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Abstract

Red Hat Image Builder bundled with Insights enables you to create customized images and upload the image to the target cloud environments, such as Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Platform. Learn how to create images and upload them to the target cloud platforms.
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER ON CONSOLE.REDHAT.COM

1.1. RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER ON CONSOLE.REDHAT.COM

Red Hat Image Builder is a tool bundled with Red Hat Insights, within console.redhat.com. The console experience is also known as the Red Hat Hybrid Cloud Console.

With Red Hat Image Builder, RHEL customers can:

- Create customized system images, that can have a subscription activation key already embedded
- Add additional packages to the image during image creation
- Upload the customized images to the targeted clouds such as Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform
- Download your customized images and upload it to the private VMware vSphere client
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CHAPTER 2. ACCESSING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER ON CONSOLE.REDHAT.COM

2.1. GETTING ACCESS TO RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER ON CONSOLE.REDHAT.COM

Follow the steps to access Red Hat Image Builder on console.redhat.com.

Prerequisites

- An account at Red Hat Customer Portal.
- A Red Hat Insights subscription for your account. Red Hat Insights is included with your Red Hat Enterprise Linux subscription.

Procedure

2. Login with your Red Hat credentials.

You are now able to create and monitor your composes.

Additional resources

- Create a Red Hat account.
- Product Documentation for Red Hat Insights.
- Registration Assistant.
CHAPTER 3. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED SYSTEM IMAGE WITH AN EMBED SUBSCRIPTION USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can create customized system images using Red Hat Image Builder that have a subscription activation key already embedded and upload those images to the cloud target environment.

3.1. EMBEDDING AN AUTOMATIC SUBSCRIPTION DURING THE IMAGE CREATION BY USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can create images that have a subscription activation key already embedded and with that, selecting to perform the registration during image creation time.

Prerequisites

- An account at Red Hat Customer Portal with an Insights subscription.
- An Activation key. For more information on how to locate your key, see Understanding activation keys.

Procedure


2. Click Create image. The Create image dialog wizard opens.

3. In the Details window, enter a name for your image and click Next. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. In the Image Output window, select the following:
   a. From the dropdown menu, select the Release.
   b. From the Cloud options, select the desired target(s) cloud environment.
      Click Next.

5. In the Target Environment window, enter the account information related to the chosen cloud or clouds.

6. In the Registration window, select the option Embed an activation key and register systems on first boot.
   a. Your Organization ID is filled in automatically.
   b. Enter your Activation key and click Next.

7. Optional: In the Additional packages window, select the packages to add to your image. Click Next.

8. In the Review window, review the information and click Create.
   Red Hat Image Builder builds a RHEL image with the options you have chosen. You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder Images dashboard, where you can see details such as the Image UUID, the target cloud, the release, and the status of the image creation.
Additional resources

- Using Red Hat Subscription Management
CHAPTER 4. ADDING PACKAGES DURING IMAGE CREATION
BY USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can customize your images during the creation process by adding additional packages from the BaseOS and AppStream RHEL repositories, through the UI. With that, you do not need to install the desired packages on first boot, which can be error-prone.

4.1. ADDING ADDITIONAL PACKAGES DURING THE IMAGE CREATION

When creating a customized image using Image Builder, you can add additional packages from the BaseOS and AppStream repositories. Follow the steps in this procedure to add additional packages while creating your customized RHEL system image, using Red Hat Image Builder.

Prerequisites

- You have an account on Red Hat Customer Portal with an Insights subscription.
- Access to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.
- You have already completed the following steps:
  - Image output
  - Target cloud environment
  - Optionally, Registration

Procedure

1. In the Additional Package window:
   a. Type the name of the package you want to add to your image in the **Available options** search bar.
      Optionally, you can enter the first two letters of the package name to see the available package options. The packages are listed on the **Available options** dual list box.
   b. Click the package or packages you want to add.
      i. Click the **>>** button to add all packages shown in the package search results to the **Chosen options** dual list box.
         Optionally, you can click the **>** button to add all selected packages.
   c. After you have finished adding the additional packages, click **Next**.

2. In the Review window, review the image creation details. You can verify the list of packages you have added.

3. After you finish the review, click **Create image** to start the image creation process.

4. Red Hat Image Builder starts the compose of a RHEL image for the **x86_64** architecture and uploads it to the target cloud environment of your choice.
   The Red Hat Image Builder Images dashboard opens. You can see details such as the Image UUID, the cloud target environment, the image OS release and the status of the image creation. After the status is **Ready**, it shares the customized RHEL system image with the specified account.
Possible statuses:

- Pending: the image upload and cloud registration is being processed.
- In Progress: the image upload and cloud registration is ongoing.
- Ready: the image upload and cloud registration is completed
- Failed: the image upload and cloud registration failed.

**NOTE**

The image build, upload and cloud registration processes can take up to ten minutes to complete.
CHAPTER 5. CUSTOMIZING FILE SYSTEMS DURING THE IMAGE CREATION

By using Red Hat Image Builder you can customize your filesystem layouts to set up the desired partitions and sizes during the image creation process.

