click the name of the VM you want to delete.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Delete**.
   A confirmation dialog appears.

3. **[Optional]** To delete all or some of the storage files associated with the VM, select the checkboxes next to the storage files you want to delete.

4. Click **Delete**.
   The VM and any selected storage files are deleted.

### 14.5. POWERING UP AND POWERING DOWN VIRTUAL MACHINES USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can run, shut down, and restart virtual machines. You can also send a non-maskable interrupt to an unresponsive virtual machine.

#### 14.5.1. Powering up virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

If a virtual machine (VM) is in the **shut off** state, you can start it using the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**

- An inactive VM that is already defined.
The name of the VM.

To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM you want to start. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Run. The VM starts, and you can connect to its console or graphical output.

3. [Optional] To set up the VM to start automatically when the host starts, click the Autostart checkbox.

Additional resources

- For information on shutting down a VM, see Section 14.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For information on restarting a VM, see Section 14.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For information on sending a non-maskable interrupt to a VM, see Section 14.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.5.2. Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console

If a virtual machine (VM) is in the running state, you can shut it down using the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM you want to shut down. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Shut Down. The VM shuts down.

Troubleshooting

- If the VM does not shut down, click the arrow next to the Shut Down button and select Force Shut Down.

- To shut down an unresponsive VM, you can also send a non-maskable interrupt. For more information, see Section 14.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”.

Additional resources
For information on starting a VM, see Section 14.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.

For information on restarting a VM, see Section 14.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.5.3. Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

If a virtual machine (VM) is in the running state, you can restart it using the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM you want to restart. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Restart. The VM shuts down and restarts.

Troubleshooting

- If the VM does not restart, click the arrow next to the Restart button and select Force Restart.
- To restart an unresponsive VM, you can also send a non-maskable interrupt. For more information, see Section 14.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”.

Additional resources

- For information on starting a VM, see Section 14.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For information on shutting down a VM, see Section 14.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.5.4. Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console

Sending a non-maskable interrupt (NMI) may cause an unresponsive running virtual machine (VM) to respond or shut down. For example, you can send the Ctrl+Alt+Del NMI to a VM that is not responding to standard input.

Prerequisites

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM to which you want to send an NMI.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click the arrow next to the **Shut Down** button and select **Send Non-Maskable Interrupt**
An NMI is sent to the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For information on starting a VM, see Section 14.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For information on restarting a VM, see Section 14.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For information on shutting down a VM, see Section 14.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”.

### 14.6. VIEWING VIRTUAL MACHINE INFORMATION USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can view information about the virtual storage and VMs to which the web console is connected.

#### 14.6.1. Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view an overview of virtual machines (VMs) and the available virtual storage to which the web console session is connected.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

- Click **Virtual Machines** in the web console’s side menu.
  A dialog box appears with information about the available storage and the VMs to which the web console is connected.
The information includes the following:

- **Storage Pools** - The number of storage pools that can be accessed by the web console and their state.
- **Networks** - The number of networks that can be accessed by the web console and their state.
- **Name** - The name of the VM.
- **Connection** - The type of libvirt connection, system or session.
- **State** - The state of the VM.

### Additional resources

- For instructions on viewing detailed information about the storage pools the web console session can access, see [Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, “Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

### 14.6.2. Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view detailed storage pool information about the virtual machine (VM) storage pools that the web console session can access.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. Click **Storage Pools** at the top of the **Virtual Machines** interface. The Storage Pools window appears, showing a list of configured storage pools.

![Storage Pools window](image)

The information includes the following:

- **Name** - The name of the storage pool.
- **Size** - The size of the storage pool.
- **Connection** – The connection used to access the storage pool.
- **State** - The state of the storage pool.
2. Click a row with the name of the storage whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with the following information about the selected storage pool:

- **Path** - The path to the storage pool.
- **Persistent** - Whether or not the storage pool is persistent.
- **Autostart** - Whether or not the storage pool starts automatically.
- **Type** - The type of the storage pool.

![Storage Pool Overview](image)

3. To view a list of storage volumes created from the storage pool, click **Storage Volumes**. The Storage Volumes pane appears, showing a list of configured storage volumes with their sizes and the amount of space used.

