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Abstract

This guide describes how to configure and work with hosts in a Red Hat Satellite environment. Before continuing with this workflow you must have successfully installed a Red Hat Satellite 6 Server and any required Capsule Servers.
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A host is any Red Hat Enterprise Linux client that Red Hat Satellite manages. Hosts can be physical or virtual. Virtual hosts can be deployed on any platform supported by Red Hat Satellite, such as KVM, VMware vSphere, OpenStack, Amazon EC2, Rackspace Cloud Services, Google Compute Engine, or in a Docker container.

Red Hat Satellite enables host management at scale, including monitoring, provisioning, remote execution, configuration management, software management, and subscription management. You can manage your hosts from the Satellite web UI or from the command line.

In the Satellite web UI, you can browse all hosts recognized by Satellite Server, grouped by type:

- **All Hosts** - a list of all hosts recognized by Satellite Server.
- **Discovered Hosts** - a list of bare-metal hosts detected on the provisioning network by the Discovery plug-in.
- **Content Hosts** - a list of hosts that manage tasks related to content and subscriptions.
- **Host Collections** - a list of user-defined collections of hosts used for bulk actions such as errata installation.

To search for a host, type in the **Search** field, and use an asterisk (*) to perform a partial string search. For example, if searching for a content host named `dev-node.example.com`, click the **Content Hosts** page and type `dev-node*` in the **Search** field. Alternatively, `*node*` will also find the content host `dev-node.example.com`.

**WARNING**

Satellite Server is listed as a host itself even if it is not self-registered. Do not delete Satellite Server from the list of hosts.
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTERING HOSTS

This chapter describes creating, registering, administering, and removing hosts.

2.1. CREATING A HOST IN RED HAT SATELLITE

Use this procedure to create a host in Red Hat Satellite.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, click **Hosts > Create Host**.
2. On the **Host** tab, enter the required details.
3. Click the **Ansible Roles** tab, and from the **Ansible Roles** list, select one or more roles that you want to add to the host. Use the **arrow** icon to manage the roles that you add or remove.
4. On the **Puppet Classes** tab, select the Puppet classes you want to include.
5. On the **Interfaces** tab:
   a. For each interface, click **Edit** in the **Actions** column and configure the following settings as required:
      - **Type** – For a Bond or BMC interface, use the **Type** list and select the interface type.
      - **MAC address** – Enter the MAC address.
      - **DNS name** – Enter the DNS name that is known to the DNS server. This is used for the host part of the FQDN.
      - **Domain** – Select the domain name of the provisioning network. This automatically updates the **Subnet** list with a selection of suitable subnets.
      - **IPv4 Subnet** – Select an IPv4 subnet for the host from the list.
      - **IPv6 Subnet** – Select an IPv6 subnet for the host from the list.
      - **IPv4 address** – If IP address management (IPAM) is enabled for the subnet, the IP address is automatically suggested. Alternatively, you can enter an address. The address can be omitted if provisioning tokens are enabled, if the domain does not manage DNS, if the subnet does not manage reverse DNS, or if the subnet does not manage DHCP reservations.
      - **IPv6 address** – If IP address management (IPAM) is enabled for the subnet, the IP address is automatically suggested. Alternatively, you can enter an address.
      - **Managed** – Select this check box to configure the interface during provisioning to use the Capsule provided DHCP and DNS services.
      - **Primary** – Select this check box to use the DNS name from this interface as the host portion of the FQDN.
      - **Provision** – Select this check box to use this interface for provisioning. This means TFTP boot will take place using this interface, or in case of image based provisioning, the script to complete the provisioning will be executed through this interface.
that many provisioning tasks, such as downloading RPMs by anaconda, Puppet setup in a %post script, will use the primary interface.

- **Virtual NIC** – Select this check box if this interface is not a physical device. This setting has two options:
  - **Tag** – Optionally set a VLAN tag. If unset, the tag will be the VLAN ID of the subnet.
  - **Attached to** – Enter the device name of the interface this virtual interface is attached to.

b. Click **OK** to save the interface configuration.

c. Optionally, click **Add Interface** to include an additional network interface. See Chapter 4, *Adding Network Interfaces* for details.

d. Click **Submit** to apply the changes and exit.

6. On the **Operating System** tab, enter the required details. For Red Hat operating systems, select **Synced Content** for **Media Selection**. If you want to use non Red Hat operating systems, select **All Media**, then select the installation media from the **Media Selection** list. You can select a partition table from the list or enter a custom partition table in the **Custom partition table** field. You cannot specify both.