5.1. MANUALLY CONFIGURING PARTITIONS DURING IMAGE CREATION

When creating a customized image using Image Builder, you can customize the system configuration to use manual or automatic partitioning. Red Hat recommends using automatic partitioning, which is the default. Note that partitions can still be extended or reordered when using manual partitioning. To manually configure the partitioning of the image you are creating, complete the following steps:

Prerequisites

- You have an account on Red Hat Customer Portal with an Insights subscription.
- You have access to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.
- You have already completed the following steps:
  - Image output
  - Target cloud environment
  - Optionally, Registration

Procedure

1. On the System Configuration - File system configuration page:
   You can select Use automatic partitioning or Manually configure partitions for your image file system.

   a. Click the Manually configure partitions button. The Configure partitions section opens, showing the configuration based on Red Hat standards and security guides.

2. From the dropdown menu, provide details to configure the partitions:

   a. For the Mount point field, select one of the following options:
      - /home
      - /opt
      - /srv
      - /usr/local
      - /var
      - /app
      - /data
You can also add an additional path to the Mount point, such as /tmp. For example: /var as a prefix and /tmp as an additional path results in /var/tmp.

NOTE

Depending on the Mount point type you choose, the file system type changes to xfs, and so on.

b. For the Minimum size field of the file system, enter the desired minimum size. In the Minimum size dropdown menu, you can use common size units such as GiB, MiB or KiB. The default unit is GiB.

3. To add more partitions, click the Add partition button. Repeat step 2 for each partition. If you see the following error message: "Duplicate partitions: Only one partition at each mount point can be created.", you can:

   • Click the remove button to remove the duplicated partition.

   • Choose a new mount point for the partition you want to create. After you finish the partitioning configuration, click Next.

4. Optional: On the Packages page, add packages to your image. Click Next.

5. On the Review page, review the information.

6. Click View Partitions in the System Configuration section.

7. To create your customized image, click the Create image button.

Additional resources

- Partition Naming Schemes and Mount Points
- Recommended partitioning scheme
- Customizing a mount point file system
CHAPTER 6. CREATING AND UPLOADING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE TO AMAZON WEB SERVICE USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

The ability to create customized RHEL system images by using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to the Amazon Web Services (AWS) target environment is available.

6.1. CREATING AND UPLOADING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE TO AWS USING IMAGE BUILDER

Follow the steps to create customized system images using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Prerequisites

- You have an AWS account created.
- You have a Red Hat account. Access Portal.

Procedure

1. Access Red Hat Image Builder on the browser of your choice. You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.

2. Click Create image. The Create image dialog wizard opens.

3. In the Details window, enter a name for your image and click Next. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. In the Image output window:
   a. From the dropdown menu, select the Release: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).
   b. Select Amazon Web Services as the target environment. Click Next.

5. In the Target Environment- Upload to AWS window, enter your AWS account ID. Click Next.

Your image will be uploaded to Amazon Web Services and shared with the account ID you entered. You can find your AWS account ID by accessing the option My account on the AWS console. Click Next.

1. In the Registration window, you have the option to:
   - Embed an activation key and register systems on first boot. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.
   - Select the option Register the system later to register the system after the image creation. Click Next.
2. Optional: In the **Additional package** window, add packages to your image. See [Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder](#).

3. In the **Review** window, review the details about the image creation and click **Create**. Red Hat Image Builder starts the compose of a RHEL Amazon Machine Image (AMI) for the x86_64 architecture and uploads it to AWS EC2. Then, it will share the AMI with the account you specified.

   The Red Hat Image Builder Images dashboard opens. You can see details such as the **Image UUID**, the **cloud target environment**, the **image OS release** and the **status** of the image creation. After the status is Ready, the AMI is shared with the specified account.

   Possible statuses:
   
   - Pending: the image upload and cloud registration is being processed.
   - In Progress: the image upload and cloud registration is ongoing.
   - Ready: the image upload and cloud registration is completed
   - Failed: the image upload and cloud registration failed.

   **NOTE**
   
   The image build, upload and cloud registration processes can take up to ten minutes to complete.

   **Verification**

   - Check if the image status is **Ready**. It means that the image upload and cloud registration is completed successfully.

6.2. **ACCESSING YOUR CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FOR AWS FROM YOUR ACCOUNT**

After the image is built, uploaded, and the cloud registration process status is marked as **Ready**, you can access the Amazon Web Services (AWS) image you created and shared with your **AWS EC2** account.

**Prerequisites**

- You have access to your **AWS Management Console**.

**Procedure**

1. Access your **AWS account** and navigate to Service→EC2.

2. In the upper right menu, verify if you are under the correct region: **us-east-1**.

3. In the left side menu, under **Images**, click **AMIs**.

   The dashboard with the **Owned by me** images opens.