![Storage Volumes](image)

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.
• For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, “Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.6.3. Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following describes how to view basic information about a selected virtual machine (VM) to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites

• To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click Virtual Machines in the web console side menu.

2. Click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

3. If another tab is selected, click Overview.

The information includes the following:

• **Memory** - The amount of memory assigned to the VM.

• **Emulated Machine** - The machine type emulated by the VM.

• **vCPUs** - The number of virtual CPUs configured for the VM.
• **Boot Order** - The boot order configured for the VM.

• **CPU Type** - The architecture of the virtual CPUs configured for the VM.

• **Autostart** - Whether or not autostart is enabled for the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, “Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- To see more detailed virtual CPU information and configure the virtual CPUs configured for a VM, see Section 14.7, “Managing virtual CPUs using the RHEL 8 web console”.

### 14.6.4. Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view the memory and virtual CPU usage information about a selected virtual machine (VM) to which the web console session is connected.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Usage**.
   The Usage pane appears with information about the memory and virtual CPU usage of the VM.
Additional resources

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, “Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.6.5. Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view the disk information of a virtual machine (VM) to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites
To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Disks. The Disks pane appears with information about the disks assigned to the VM.

The information includes the following:

- **Device** - The device type of the disk.
- **Target** - The controller type of the disk.
- **Used** - The amount of the disk that is used.
- **Capacity** - The size of the disk.
- **Bus** - The bus type of the disk.
- ** Readonly** - Whether or not the disk is read-only.
- **Source** - The disk device or file.

Additional resources
For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”.

For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”.

For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, “Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.6.6. Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view information about the virtual network interfaces on a selected virtual machine (VM):

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Network Interfaces. The Networks Interfaces pane appears with information about the virtual network interface configured for the VM.
The information includes the following:

- **Type** - The type of network interface for the VM. Types include direct, network, bridge, ethernet, hostdev, mcast, user, and server.

- **Model type** - The model of the virtual network interface.

- **MAC Address** - The MAC address of the virtual network interface.

- **Source** - The source of the network interface. This is dependent on the network type.

- **State** - The state of the virtual network interface.

3. To edit the virtual network interface settings, Click **Edit**. The Virtual Network Interface Settings dialog opens.
4. Change the interface type, source, or model.

5. Click **Save**. The network interface is modified.

**NOTE**

Changes to the virtual network interface settings take effect only after restarting the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

### 14.7. MANAGING VIRTUAL CPUS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can review and configure virtual CPUs used by virtual machines (VMs) to which the web console is connected.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, **install the web console VM plug-in**.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VMs for which you want to view and configure virtual CPU parameters. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VMs, including the number of virtual CPUs, and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click the number of vCPUs in the Overview pane. The vCPU details dialog appears.
3. Configure the virtual CPUs for the selected VM.

- **vCPU Count** - Enter the number of virtual CPUs for the VM.
  
  **NOTE**
  
  The vCPU count cannot be greater than the vCPU Maximum.

- **Sockets** - Select the number of sockets to expose to the VM.

- **Cores per socket** - Select the number of cores for each socket to expose to the VM.

- **Threads per core** - Select the number of threads for each core to expose to the VM.

4. Click **Apply**.

   The virtual CPUs for the VM are configured.

   **NOTE**
   
   Changes to virtual CPU settings only take effect after the VM is restarted.

### 14.8. MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINE DISKS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can manage the disks configured for the virtual machines to which the web console is connected.

You can:

- View information about disks.
● Create and attach new virtual disks to virtual machines.
● Attach existing virtual disks to virtual machines.
● Detach virtual disks from virtual machines.

14.8.1. Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view the disk information of a virtual machine (VM) to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites

To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Disks. The Disks pane appears with information about the disks assigned to the VM.

![Virtual Machines](image)

The information includes the following:

● Device - The device type of the disk.
Target - The controller type of the disk.

Used - The amount of the disk that is used.

Capacity - The size of the disk.

Bus - The bus type of the disk.

 Readonly - Whether or not the disk is read-only.

 Source - The disk device or file.

Additional resources

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, "Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console".