7. On the **Parameters** tab, click **Add Parameter** to add any parameter variables that you want to pass to job templates at run time. This includes all Puppet Class, Ansible playbook parameters and host parameters that you want to associate with the host. To use a parameter variable with an Ansible job template, you must add a **Host Parameter**. When you create a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 host, you can set system purpose attributes. System purpose attributes define what subscriptions to attach automatically on host creation. In the **Host Parameters** area, enter the following parameter names with the corresponding values. For the list of values, see Configuring system purpose in the *Performing a standard RHEL installation* guide.

   - syspurpose_role
   - syspurpose_sla
   - syspurpose_usage
   - syspurpose_addons

8. On the **Additional Information** tab, enter additional information about the host.

9. Click **Submit** to complete your provisioning request.

### 2.2. EDITING THE SYSTEM PURPOSE OF A HOST

You can edit the system purpose attributes for a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 host. System purpose attributes define which subscriptions to attach automatically to this host. For more information about system purpose, see Configuring system purpose in the *Performing a standard RHEL installation* guide.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > Content Hosts** and click the name of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 host that you want to edit.
2. In the **System Purpose** area, click the **Edit** or **Remove** icon for the system purpose attributes that you want to edit, add, or remove.

3. Click **Save**.

4. Click the **Subscriptions** tab and select **Subscriptions**.

5. Click **Run Auto-Attach** to attach subscriptions to your host automatically.

6. Refresh the page to verify that the subscriptions list contains the correct subscriptions.

**For CLI Users**

1. Log in to the host and edit the required system purpose attributes. For example, set the usage type to **Production**, the role to **Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server**, and add the **addon** add on. For the list of values, see **Configuring system purpose** in the **Performing a standard RHEL installation** guide.

   ```bash
   # syspurpose set-usage Production
   # syspurpose set-role Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server
   # syspurpose add-addons 'your_addon'
   ```

2. Verify the system purpose attributes for this host:

   ```bash
   # syspurpose show
   ```

3. Automatically attach subscriptions to this host:

   ```bash
   # subscription-manager attach --auto
   ```

4. Verify the system purpose status for this host:

   ```bash
   # subscription-manager status
   ```

**2.3. CHANGING A MODULE STREAM FOR A HOST**

If you have a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 host, you can modify the module stream for the repositories you install. After you create the host, you can enable, disable, install, update, and remove module streams from your host in the Satellite web UI.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > Content Hosts** and click the name of the host that contains the modules you want to change.

2. Click the **Module Streams** tab.

3. From the **Available Module Streams** list, locate the module that you want to change. You can use the **Filter** field to refine the list entries. You can also use the **Filter Status** list to search for modules with a specific status.

4. From the **Actions** list, select the change that you want to make to the module.
5. In the **Job Invocation** window, ensure that the job information is accurate. Change any details that you require, and then click **Submit**.

### 2.4. CREATING A HOST GROUP

If you create a high volume of hosts, many of the hosts can have common settings and attributes. Adding these settings and attributes for every new host is time consuming. If you use host groups, you can apply common attributes to hosts that you create.

A host group functions as a template for common host settings, containing many of the same details that you provide to hosts. When you create a host with a host group, the host inherits the defined settings from the host group. You can then provide additional details to individualize the host.

**Host Group Hierarchy**

You can create a hierarchy of host groups. Aim to have one base level host group that represents all hosts in your organization and provide general settings, and then nested groups to provide specific settings. For example, you can have a base level host group that defines the operating system, and two nested host groups that inherit the base level host group:

- **Hostgroup: Base** (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.6)
  - **Hostgroup: Webserver** (applies the `httpd` Puppet class)
    - Host: `webserver1.example.com` (web server)
    - Host: `webserver2.example.com` (web server)
  - **Hostgroup: Storage** (applies the `nfs` Puppet class)
    - Host: `storage1.example.com` (storage server)
    - Host: `storage2.example.com` (storage server)
  - Host: `custom.example.com` (custom host)

In this example, all hosts use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.6 as their operating system because of their inheritance of the **Base** host group. The two web server hosts inherit the settings from the **Webserver** host group, which includes the `httpd` Puppet class and the settings from the **Base** host group. The two storage servers inherit the settings from the **Storage** host group, which includes the `nfs` Puppet class and the settings from the **Base** host group. The custom host only inherits the settings from the **Base** host group.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Configure** > **Host Groups** and click **Create Host Group**.