4. From the dropdown menu, choose **Private images**.

   You can see the image successfully shared with the **AWS** account you specified.
6.3. LAUNCHING YOUR CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FOR AWS FROM YOUR AWS EC2

You can launch the image you successfully shared with the AWS EC2 account you have specified. To do so, follow the steps:

**Prerequisites**

- You have access to your customized image on AWS. See Accessing your customized RHEL system image for AWS from your account.

**Procedure**

1. From the list of images, select the image you want to launch.

2. On the top of the panel, **click Launch**. You are redirected to the Choose an Instance Type window.

3. Choose the instance type according to the resources you need to launch your image. **Click Review and Launch**.

4. Review your instance launch details. You can edit each section, such as Security, Storage, for example, if you need to make any changes. After you finish the review, click **Launch**.

5. To launch the instance, you must select a public key to access it. Create a new key pair in EC2 and attach it to the new instance.
   - From the drop-down menu list, select Create a new key pair.
   - Enter the name to the new key pair. It generates a new key pair.
   - Click **Download Key Pair** to save the new key pair on your local system.

6. Then, you can click **Launch Instance** to launch your instance. You can check the status of the instance, it shows as Initializing.

7. After the instance status is running, the **Connect** button turns available.

8. Click **Connect**. A popup window appears with instructions on how to connect using SSH.
   - Select the preferred connection method to **A standalone SSH client** and open a terminal.
   - In the location you store your private key, make sure that your key is publicly viewable for SSH to work. To do so, run the command:
     ```
     $ chmod 400 <your-instance-name.pem>
     ```
   - Connect to your instance using its Public DNS:
     ```
     $ ssh -i "<_your-instance-name.pem_"> ec2-user@<_your-instance-IP-address_>
     ```
   - Type **yes** to confirm that you want to continue connecting.

As a result, you are connected to your instance using SSH.
Verification

- From a terminal, check if you are able to perform any action while connected to your instance using SSH.

6.4. COPYING YOUR CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FOR AWS TO A DIFFERENT REGION ON YOUR AWS EC2

You can copy the image you successfully shared with the Amazon Web Services EC2 to your own account. Doing so, you grant that the image you shared and copied is available until you delete it, instead of expiring after some time. To copy your image to your own account, follow the steps:

Prerequisites

- You have access to your customized image on AWS. See Accessing your customized RHEL system image for AWS from your account

Procedure

1. From the list of Public images, select the image you want to copy.
2. On the top of the panel, click Actions.
3. From the dropdown menu, choose Copy AMI. A popup window appears.
4. Choose the Destination region and click Copy AMI

After the copying process is complete, you are provided with the new AMI ID. You can launch a new instance in the new region. See Launching your customized RHEL system image for AWS from your AWS EC2

NOTE

When you copy an image to a different region, it results in a separate and new AMI in the destination region, with a unique AMI ID.
CHAPTER 7. CREATING RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE AND UPLOADING TO MICROSOFT AZURE USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can create customized RHEL system images using Red Hat Image Builder, and upload those images to the Microsoft Azure cloud target environment. Then, you can create a Virtual Machine (VM) from the image you shared with the Microsoft Azure Cloud account.

7.1. AUTHORIZING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER TO PUSH IMAGES TO MICROSOFT AZURE CLOUD

Authorize Red Hat Image Builder to push images to the Microsoft Azure cloud. You must:

- Configure Red Hat Image Builder as an authorized application for your tenant GUID.
- Give it the role of Contributor to at least one resource group.
  For that, follow the steps:

Prerequisites

- You have a Subscription account created in Microsoft Azure.
- You have an existing Resource Group in Azure portal.
- You have the User Access Administrator role rights.
- Your Microsoft Azure subscription has Microsoft.Storage and Microsoft.Compute as a resource provider.

Procedure

1. Access Red Hat Image Builder on a browser. This redirects you to the Red hat Image Builder dashboard.

2. Click Create image.
   The Create image dialog wizard opens.

3. In the Details window, enter a name for your image and click Next. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. In the Image output window:
   a. From the dropdown menu, select the Release: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.
   b. Select Microsoft Azure as the Target environment.
   c. Click Next.

5. In the Target Environment - Microsoft Azure window:
   a. Insert your Tenant GUID.
      If your Tenant GUID is correctly formatted, the Authorize Image Builder button becomes available.
b. Click **Authorize Image Builder** to authorize Red Hat Image Builder to push images to the Microsoft Azure cloud. This redirects you to the Microsoft Azure portal.

   i. Login with your credentials.
   
   ii. Click **Accept the Permission requested**.

   c. Confirm that Red Hat Image Builder is authorized for your tenant.

   i. Search for **Azure Active Directory** and choose **Enterprise applications**, from the left menu.
   
   ii. Search for Red Hat Image Builder and confirm it is authorized.

   d. Add the **Enterprise application** as a contributor to your **Resource Group**.

   i. Type **Resource Groups** in the search bar and select the first entry under **Services**. This redirects you to the **Resource Groups** dashboard.
   
   ii. Select your **Resource Group**.
   
   iii. On the left menu, click **Access control (IAM)** to add a permission so the **Red Hat Image Builder** application can access your resource group.
   
   iv. From the menu, click the tab **Role assignments**.
   
   v. Click **+Add**.
   
   vi. From the dropdown menu, choose **Add role assignment** A menu appears on the left side.
   
   vii. Insert the following details:

    A. Role: Assign the **Contributor** role
    
    B. Assign access to: User, group, service principal. Add members: Click **+Select members** and type **Red Hat** in the search bar. Press enter.
    