- For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, "Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console".

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, "Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console".

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, "Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console".

- For instructions on viewing virtual network interface information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.6, "Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console".

14.8.2. Adding new disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

You can add new disks to virtual machines (VMs) by creating a new storage volume and attaching it to a VM using the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM for which you want to create and attach a new disk.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Disks.
   The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the VM.
3. Click **Add Disk**. The Add Disk dialog appears.

4. Select the **Create New** option.

5. Configure the new disk.
   - **Pool** – Select the storage pool from which the virtual disk will be created.
When creating new disks for VMs using the RHEL 8 web console, you can select only directory-type storage pools.

- **Target** - Select a target for the virtual disk that will be created.
- **Name** - Enter a name for the virtual disk that will be created.
- **Size** - Enter the size and select the unit (MiB or GiB) of the virtual disk that will be created.
- **Format** - Select the format for the virtual disk that will be created. The supported types are qcow2 and raw.
- **Persistence** - If checked, the virtual disk is persistent. If not checked, the virtual disk is transient.

Transient disks can only be added to VMs that are running.

6. Click **Add**.
   The virtual disk is created and connected to the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.8.1, "Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console".
- For information on attaching existing disks to VMs, see Section 14.8.3, "Attaching existing disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console".
- For information on detaching disks from VMs, see Section 14.8.4, "Detaching disks from virtual machines".

**14.8.3. Attaching existing disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console**

The following procedure describes how to attach existing storage volumes as disks to a virtual machine (VM) using the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM to which you want to attach an existing disk.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Disks**.
   The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the VM.
3. Click **Add Disk**.
   The Add Disk dialog appears.

![Add Disk dialog](image)

4. Click the **Use Existing** button.
   The appropriate configuration fields appear in the Add Disk dialog.
5. Configure the disk for the VM.

- **Pool** - Select the storage pool from which the virtual disk will be attached.

  **NOTE**
  
  When using the RHEL 8 web console, you can select only directory-type storage pools for attaching disks to VMs.

- **Target** - Select a target for the virtual disk.

- **Volume** - Select the storage volume that will be attached.

- **Persistence** - Check to make the virtual disk persistent. Clear to make the virtual disk transient.

6. Click **Add**

The selected virtual disk is attached to the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.8.1, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For information on creating new disks and attaching them to VMs, see Section 14.8.2, “Adding new disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For information on detaching disks from VMs, see Section 14.8.4, “Detaching disks from virtual machines”.

**14.8.4. Detaching disks from virtual machines**

The following describes how to detach disks from virtual machines (VMs) using the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**
To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM from which you want to detach an existing disk.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Disks**.
   The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the VM.

3. Click the **Remove** button next to the disk you want to detach from the VM. A **Remove Disk** confirmation dialog appears.

4. In the confirmation dialog, click **Remove**.
   The virtual disk is detached from the VM.

Additional resources

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.8.1, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For information on creating new disks and attaching them to VMs, see Section 14.8.2, “Adding new disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For information on attaching existing disks to VMs, see Section 14.8.3, “Attaching existing disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”.
14.9. USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINE NETWORK INTERFACES

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can manage the virtual network interfaces for the virtual machines to which the web console is connected. You can:

- View information about network interfaces and edit them.
- Add network interfaces to virtual machines, and disconnect or delete the interfaces.

14.9.1. Viewing and editing virtual network interface information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following procedure describes how to view information about the virtual network interfaces on a selected virtual machine (VM):

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click Network Interfaces. The Networks Interfaces pane appears with information about the virtual network interface configured for the VM.
The information includes the following:

- **Type** - The type of network interface for the VM. Types include direct, network, bridge, ethernet, hostdev, mcast, user, and server.

- **Model type** - The model of the virtual network interface.

- **MAC Address** - The MAC address of the virtual network interface.

- **Source** - The source of the network interface. This is dependent on the network type.

- **State** - The state of the virtual network interface.

3. To edit the virtual network interface settings, Click **Edit**. The Virtual Network Interface Settings dialog opens.
4. Change the interface type, source, or model.