2. If you have an existing host group that you want to inherit attributes from, you can select a host group from the **Parent** list. If you do not, leave this field blank.

3. Enter a **Name** for the new host group.

4. Enter any further information that you want future hosts to inherit.

5. Click the **Ansible Roles** tab, and from the **Ansible Roles** list, select one or more roles that you want to add to the host. Use the **arrow** icon to manage the roles that you add or remove.
6. Click the additional tabs and add any details that you want to attribute to the host group.

NOTE

Puppet fails to retrieve the Puppet CA certificate while registering a host with a host group associated with a Puppet environment created inside a **Production** environment.

To create a suitable Puppet environment to be associated with a host group, manually create a directory and change the owner:

```
# mkdir /etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/example_environment
# chown apache /etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/example_environment
```

7. Click **Submit** to save the host group.

For CLI Users

Create the host group with the **hammer hostgroup create** command. For example:

```
# hammer hostgroup create --name "Base" \
--lifecycle-environment "Production" --content-view "Base" \ 
--environment "production" --content-source-id 1 \ 
--puppet-ca-proxy-id 1 --puppet-proxy-id 1 --domain "example.com" \ 
--subnet `ACME's Internal Network` --architecture "x86_64" \ 
--operatingsystem "RedHat 7.2" --medium-id 9 \ 
--partition-table "Kickstart default" --root-pass "p@55w0rd!" \ 
--locations "New York" --organizations "ACME"
```

2.5. CHANGING THE GROUP OF A HOST

Use this procedure to change the group of a host.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**.
2. Select the check box of the host you want to change.
3. From the **Select Action** list, select **Change Group**. A new option window opens.
4. From the **Host Group** list, select the group that you want for your host.
5. Click **Submit**.

2.6. CHANGING THE ENVIRONMENT OF A HOST

Use this procedure to change the environment of a host.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**.
2. Select the check box of the host you want to change.


4. From the Environment list, select the new environment for your host.

5. Click Submit.

2.7. CHANGING THE MANAGED STATUS OF A HOST

Hosts provisioned by Satellite are Managed by default. When a host is set to Managed, you can configure additional host parameters from Satellite Server. These additional parameters are listed on the Operating System tab. If you change any settings on the Operating System tab, they will not take effect until you set the host to build and reboot it.

If you need to obtain reports about configuration management on systems using an operating system not supported by Satellite, set the host to Unmanaged.

Use this procedure to switch a host between Managed and Unmanaged status.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All hosts.

2. Select the host.

3. Click Edit.

4. Click Manage host or Unmanage host to change the host’s status.

5. Click Submit.

2.8. ASSIGNING A HOST TO A SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION

Use this procedure to assign a host to a specific organization. For general information about organizations and how to configure them, see Managing Organizations in the Content Management Guide.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All hosts.

2. Select the check box of the host you want to change.

3. From the Select Action list, select Assign Organization. A new option window opens.

4. From the Select Organization list, select the organization that you want to assign your host to. Select the check box Fix Organization on Mismatch.
NOTE

A mismatch happens if there is a resource associated with a host, such as a domain or subnet, and at the same time not associated with the organization you want to assign the host to. The option **Fix Organization on Mismatch** will add such a resource to the organization, and is therefore the recommended choice. The option **Fail on Mismatch** will always result in an error message. For example, reassigning a host from one organization to another will fail, even if there is no actual mismatch in settings.

5. Click **Submit**.

### 2.9. ASSIGNING A HOST TO A SPECIFIC LOCATION

Use this procedure to assign a host to a specific location. For general information about locations and how to configure them, see *Creating a Location* in the *Provisioning Guide*.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**.
2. Select the check box of the host you want to change.
3. From the **Select Action** list, select **Assign Location**. A new option window opens.
4. Navigate to the **Select Location** list and choose the location that you want for your host. Select the check box **Fix Location on Mismatch**

**NOTE**

A mismatch happens if there is a resource associated with a host, such as a domain or subnet, and at the same time not associated with the location you want to assign the host to. The option **Fix Location on Mismatch** will add such a resource to the location, and is therefore the recommended choice. The option **Fail on Mismatch** will always result in an error message. For example, reassigning a host from one location to another will fail, even if there is no actual mismatch in settings.