    C. Select: **Red Hat Image Builder** application

With the previous configuration, you assign the **Contributor** role to the Red Hat Image Builder application for your Resource Group and thus authorize the Red Hat Image Builder application to push images to Microsoft Azure cloud.

**NOTE**

Even though any user can add an application to the resource group, the application is not able to locate any resource unless the account administrator adds the shared application to the IAM.

**Verification**

- From the menu, click the tab **Role assignments**.
  
  You can see Red Hat Image Builder set as a **Contributor** of the **Resource Group** you selected.

**Additional resources**
7.2. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FOR MICROSOFT AZURE USING IMAGE BUILDER

Follow the steps in this procedure to create customized system images using Image Builder and upload those images to Microsoft Azure.

**Prerequisites**

- You have created an Azure Storage Account.
- You have a Storage account created.

**Procedure**

1. **Access Red Hat Image Builder** on the browser of your choice. You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.

2. **Click Create image.**
   The Create image dialog wizard opens.

3. In the **Details** window, enter a name for your image and click **Next**. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. In the **Image output** window:
   a. From the dropdown menu, select the Release: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).
   b. Select **Microsoft Azure** as the Target environment. Click **Next**.

5. In the **Target Environment - Upload to Microsoft Azure** window:
   a. Click **Authorize Image Builder on Azure** to authorize Red Hat Image Builder to push images to the Microsoft Azure cloud. See Authorizing Red Hat Image Builder to push images to Microsoft Azure Cloud for details.

   **NOTE**
   Ensure you completed the steps from the previous section, otherwise Red Hat Image Builder will not be able to upload an image into your Microsoft Azure account.

6. Under **Destination**, enter the following details:
   a. **Tenant ID**: you can find your Tenant ID in the Azure Active Directory application in Microsoft Azure Portal.
   b. **Subscription ID**: you can find your Subscription ID account by accessing the Microsoft Azure console.
   c. **Resource Group**: is the name of your Resource Group in Microsoft Azure Portal. Click **Next**.
7. In the Registration window, you have the option to:
   
   - Embed an activation key and register systems on first boot. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.
   
   - Select the option Register the system later to register the system after the image creation. Click Next.

8. Optional: In the Additional package window, add packages to your image. See Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder.

9. In the Review window, review the details about the image creation and click Create.
   
   Red Hat Image Builder starts the compose of a RHEL Azure Disk Image image for the x86_64 architecture, uploads it to the resource group account you specified, and creates an Azure Image.

   The Red Hat Image Builder Images dashboard opens. You can see details such as the Image UUID, the cloud target environment, the image OS release and the status of the image creation. After the status is Ready, the Azure Disk Image is shared with the specified account.

   Possible statuses:
   
   - Pending: the image upload and cloud registration is being processed.
   - In Progress: the image upload and cloud registration is ongoing.
   - Ready: the image upload and cloud registration is completed
   - Failed: the image upload and cloud registration failed.

   **NOTE**
   
   The image build, upload and cloud registration processes can take up to ten minutes to complete.

**Verification**

   - Check if the image status is Ready. It means that the image upload and cloud registration is completed successfully.

**Additional resources**

   - How to find your Azure Active Directory tenant ID.

## 7.3. ACCESSING YOUR CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FROM YOUR MICROSOFT AZURE ACCOUNT

After the image is built, uploaded and the cloud registration process status is marked as Ready, you can access the Azure Disk Image from your Microsoft Azure account.

**Prerequisites**

   - You have access to your Microsoft Azure dashboard.
Procedure

1. Access your Microsoft Azure dashboard and navigate to the Resource group page.

2. On the overview menu, you can see the image you uploaded is available.

Verification

1. After you access your Microsoft Azure Account, you should be able to see the image successfully shared with the resource group account you specified.
   
   a. If the image is not visible there, you may have issues with the upload process. Return to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard and check if the image is marked as Ready.

7.4. CREATING A VIRTUAL MACHINE FROM THE CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE YOU SHARED WITH THE MICROSOFT AZURE ACCOUNT

This section describes steps to create a Virtual Machine (VM) from the image you shared with the Microsoft Azure Cloud account by using Red Hat Image Builder.

Prerequisites

- You must have a Microsoft AzureStorage Account created.
- You must have uploaded the required image to the Microsoft Azure Cloud account.

Procedure

1. Click + Create VM. You are redirected to the Create a virtual machine dashboard.

2. In the Basic tab under Project Details, your Subscription and the Resource Group are pre-set. Optional: If you want to create a new resource Group:
   
   a. Click Create new. A pop-up prompts you to create the Resource Group Name container.

   b. Insert a name and click OK. If you want to keep the Resource Group that is already pre-set.