5. Click **Save**. The network interface is modified.

![NOTE] Changes to the virtual network interface settings take effect only after restarting the VM.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing information about all of the VMs to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing basic information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing resource usage for a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing disk information about a selected VM to which the web console session is connected, see Section 14.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”.

### 14.9.2. Connecting virtual network interfaces in the RHEL 8 web console

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can reconnect disconnected virtual network interface configured for a selected virtual machine (VM).

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose virtual network interface you want to connect.
   The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Networks**.
   The Networks pane appears with information about the virtual network interfaces configured for the VM.
3. Click **Plug** in the row of the virtual network interface you want to connect. The selected virtual network interface connects to the VM.

### 14.9.3. Disconnecting virtual network interfaces in the RHEL 8 web console

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can disconnect the virtual network interfaces connected to a selected virtual machine (VM).

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose virtual network interface you want to disconnect. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Network Interfaces**. The Network Interfaces pane appears with information about the virtual network interfaces configured for the VM.

3. Click **Unplug** in the row of the virtual network interface you want to disconnect. The selected virtual network interface disconnects from the VM.

### 14.10. INTERACTING WITH VIRTUAL MACHINES USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE
To interact with a virtual machine (VM) in the RHEL 8 web console, you need to connect to the VM’s console. Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can view the VM’s consoles. These include both graphical and serial consoles.

- To interact with the VM’s graphical interface in the RHEL 8 web console, use the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console.
- To interact with the VM’s graphical interface in a remote viewer, use the graphical console in remote viewers.
- To interact with the VM’s CLI in the RHEL 8 web console, use the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console.

14.10.1. Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console

Using the virtual machine (VM) console interface, you can view the graphical output of a selected VM in the RHEL 8 web console.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.
- Ensure that both the host and the VM support a graphical interface.

**Procedure**

1. In the Virtual Machines interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose graphical console you want to view. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Consoles**. The graphical console appears in the web interface.
You can interact with the VM console using the mouse and keyboard in the same manner you interact with a real machine. The display in the VM console reflects the activities being performed on the VM.

**NOTE**

The server on which the RHEL 8 web console is running may intercept specific key combinations, such as **Ctrl+Alt+F1**, preventing them from being sent to the VM.

To send such key combinations, click the **Send key** menu and select the key sequence to send.

For example, to send the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** combination to the VM, click the **Send key** menu and select the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** menu entry.

Additional resources

- For instructions on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer, see Section 14.10.2, “Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer using the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console, see Section 14.10.3, “Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.10.2. Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer using the RHEL 8 web console

You can view the graphical console of a selected virtual machine (VM) in a remote viewer, such as virt-viewer. For instructions, see below.
You can launch Virt Viewer from within the RHEL 8 web console. Other VNC and SPICE remote viewers can be launched manually.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, install the web console VM plug-in.
- Ensure that both the host and the VM support a graphical interface.
- Before you can view the graphical console in Virt Viewer, Virt Viewer must be installed on the machine to which the web console is connected. To view information on installing Virt Viewer, select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type and click **More Information** in the Consoles window.

**NOTE**

Some browser extensions and plug-ins do not allow the web console to open Virt Viewer.

### Procedure

1. In the **Virtual Machines** interface, click a row with the name of the VM whose graphical console you want to view. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Consoles**. The graphical console appears in the web interface.

3. Select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type.
4. Click **Launch Remote Viewer**. The graphical console appears in Virt Viewer.
You can interact with the VM console using the mouse and keyboard in the same manner you interact with a real machine. The display in the VM console reflects the activities being performed on the VM.

**NOTE**

The server on which the RHEL 8 web console is running can intercept specific key combinations, such as $\text{Ctrl} + \text{Alt} + \text{F1}$, preventing them from being sent to the VM.

To send such key combinations, click the **Send key** menu and select the key sequence to send.

For example, to send the $\text{Ctrl} + \text{Alt} + \text{F1}$ combination to the VM, click the **Send key** menu and select the $\text{Ctrl} + \text{Alt} + \text{F1}$ menu entry.