5. Click **Submit**.

### 2.10. REMOVING A HOST FROM RED HAT SATELLITE

Use this procedure to remove a host from Red Hat Satellite.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts** or **Hosts > Content Hosts**.
2. Select the hosts that you want to remove.
3. From the **Select Action** list, select **Delete Hosts**.
4. Click **Submit** to remove the host from Red Hat Satellite permanently.
**WARNING**

If a host record that is associated with a virtual machine is deleted, the virtual machine will be deleted as well. To avoid deleting the virtual machine in this situation, disassociate the virtual machine from Satellite without removing it from the hypervisor.

Disassociating A Virtual Machine from Satellite without Removing it from a Hypervisor

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All Hosts and select the check box to the left of the hosts to be disassociated.

2. From the Select Action list, select the Disassociate Hosts button.

3. Optionally, select the check box to keep the hosts for future action.

4. Click Submit.
CHAPTER 3. REGISTERING HOSTS

There are two main methods for registering a host to Satellite Server or Capsule Server:

- Download and install the consumer RPM (server.example.com/pub/katello-ca-consumer-latest.noarch.rpm) and then run Subscription Manager. This method is suited for freshly installed hosts.

- Download and run the bootstrap script (server.example.com/pub/bootstrap.py). This method is suited for both freshly installed hosts and hosts that have been previously registered, for example, to Satellite 5 or another Satellite 6.

You can also register Atomic Hosts to Satellite Server or Capsule Server.

Use one of the following procedures to register a host:

- Section 3.1, “Registering a Host to Red Hat Satellite”
- Section 3.2, “Registering an Atomic Host to Red Hat Satellite”
- Section 3.3, “Registering a Host to Red Hat Satellite Using The Bootstrap Script”

Use the following procedures to install and configure host tools:

- Section 3.4, “Installing the Katello Agent”
- Section 3.5, “Installing Tracer”
- Section 3.6, “Installing and Configuring the Puppet Agent”

Supported Host Operating Systems

Hosts must use one of the following Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions:

- 5.7 or later
- 6.1 or later*
- 7.0 or later
- 8.0 or later

**NOTE**

Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 require `subscription-manager` and related packages to be updated manually. For more information, see https://access.redhat.com/solutions/1256763.

Supported Architectures

All architectures of Red Hat Enterprise Linux are supported:

- i386
- x86_64
- s390x
3.1. REGISTERING A HOST TO RED HAT SATELLITE

Use the following procedure to register a host to Red Hat Satellite 6.

Prerequisites

- Satellite Server, any Capsule Servers, and all hosts must be synchronized with the same NTP server, and have a time synchronization tool enabled and running.
- The daemon `rhsmcertd` must be running on the hosts.
- An activation key must be available for the host. For more information, see Managing Activation Keys in the Content Management Guide.
- Subscription Manager must be version 1.10 or later. The package is available in the standard Red Hat Enterprise Linux repository.

Procedure

1. Red Hat Enterprise Linux hosts register to the Content Delivery Network by default. Update each host configuration so that they receive updates from the correct Satellite Server or Capsule Server:
   a. Take note of the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the Satellite Server or Capsule Server, for example `server.example.com`.
   b. Log in to the host as the root user and install the consumer RPM from the Satellite Server or Capsule Server to which the host is to be registered. The consumer RPM updates the content source location of the host and allows the host to download content from the content source specified in Red Hat Satellite.

   ```bash
   # rpm -Uvh http://server.example.com/pub/katello-ca-consumer-latest.noarch.rpm
   ```

   **NOTE**

   The RPM package is not signed. If required, you can add the `--nosignature` option to install the package. The `katello-ca-consumer-hostname-1.0-1.noarch.rpm` package is an additional `katello-ca-consumer` RPM that contains the server’s host name. The `katello-ca-consumer-latest.noarch.rpm` package always reflects the most recent version. Both serve the same purpose.