3. Under Instance Details, insert:
   
   a. Virtual machine name
   
   b. Region

   c. Image:

   d. Size: Choose a VM size that better suits your needs. Keep the remaining fields as in the default choice.

4. Under Administrator account, enter the following details:
   
   a. Username: the name of the account administrator.

   b. SSH public key source from the drop-down menu, select Generate new key pair.
c. **Key pair name**: insert a name for the key pair.

5. Under **Inbound port rules**
   a. **Public inbound ports**: select **Allow selected ports**.
   b. **Select inbound ports**: Use the default set **SSH (22)**.

6. Click **Review + Create**. You are redirected to the **Review + create** tab. You will receive a confirmation that the validation passed.

7. Review the details and click **Create**. Optionally, you can click **Previous** if you want to change the previous options.

8. A **Generates New Key Pair** pop-up opens. Click **Download private key and create resources**. Save the key file in the **yourKey.pem** file format.

9. After the deployment is complete, click **Go to resource**. You are redirected to a new window with your VM details.

10. Select the public IP address on the top right side of the page and copy it to your clipboard.

**Verification**

To connect to the Virtual Machine you created, create an SSH connection. Now, to create an SSH connection with the VM to connect to the Virtual Machine.

1. Open a terminal.

2. At your prompt, open an SSH connection to your virtual machine. Replace the IP address with the one from your VM, and replace the path to the **.pem** file with the path to where the key file was downloaded.

   ```
   # ssh -i <yourKey.pem file location> <username>@<IP_address>
   ```

   - Add the user name and replace the IP address with the one from your VM.
   - Replace the path to the **.pem** file with the path to where the key file was downloaded. For example:

     ```
     # ssh -i ./Downloads/yourKey.pem azureuser@10.111.12.123
     ```

3. You are required to confirm if you want to continue to connect. Type **yes** to continue. As a result, the output image you shared with the Azure Storage account is started and ready to be provisioned.

**NOTE**

The default user is **azureuser** and the password is **azureuser**.
CHAPTER 8. CREATING AND UPLOADING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE TO GCP USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

The ability to create customized RHEL system images by using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to the Google Cloud Platform target environment is available.

8.1. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL SYSTEM IMAGE FOR GOOGLE CLOUD PLATFORM USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can create customized system images by using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to Google Cloud Platform so that you can start an instance from the image you uploaded.

Prerequisites

- You have a valid Google account to share the image with.
- You have a Red Hat account. Access Portal.
- You have access to the Red Hat Image Builder.

Procedure

1. Access Red Hat Image Builder on the browser of your preference.

2. Click the Create image button.

3. In the Image output window:
   a. From the dropdown menu, select the Release: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).
   b. Select Google Cloud Platform as the Target environment. Click Next.

4. In the Target environment- Google Cloud Platform window, select a valid account type to share your image with, and Google account, Service account or domain name.
   - Google account: A Google account which interacts with Google Cloud, for example: alice@gmail.com.
   - Service account: An application account, for example: myapp@appspot.gserviceaccount.com.
   - Google group: A named collection of Google accounts and service accounts, for example: admins@example.com.
   - Google workspace domain/Cloud identity domain: A virtual group of all the Google accounts in a named organization. For example, the domain name mycompany.com.

5. Enter the account email address or domain name, depending on the type of target environment you chose.
   Click Next.

6. In the Registration window, you have the option to:
Embed an activation key and register systems on first boot. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.

Select the option Register the system later to register the system after the image creation.

Click Next.

7. Optional: In the Additional package window, add packages to your image. See Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder.

8. In the Review window, review the details about the image creation and click Create. Red Hat Image Builder starts to compose the RHEL image for the x86_64 architecture and upload it to Google Cloud Platform. Then, it will share the image with the account you specified.

You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder Images dashboard, where you can see details such as, the Image UUID, the cloud target environment, the image OS release and the status of the image creation. After the status is Ready, Red Hat Image Builder shares the image with the account you specified.

Possible statuses:

- Pending: the image upload and cloud registration is being processed.
- In Progress: the image upload and cloud registration is ongoing.
- Ready: the image upload and cloud registration is completed
- Failed: the image upload and cloud registration failed.

**NOTE**

The image build, upload and cloud registration processes can take up to ten minutes to complete.

Verification

- Check the status in the Images Dashboard. Click the image name to expand and show details.
  - The Ready status indicates that the image has been successfully created and shared with the Google account.
  - You can check which account the image is shared with.

**8.2. CREATING A VM INSTANCE USING YOUR GCE IMAGE**

After the image is built, uploaded and the cloud registration process status is marked as Ready, you can create a Virtual Machine (VM) instance using the GCE image.

**Prerequisites**

- You have the universally unique identifier (UUID) of the image you created.
- You have access to the Image-builder service API endpoint.
You have access to your project details at Google Cloud Platform.

You can access Google Cloud Shell from your browser.