**Troubleshooting**

- If launching a remote viewer graphics console in the web console does not work or is not optimal, you can use the **Manual Connection** information, displayed on the right side of the **Graphics Console** pane.

```
Manual Connection

Connect with any SPICE or VNC viewer application.

Address: 127.0.0.1
SPICE Port: 5900
VNC Port: 5901
```

Enter the information in a SPICE or VNC viewer application, such as Virt Viewer.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console, see Section 14.10.1, “Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console”.

- For instructions on viewing the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console, see Section 14.10.3, “Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console”.

**14.10.3. Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console**

You can view the serial console of a selected virtual machine (VM) in the RHEL 8 web console. This is useful when the host machine or the VM is not configured with a graphical interface.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage VMs, **install the web console VM plug-in**.

**Procedure**

1. In the **Virtual Machines** pane, click a row with the name of the VM whose serial console you want to view.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected VM and controls for shutting down and deleting the VM.

2. Click **Consoles**.
The graphical console appears in the web interface.

3. Select the **Serial Console** Console Type.
The serial console appears in the web interface.

![Screenshot of RHEL web console](image)

You can disconnect and reconnect the serial console from the VM.

- To disconnect the serial console from the VM, click **Disconnect**.
- To reconnect the serial console to the VM, click **Reconnect**.

**Additional resources**

- For instructions on viewing the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console, see Section 14.10.1, "Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console”.
- For instructions on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer, see Section 14.10.2, "Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer using the RHEL 8 web console”.

14.11. CREATING STORAGE POOLS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

You can create storage pools using the RHEL 8 web console. For instructions, see below.

**Prerequisites**

- To use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines (VMs), you must install the web console VM plug-in.

**Procedure**
1. Click **Storage Pools** at the top of the Virtual Machines tab. The Storage Pools window appears, showing a list of configured storage pools.

2. Click **Create Storage Pool**. The Create Storage Pool dialog appears.

3. Enter the following information in the Create Storage Pool dialog:
   - **Connection** - The connection to the host to be used by the storage pool.
- **Name** - The name of the storage pool.
- **Type** - The type of the storage pool. This can be a file-system directory, a network file system, or an iSCSI target.
- **Target Path** - The storage pool path on the host’s file system.
- **Startup** - Whether or not the storage pool starts when the host boots.

4. Click **Create**. The storage pool is created, the Create Storage Pool dialog closes, and the new storage pool appears in the list of storage pools.

**Additional resources**

- For more information about storage pools, see [Understanding storage pools](#).
- For instructions on viewing information about storage pools using the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 14.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

### 14.12. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VIRTUALIZATION FEATURES IN VIRTUAL MACHINE MANAGER AND THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

The deprecated Virtual Machine Manager (virt-manager) application and its replacement, the RHEL 8 web console, do not have the same functionality. The following table highlights the features that are available in virt-manager but not available in the RHEL 8.0 web console.

If a feature is available in a later version of RHEL 8, the minimum RHEL 8 version appears in the RHEL 8 web console column.

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CHAPTER 15. MANAGING REMOTE SYSTEMS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console can connect to remote systems and manage them through the user-friendly web interface. The following chapter describes:

- The optimal topology of connected systems.
- What is the Dashboard.
- How to add and remove remote systems.
- When, why and how to use SSH keys for remote system authentication.

Prerequisites

- Opened the SSH service on remote systems.

15.1. REMOTE SYSTEM MANAGER IN THE WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console to manage remote systems in the network requires considering the topology of connected servers.

For optimal security, Red Hat recommends the following connection setup:

- Use one system with the web console as a bastion host. The bastion host is a system with opened HTTPS port.
- All other systems communicate through SSH.

With the web interface running on the bastion host, you can reach all other systems through the SSH protocol using port 22 in the default configuration.
15.2. ADDING REMOTE HOSTS TO THE WEB CONSOLE

This section helps you to connect other systems with a user name and password to the Dashboard located in the web console.

The Dashboard is a tool designed for remote server management, where you can add, connect, or remove remote systems.

The Dashboard displays graphs and status for each of the remote systems.

You can add up to 20 remote systems in the Dashboard.
Prerequisites

- The **cockpit-dashboard** package installed in the system where the web interface is running:
  
  ```bash
  $ sudo yum install cockpit-dashboard
  
  ```

  The **cockpit-dashboard** package extends the RHEL 8 web console with the remote system management.