2. Clear any old host data related to Red Hat Subscription Manager (RHSM):

   ```bash
   # subscription-manager clean
   ```

3. Register the host using RHSM:

   ```bash
   # subscription-manager register --org=your_org_name \ 
   --activationkey=your.activation_key
   ```
Example 3.1. Command Output after Registration:

```bash
# subscription-manager register --org=MyOrg --activationkey=TestKey-1
The system has been registered with id: 62edc0f8-855b-4184-b1b8-72a9dc793b96
```

**NOTE**

You can use the `--environment` option to override the Content View and life cycle environment defined by the activation key. For example, to register a host to the Content View "MyView" in a "Development" life cycle environment:

```bash
# subscription-manager register --org=your_org_name \
--environment=Development/MyView \
--activationkey=your_activation_key
```

**NOTE**

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.3 hosts, the release version defaults to Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 Server and needs to be pointed to the 6.3 repository:

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > Content Hosts**.
2. Select the check box next to the host that needs to be changed.
3. From the **Select Action** list, select **Set Release Version**.
4. From the **Release Version** list, select **6.3**.
5. Click **Done**.

### 3.2. REGISTERING AN ATOMIC HOST TO RED HAT SATELLITE

Use the following procedure to register an Atomic Host to Red Hat Satellite 6.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the Atomic Host as the **root** user.
2. Retrieve **katello-rhsm-consumer** from Satellite Server:
   ```bash
   # wget http://satellite.example.com/pub/katello-rhsm-consumer
   ```
3. Change the mode of **katello-rhsm-consumer** to make it executable:
   ```bash
   # chmod +x katello-rhsm-consumer
   ```
4. Run **katello-rhsm-consumer**:
   ```bash
   # ./katello-rhsm-consumer
   ```

Register with Red Hat Subscription Manager:
NOTE

The Katello agent is not supported on Atomic Hosts.

3.3. REGISTERING A HOST TO RED HAT SATELLITE USING THE
BOOTSTRAP SCRIPT

Use the bootstrap script to automate content registration and Puppet configuration. You can use the
bootstrap script to register new hosts, or to migrate existing hosts to Red Hat Satellite 6 from Satellite
5, RHN, SAM, or RHSM.

The katello-client-bootstrap package is installed by default on Satellite Server’s base operating system.
The bootstrap.py script is installed in the /var/www/html/pub/ directory to make it available to hosts at
satellite6.example.com/pub/bootstrap.py. The script includes documentation in the

To use the bootstrap script, you must install it on the host. As the script is only required once, and only
for the root user, you can place it in /root or /usr/local/sbin and remove it after use. This procedure uses
/root.

Prerequisites

- You have a Satellite user with the permissions required to run the bootstrap script. The
  examples in this procedure specify the admin user. If this is not acceptable to your security
  policy, create a new role with the minimum permissions required and add it to the user that will
  run the script. For more information, see Section 3.3.1, “Setting Permissions for the Bootstrap
  Script”.

- You have an activation key for your hosts with the Satellite Tools repository enabled. For
  information on configuring activation keys, see Managing Activation Keys in the Content
  Management Guide.

- You have created a host group. For more information about creating host groups, see
  Section 2.4, “Creating a Host Group”.

Puppet Considerations

If a host group is associated with a Puppet environment created inside a Production environment,
Puppet fails to retrieve the Puppet CA certificate while registering a host from that host group.

To create a suitable Puppet environment to be associated with a host group, complete the following
steps:

1. Manually create a directory and change the owner:

   # mkdir /etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/example_environment
   # chown apache /etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/example_environment

2. Navigate to Configure > Environments and click Import environment from. The button name
   includes the FQDN of the internal or external Capsule.

3. Choose the created directory and click Update.
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 Considerations

Python is not installed by default on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, but Ansible requires Python to gather facts. If you want to use the bootstrap script for a host with a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 operating system, you must add a parameter to specify the Python interpreter to use. You can use either the platform Python, `/usr/libexec/platform-python`, or specify the version you want, for example, `/usr/bin/python3.6`.

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > Operating Systems**, and click the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 profile.
2. Click the **Parameters** tab and click **Add Parameter**.
3. In the **Name** field, enter `ansible_python_interpreter`.
4. In the **Value** field, enter `/usr/libexec/platform-python`.
5. Click **Submit** to save.

Procedure

1. Log in to the host as the **root** user.
2. Download the script:

```
# curl -O http://satellite6.example.com/pub/bootstrap.py
```
3. Make the script executable:

```
# chmod +x bootstrap.py
```
4. Confirm that the script is executable by viewing the help text:
   - On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:
     ```
     # /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py -h
     ```
   - On other Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions:
     ```
     # ./bootstrap.py -h
     ```
5. Enter the bootstrap command with values suitable for your environment.
   For the **--server** option, specify the FQDN of Satellite Server or a Capsule Server. For the **--location**, **--organization**, and **--hostgroup** options, use quoted names, not labels, as arguments to the options. See **Section 3.3.2, “Advanced Bootstrap Script Configuration”** for advanced use cases.
   - On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:
     ```
     # /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \ 
     --login=admin \ 
     --server satellite6.example.com \ 
     --location="Example Location"
     ```
On other Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions, enter the following command:

```bash
# ./bootstrap.py --login=admin
--server satellite6.example.com
--location="Example Location"
--organization="Example Organization"
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"
--activationkey=activation_key
```

6. Enter the password of the Satellite user you specified with the `--login` option. The script sends notices of progress to `stdout`.