Procedure

1. From the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard, copy the image **UUID** of the image you created.

2. Access /composes/{composeId} API endpoint.

3. Click the **Try it Out** button to activate the **composeId** string path.

4. Enter the **UUID** into the composes/{composeId} field in the API endpoint.

5. Click **Execute**. The API endpoint generates a response in the **Response body**, for example:

   ```json
   {
     "image_status": {
       "status": "success",
       "upload_status": {
         "options": {
           "image_name": "composer-api-03f0e19c-0050-4c8a-a69e-88790219b086",
           "project_id": "red-hat-image-builder"
         },
         "status": "success",
         "type": "gcp"
       }
     }
   }
   ``

6. From the **Response body** field, copy the **image_name** and **project_id** to access the image from the Google Cloud Platform environment.

7. From your browser, access Google Cloud Shell.

8. Set your Google Cloud Platform **Project ID** as the default GCP project. You can find the Product ID of your project by accessing the Google Cloud Platform dashboard.

   ```
   $ gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
   ```

9. In the **Authorize Cloud Shell** window prompt, click **Authorize** to allow this and future calls that require your credentials.

10. Create a VM instance with the image by using the gcloud command in the Google Cloud Shell:

    ```
    $ gcloud compute instances create INSTANCE_NAME
        --image-project PROJECT_ID_FROM_RESPONSE
        --image IMAGE_NAME
        --zone GCP_ZONE
    ```

    Where:
    - **INSTANCE_NAME** is the name you give to your instance;
    - **PROJECT_ID_FROM_RESPONSE** is the **project_id** generated by **Response body**;
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- **IMAGE_NAME** is the *image_name* generated by **Response body**;
- **GCP_ZONE** is the GCP zone in which the instance will be created.

**Verification**

1. Verify that Compute Engine created the VM:

   ```
   $ gcloud compute instances describe INSTANCE_NAME
   ```

2. Connect to the VM instance via SSH:

   ```
   $ gcloud compute ssh --project=PROJECT_ID --zone=ZONE INSTANCE_NAME
   ```

**Additional resources**

- Google Cloud Shell documentation.
- Default region and zone.

### 8.3. COPYING THE GCE IMAGE TO YOUR PROJECT GROUP

After the image is built, uploaded and the cloud registration process status is marked as Ready, you can create a Virtual Machine (VM) instance using the GCE image.

**Prerequisites**

- The universally unique identifier (UUID) of the image you created.
- Access to the Image-builder service API endpoint.
- Access to the Google Cloud Shell from your browser.

**Procedure**

1. From the Image Builder dashboard, copy the **UUID** image of the image you created.

2. Access `/composes/{composeId}` API endpoint.

3. Click the **Try it Out** button to activate the **composeId** string path.

4. Enter the **UUID** into the `composes/{composeId}` field in the API endpoint.

5. Click **Execute**. The API endpoint generates a response in the **Response body**, for example:

   ```
   {
   "image_status": {
   "status": "success",
   "upload_status": {
   "options": {
   "image_name": "composer-api-03f0e19c-0050-4c8a-a69e-88790219b086",
   "project_id": "red-hat-image-builder"
   },
   "status": "success",
   ```
6. From the **Response body** field, copy the **image_name** and **project_id** to access the image from the Google Cloud Platform environment.

7. From your browser, access Google Cloud Shell.

8. Set your Google Cloud Platform **Project ID** as the default GCP project. You can find the Product ID of your project by accessing the Google Cloud Platform dashboard.

   ```
   $ gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
   ```

9. In the **Authorize Cloud Shell** window prompt, click **Authorize** to allow this and future calls that require your credentials.

10. Copy the image to your project by using the gcloud command:

   ```
   $ gcloud compute images create MY_IMAGE_NAME \
       --source-image-project PROJECT_ID_FROM_RESPONSE \
       --source-image IMAGE_NAME
   ```

   Where:
   - **MY_IMAGE_NAME** is the name you give to your instance;
   - **PROJECT_ID_FROM_RESPONSE** is the `project_id` generated by **Response body**;
   - **IMAGE_NAME** is the `image_name` generated by **Response body**;

**Verification**

Confirm that the image has been successfully copied to your project:

- Using the Google Cloud Platform UI, by accessing the **Compute Engine / Images** section.
- Using the **gcloud** tool, by running the command in **Google Cloud Shell**:

  ```
  $ gcloud compute images list --no-standard-images
  ```

**Additional resources**

- Google Cloud Shell documentation.
CHAPTER 9. CREATING AND UPLOADING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL VMDK SYSTEM IMAGE TO VSPHERE

You can create customized RHEL system images by using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to the VMware vSphere client.

9.1. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL VMDK SYSTEM IMAGE USING IMAGE BUILDER

Follow the steps to create customized system images using Red Hat Image Builder and upload those images to VMware vSphere client.

Procedure

1. Access Red Hat Image Builder on the browser.
   The Red Hat Image Builder dashboard appears.

2. Click Create image.
   The Create image dialog wizard opens.

3. In the Details window, enter a name for your image and click Next. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. on the Image output page, complete the following steps:
   a. From the Release list, select the Release that you want to use: for example, choose Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).
   b. From the Select target environments option, select VMWare.
      Click Next.

5. On the Registration page, select the type of registration that you want to use. You can select from these options:
   - Register images with Red Hat - Register and connect image instances, subscriptions and insights with Red Hat. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Chapter 3, Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.
   - Register image instances only - Register and connect only image instances and subscriptions with Red Hat.
   - Register later - Register the system after the image creation.
      Click Next.

6. Optional: On the Packages page, add packages to your image. See Chapter 4, Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder.

7. On the Review page, review the details about the image creation and click Create image.
   After you complete the steps in the Create image wizard, the Image Builder dashboard is displayed.

8. When the new image displays a Ready status in the Status column, click Download .vmdk in the Instance column.
   The .vmdk image is saved to your system and is ready for deployment.
9.2. UPLOADING AND DEPLOYING A VMDK IMAGE TO VMWARE VSPHERE

Upload a .vmdk image to VMware vSphere via HTTP.

Prerequisites

- You created an .vmdk image by using Image Builder.
- You have access to VMware vSphere.

Procedure

1. In the vCenter, click Upload Files.
   After you upload the image to vCenter, you can deploy it into a virtual machine (VM).

2. Use your preferred method for VM creation in VMWare to create a virtual machine.

3. In the New Virtual Machine wizard, complete the steps to create a new VM. The following is required for your .vmdk image to function correctly:
   - For the Customize hardware step: When you create a VM, on the Device Configuration button on the upper right, delete the default New Hard Disk and use the drop-down to select an Existing Hard Disk disk image.

   **NOTE**
   You must use an IDE device as the Virtual Device Node for the disk you create. The default SCSI value results in an unbootable virtual machine.

   - For the Ready to complete step: Review the details and click Finish to create the image.
   The new VM is created and available in vSphere Client.

Verification

1. Navigate to the VMs tab.

2. From the list, select the VM that you created.

3. Click the Play button from the panel. A new window appears, showing the VM image loading.

4. Use SSH to log in to the new VM.
CHAPTER 10. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL GUEST IMAGE USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

You can create customized RHEL guest system images using Red Hat Image Builder. You can then download these images to create virtual machines from these guest images as per your requirements.

10.1. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL GUEST SYSTEM IMAGE USING IMAGE BUILDER

Follow the steps to create customized RHEL guest .qcow2 images using Red Hat Image Builder.

Procedure

1. Access Red Hat Image Builder on the browser.
   You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.

2. Click Create image.
   The Create image wizard opens.

3. In the Details window, enter a name for your image and click Next. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. On the Image output page, complete the following steps:
   a. From the Releases list, select the release of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) that you want to use to create the image.
   b. From the Select target environments options, select Virtualization - Guest image
      Click Next.

5. On the Registration page, select the type of registration that you want to use. You can select from these options:
   a. Register images with Red Hat - Register and connect image instances, subscriptions and insights with Red Hat. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Chapter 3, Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.
   b. Register image instances only - Register and connect only image instances and subscriptions with Red Hat.
   c. Register later - Register the system after the image creation.
      Click Next.

6. Optional: In the Additional package window, add packages to your image. See Chapter 4, Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder.

7. In the Review window, review the details about the image creation and click Create. Your image is created as a .qcow2 image.
   After the image status is Ready, under the Instance column:

8. Click Download .qcow2 image.
   The .qcow2 image is saved to your system and is ready for deployment.
10.2. CREATING A VIRTUAL MACHINE FROM THE CUSTOMIZED RHEL GUEST SYSTEM IMAGE

This section describes steps to create a Virtual Machine (VM) from the qcow2 image that you created using Red Hat Image Builder.

Prerequisites

- You created and downloaded a .qcow2 image using Image Builder.

Procedure

1. Access the directory where you downloaded your .qcow2 image.

2. Create a file named meta-data. Add the following information to this file:
   
   ```
   instance-id: instance01
   local-hostname: instance
   ```

3. Create a file named user-data. Add the following information to the file:
   
   ```
   #cloud-config
   password: password
   chpasswd: {expire: False}
   ssh_pwauth: True
   ssh Authorized keys:
   - ssh-rsa AAA...fhHQ== your.email@example.com
   ```

   - `ssh Authorized_keys` is your SSH public key. You can find your SSH public key in `~/ssh/id_rsa.pub`.