- You need to be logged into the web console with administration privileges. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

Procedure

1. In the RHEL 8 web console, go to **Dashboard**.

2. In the **Dashboard**, click the **Add Server** icon.

3. In the **Add Machine to Dashboard** dialog box, enter the host name or IP address of the remote system.
4. (Optional) Click the Color field to change the color of the system in Dashboard.

5. Click Add.

6. In the Log in to <servername> dialog box, enter the credentials for the remote system. You can use any user account of the remote system. However, if you use credentials of a user account without administration privileges, you will not be able to perform administration tasks.

   If you use the same credentials as for your local system, the web console will authenticate remote systems automatically every time you log in. However, using the same credentials on more machines could be a potential security risk.

   ![Log in to 192.168.122.101](image)

7. Click Log In.

   If the login succeeds the Dashboard adds a new item in the list. To verify the connection, click the system to see all the details in the web console.

   **NOTE**

   The web console does not save passwords used to log in to remote systems which means that you have to log in again after each system restart. To open the login dialog, click the Troubleshoot button placed on the main screen of the disconnected remote system.

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**15.3. REMOVING REMOTE HOSTS FROM THE WEB CONSOLE**

This section guides you on removing other systems from a dashboard located in the web console.
Prerequisites

- The **cockpit-dashboard** package installed in the system where the web interface is running.
- Remote systems added. For details, see Using the web console to add remote systems.
- You must be logged into the web console with administrator privileges. For details, see Logging in to the web console.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click Dashboard.
3. Click the **Edit Server** icon.
4. To remove the server from the Dashboard, click the red **Remove** icon.

As a result, the server is removed from Dashboard.

### 15.4. SETTING UP SSH FOR REMOTE MANAGEMENT IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console supports authentication with SSH keys. This has the following advantages:

- Increasing security of the communication between servers.
Avoiding entering credentials repeatedly.

**IMPORTANT**

Using SSH keys works only for read only access or for password-less sudo because the authentication happens without a password. To perform administrative tasks, use your system account credentials with administrative privileges.

To configure authentication with SSH keys in the web console:

- Copy the public key into the connected remote system.
- Set the path to the private key in the system, on which the RHEL 8 web console is running.
- Log out from the web console and log in again to ensure the authentication change.

**Prerequisites**

- SSH key stored in the system with running web console. If you do not have any, use the following command:
  
  ```bash
  $ ssh-keygen
  ```

- Password to the generated SSH key.

- The contents of the `~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` file copied in the clipboard.

**Procedure**

To copy the public SSH key into a remote system:

1. Open the web console.
2. Click **Dashboard**.
3. Select the remote system where you want to add the public key.
4. In the system settings, go to **Accounts**.
5. Select the user account to which you want to assign the public key.
6. In the **Authorized Public SSH Keys** settings, click the + button.
7. In the **Add public key** dialog box, paste the public key you have in the clipboard.

8. Click **Add key**.

At this point, you can see the new public key assigned to the user account.

To set the path to the private SSH key:

1. Go to upper right corner settings.

2. In the drop down menu, select **Authentication**.
3. Verify that the web console uses the correct path to the private key you want to use. By default, the web console uses the following paths for private keys:

- ~/.ssh/id_rsa
- ~/.ssh/id_dsa
- ~/.ssh/id_ed25519
- ~/.ssh/id_ecdsa

To use a different key, add the path manually.

4. Enable the key with the On/Off button. Enabling the key opens a password dialog.

5. Enter the SSH key password.
6. Click Unlock Key.
   On Details tab, you can verify the certificate owner and the fingerprint.

7. Click Close.

The RHEL 8 web console uses now SSH keys on both sides. However, systems still use the original credentials.

To change the authentication settings:

1. Log out yourself from the web console.
   After the logging back in the web console, red triangle icon appears before the remote system.

2. Click the system trying to connect to the web console.
   You can see two buttons in the screen. Reconnect and Troubleshoot.