7. When prompted by the script, approve the host’s Puppet certificate. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Infrastructure > Capsules** and find the Satellite or Capsule Server you specified with the `--server` option.

8. From the list in the **Actions** column, select **Certificates**.

9. In the **Actions** column, click **Sign** to approve the host’s Puppet certificate.

10. Return to the host to see the remainder of the bootstrap process completing.

11. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts** and ensure that the host is connected to the correct host group.

12. Optional: After the host registration is complete, remove the script:

```bash
# rm bootstrap.py
```

### 3.3.1. Setting Permissions for the Bootstrap Script

Use this procedure to configure a Satellite user with the permissions required to run the bootstrap script.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Administer > Users**.

2. Select an existing user by clicking the required **Username**. A new pane opens with tabs to modify information about the selected user. Alternatively, create a new user specifically for the purpose of running this script.

3. Click the **Roles** tab.

4. Select **Edit hosts** and **Viewer** from the **Roles** list.
IMPORTANT

The **Edit hosts** role allows the user to edit and delete hosts as well as being able to add hosts. If this is not acceptable to your security policy, create a new role with the following permissions and assign it to the user:

- **view_organizations**
- **view_locations**
- **view_domains**
- **view_hostgroups**
- **view_hosts**
- **view_architectures**
- **view_ptables**
- **view_operatingsystems**
- **create_hosts**

5. Click **Submit**.

For CLI Users

1. Create a role with the minimum permissions required by the bootstrap script. This example creates a role with the name **Bootstrap**:

   ```bash
   # ROLE='Bootstrap'
   hammer role create --name "$ROLE"
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_organizations
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_locations
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_domains
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_hostgroups
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_hosts
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_architectures
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_ptables
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions view_operatingsystems
   hammer filter create --role "$ROLE" --permissions create_hosts
   ```

2. Assign the new role to an existing user:

   ```bash
   # hammer user add-role --id user_id --role Bootstrap
   ```

   Alternatively, you can create a new user and assign this new role to them. For more information on creating users with Hammer, see **Creating Users** in the *Hammer CLI Guide*.

3.3.2. Advanced Bootstrap Script Configuration

This section has more examples for using the bootstrap script to register or migrate a host.
WARNING

These examples specify the admin Satellite user. If this is not acceptable to your security policy, create a new role with the minimum permissions required by the bootstrap script. For more information, see Section 3.3.1, “Setting Permissions for the Bootstrap Script”.

Migrating a host from one Satellite 6 to another Satellite 6

Use the script with --force to remove the katello-ca-consumer-* packages from the old Satellite and install the katello-ca-consumer-* packages on the new Satellite.

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \
--login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location" \
--organization="Example Organization" \
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \
--activationkey=activation_key \
--force
```

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location" \
--organization="Example Organization" \
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \
--activationkey=activation_key \
--force
```

Migrating a host from Red Hat Network (RHN) or Satellite 5 to Satellite 6

The bootstrap script detects the presence of /etc/syconfig/rhn/systemid and a valid connection to RHN as an indicator that the system is registered to a legacy platform. The script then calls rhn-classic-migrate-to-rhsm to migrate the system from RHN. By default, the script does not delete the system’s legacy profile due to auditing reasons. To remove the legacy profile, use --legacy-purge, and use --legacy-login to supply a user account that has appropriate permissions to remove a profile. Enter the user account password when prompted.