4. Use the `genisoimage` command to create an ISO image that includes the user-data and meta-data files.
   
   ```
   # genisoimage -output iso.iso -volid data -joliet -rock user-data meta-data
   ```

   I: -input-charset not specified, using utf-8 (detected in locale settings)
   Total translation table size: 0
   Total rockridge attributes bytes: 331
   Total directory bytes: 0
   Path table size(bytes): 10
   Max brk space used 0
   183 extents written (0 MB)

5. Create a new VM from the KVM Guest Image using the `virt-install` command. Include the ISO image you created on step 4 as an attachment to the VM image.
   
   ```
   # virt-install \
   --memory 4096  \
   --vcpus 4 \ 
   --name myvm \ 
   --disk /var/lib/libvirt/images/rhel-8.5-x86_64-kvm.qcow2,device=disk,bus=virtio,format=qcow2 \ 
   --disk /home/sample/cloudinitiso/iso.iso,device=cdrom \
   ```
Where,

- `--graphics none` - indicates that it is a headless RHEL Virtual Machine.
- `--vcpus 4` - indicates that it uses 4 virtual CPUs.
- `--memory 4096` - indicates that it uses 4096 MB RAM.

6. The VM installation starts:

Starting install...
Connected to domain myvm

[ OK ] Started Execute cloud user/final scripts.

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Additional resources

- Creating virtual machines using the command-line interface
You can create customized RHEL ISO system images using the Red Hat Image Builder. You can then download these images and install them on a bare metal system as per your requirements.

11.1. CREATING A CUSTOMIZED RHEL ISO SYSTEM IMAGE USING IMAGE BUILDER

Follow the steps to create customized RHEL .iso images using the Red Hat Image Builder.

**Procedure**

   The Red Hat Image Builder dashboard opens.

2. Click **Create image**.
   The **Create image** dialog wizard opens.

3. In the **Details** window, enter a name for your image and click **Next**. If you do not enter a name, you can find the image you created by its UUID.

4. On the **Image output** page, complete the following steps:
   a. From the **Release** list, select the Release that you want to use: for example, choose Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).
   b. From the **Select target environments** option, select Bare metal - Installer.
      Click **Next**.

5. On the **Registration** page, select the type of registration that you want to use. You can select from these options:
   - **Register images with Red Hat** - Register and connect image instances, subscriptions and insights with Red Hat. For details on how to embed an activation key and register systems on first boot, see Chapter 3, Creating a customized system image with an embed subscription using Red Hat Image Builder.
   - **Register image instances only** - Register and connect only image instances and subscriptions with Red Hat.
   - **Register later** - Register the system after the image creation.
      Click **Next**.

6. Optional: On the **Packages** page, add packages to your image. See Chapter 4, Adding packages during image creation by Using Red Hat Image Builder.

7. On the **Review** page, review the details about the image creation and click **Create image**. Your image is created as a .iso image.

8. When the new image displays a **Ready** status in the **Status** column, click **Download .iso image**.
   The .iso image is saved to your system and is ready for deployment.
11.2. INSTALLING THE CUSTOMIZED RHEL ISO SYSTEM IMAGE TO A BARE METAL SYSTEM

This section describes steps to create a virtual machine (VM) from the .iso image that you created using the Red Hat Image Builder.

**Prerequisites**

- You created and downloaded a .iso image using the Image Builder.
- A 8 GB USB flash drive.

**Procedure**

1. Access the directory where you downloaded your .iso image.

2. Place the bootable ISO image file on a USB flash drive.

3. Connect the USB flash drive to the port of the computer you want to boot.

4. Boot the ISO image from the USB flash drive.

5. Perform the steps to install the customized bootable ISO image. The boot screen shows you the following options:
   - Install Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8
   - Test this media & install Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8

**Additional resources**

- [Booting the installation](#)
CHAPTER 12. LOCATING THE IMAGES YOU CREATED USING RED HAT IMAGE BUILDER

By accessing the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard, you are able to locate the images built for you.

12.1. LOCATING YOUR CUSTOMIZED IMAGES IN THE IMAGE BUILDER DASHBOARD

After your customized images are uploaded to the cloud or clouds, you can still locate these images and, if they are still valid, you have the option to copy them and also launch them directly from the dashboard.

To locate your images in Image Builder, complete the following steps:

Prerequisites

- You have an account on Red Hat Customer Portal with an Insights subscription.
- You have access to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.
- You created images using Image Builder.

Procedure

1. Access the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard.
   You are redirected to the Red Hat Image Builder dashboard and can see all the images that were built for you.

2. Locate your image by name.
   a. Type your image name in the search bar on the top left menu.
   b. If your image exists, image details appear, showing: the Image name, Creation date, Release version, cloud Target, and image Status. You can also see information about any customizations applied to the image, such as packages and file system configuration.

3. Under Uploads, you can find the uploaded images.
   - For Amazon Web Services:
     After the image status is marked as Ready, click the Launch instance link. You are redirected to the image on AWS from where you can launch the instance. See Launching your customized RHEL system image for AWS from your AWS EC2.
   - For Google Cloud Platform:
     After the image status is marked as Ready, click the copy symbol. You can create a Virtual Machine (VM) instance using the GCE image. See Creating a VM instance using your GCE image.
   - For Microsoft Azure:
     After the image status is marked as Ready, click the View uploaded image link. You are redirected to the image on Microsoft Azure from where you can view the uploaded image from your Microsoft Azure account. See Creating a Virtual Machine from the
customized RHEL system image you shared with the Microsoft Azure account.