3. Click the Troubleshoot button.
   Login dialog appears.

4. In the Authentication drop down menu, select Using available credentials.

   The web console creates a new connection secured with SSH keys. It works for the web console login as well as for a terminal access.
CHAPTER 16. CONFIGURING SINGLE SIGN-ON FOR THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE IN THE IDM DOMAIN

The RHEL 8 web console supports Single Sign-on (SSO) authentication provided by Identity Management (IdM).

Advantages:

- IdM domain administrators can use the RHEL 8 web console to manage local machines.
- Users with a Kerberos ticket in the IdM domain do not need to provide login credentials to access the web console.
- All hosts known to the IdM domain are accessible via SSH from the local instance of the RHEL 8 web console.
- Certificate configuration is not necessary. The console’s web server automatically switches to a certificate issued by the IdM certificate authority and accepted by browsers.

This chapter covers the following steps to configure SSO for logging into the the RHEL web console:

1. Add machines to the IdM domain using the RHEL 8 web console.
   For details, see Joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain using the web console

2. If you want to use Kerberos for authentication, you need to obtain a Kerberos ticket on your machine.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console using a Kerberos ticket

3. Allow administrators on the IdM master server to run any command on any host.
   For details, see Enabling admin sudo access on the IdM server.

Prerequisites

- The RHEL web console installed on RHEL 8 systems.
  For details, see Installing the web console.

- IdM client installed on systems with the RHEL web console.
  For details, see IdM client installation.

16.1. JOINING THE RHEL 8 SYSTEM TO THE IDM DOMAIN USING THE WEB CONSOLE

The following procedure describes joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain.

Prerequisites

- IdM domain running and reachable from the client you want to join.
- IdM domain administrator credentials.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
   For details, see Logging in to the web console.
2. Open the **System** tab.

3. Click **Join Domain**.

4. In the **Join a Domain** dialog box, enter the host name of the IdM server in the **Domain Address** field.

5. In the **Authentication** drop down list, select if you want to use password or one time password for authentication.

   ![Join a Domain Dialog](image)

6. In the **Domain Administrator Name** field, enter the user name of the IdM administration account.

7. In the password field, add the password or one time password according to what you selected in the **Authentication** drop down list above.

8. Click **Join**.
If the RHEL 8 web console did not display an error, the system has been joined to the IdM domain and you can see the domain name in the System screen.

WARNING
If you click to the joined domain in the System screen, the system will display a warning dialog with the information about leaving the domain. If you click Leave, the system will leave the domain.
16.2. LOGGING IN TO THE WEB CONSOLE USING KERBEROS AUTHENTICATION

The following procedure describes steps on how to set up the RHEL 8 system to use Kerberos authentication.

**IMPORTANT**

With SSO you usually do not have any administrative privileges in the web console. This only works if you configured passwordless sudo. The web console does not interactively ask for a sudo password.

**Prerequisites**

- IdM domain running and reachable in your company environment.  
  For details, see: Section 16.1, “Joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain using the web console”

- Enable the `cockpit.socket` service on remote systems to which you want to connect and manage them with the RHEL web console.  
  For details, see Installing the web console.

- If the system does not use a Kerberos ticket managed by the SSSD client, try to request the ticket with the `kinit` utility manually.

**Procedure**

Log in to the RHEL web console with the following address: `https://dns_name:9090`.

At this point, you are successfully connected to the RHEL web console and you can start with configuration.
16.3. ENABLING ADMIN SUDO ACCESS TO DOMAIN ADMINISTRATORS ON THE IDM SERVER

The following procedure describes steps on how to allow domain administrators to run any command on any host in the Identity Management (IdM) domain.

To accomplish this, enable sudo access to the `admins` user group created automatically during the IdM server installation.

All users added to the `admins` group will have sudo access if you run `ipa-advise` script on the group.

Prerequisites

- The server runs IdM 4.7.1 or later.

Procedure

1. Connect to the IdM server.

2. Run the `ipa-advise` script:

   ```bash
   $ ipa-advise enable-admins-sudo | sh -ex
   ```

   If the console did not display an error, the `admins` group have admin permissions on all machines in the IdM domain.