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \
--login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location" \
--organization="Example Organization" \
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"
```

```
On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location"\ 
--organization="Example Organization"\ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--legacy-purge \ 
--legacy-login rhn-user
```

### Registering a host to Satellite 6, omitting Puppet setup

By default, the bootstrap script configures the host for content management and configuration management. If you have an existing configuration management system and do not want to install Puppet on the host, use `--skip-puppet`.

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \ 
--login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location"\ 
--organization="Example Organization"\ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--skip-puppet
```

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location"\ 
--organization="Example Organization"\ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--skip-puppet
```

### Registering a host to Satellite 6 for content management only

To register a system as a content host, and omit the provisioning and configuration management functions, use `--skip-foreman`.

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--organization="Example Organization"\ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--skip-foreman
```

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--organization="Example Organization"\ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--skip-foreman
```
On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --server satellite6.example.com \ 
--organization="Example Organization" \ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--skip-foreman
```

### Changing the method the bootstrap script uses to download the consumer RPM

By default, the bootstrap script uses HTTP to download the consumer RPM (server.example.com/pub/katello-ca-consumer-latest.noarch.rpm). In some environments, you might want to allow HTTPS only between the host and Satellite. Use `--download-method` to change the download method from HTTP to HTTPS.

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \ 
--login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location" \ 
--organization="Example Organization" \ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--download-method https
```

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location" \ 
--organization="Example Organization" \ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--download-method https
```

### Providing the host’s IP address to Satellite

On hosts with multiple interfaces or multiple IP addresses on one interface, you might need to override the auto-detection of the IP address and provide a specific IP address to Satellite. Use `--ip`.

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \ 
--login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location" \ 
--organization="Example Organization" \ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \ 
--activationkey=activation_key \ 
--ip 192.x.x.x
```

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \ 
--server satellite6.example.com \ 
--location="Example Location" \ 
--organization="Example Organization" \ 
--hostgroup="Example Host Group" \ 
--activationkey=activation_key
```
Enabling remote execution on the host

Use `--rex` and `--rex-user` to enable remote execution and add the required SSH keys for the specified user.

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```bash
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \
--login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location"\n--organization="Example Organization"\n--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\n--activationkey=activation_key \n--rex \n--rex-user root
```

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```bash
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location"\n--organization="Example Organization"\n--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\n--activationkey=activation_key \n--rex \n--rex-user root
```

Creating a domain for a host during registration

To create a host record, the DNS domain of a host needs to exist in Satellite prior to running the script. If the domain does not exist, add it using `--add-domain`.

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```bash
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py \
--login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location"\n--organization="Example Organization"\n--hostgroup="Example Host Group"\n--activationkey=activation_key \n--add-domain
```

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```bash
# bootstrap.py --login=admin \
--server satellite6.example.com \
--location="Example Location"
```
Providing an alternative FQDN for the host

If the host’s host name is not an FQDN, or is not RFC-compliant (containing a character such as an underscore), the script will fail at the host name validation stage. If you cannot update the host to use an FQDN that is accepted by Satellite, you can use the bootstrap script to specify an alternative FQDN.

1. Set `create_new_host_when_facts_are_uploaded` and `create_new_host_when_report_is_uploaded` to false using Hammer:

```
# hammer settings set
--name create_new_host_when_facts_are_uploaded
--value false
# hammer settings set
--name create_new_host_when_report_is_uploaded
--value false
```

2. Use `--fqdn` to specify the FQDN that will be reported to Satellite:

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, enter the following command:

```
# /usr/libexec/platform-python bootstrap.py --login=admin
--server satellite6.example.com
--location="Example Location"
--organization="Example Organization"
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"
--activationkey=activation_key
--fqdn node100.example.com
```

- On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, 6, or 7, enter the following command:

```
# bootstrap.py --login=admin
--server satellite6.example.com
--location="Example Location"
--organization="Example Organization"
--hostgroup="Example Host Group"
--activationkey=activation_key
--fqdn node100.example.com
```

3.4. INSTALLING THE KATELLO AGENT

To remotely update Satellite clients, you must install the Katello agent.

The `katello-agent` package depends on the `gofer` package that provides the `goferd` service. This service must be enabled so that Satellite Server or Capsule Server can provide information about errata that are applicable for content hosts.

Prerequisites

Before installing the Katello agent, ensure the following conditions are met:
You have enabled the Satellite Tools repository on Satellite Server. For more information, see Enabling the Satellite Tools Repository in Installing Satellite Server from a Connected Network.

You have synchronized the Satellite Tools repository on Satellite Server. For more information, see Synchronizing the Satellite Tools Repository in Installing Satellite Server from a Connected Network.

You have enabled the Satellite Tools repository on the client. For example, to ensure that the repository is enabled on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 client, enter the following command on the client:

```
# subscription-manager repos --enable rhel-7-server-satellite-tools-6.5-rpms
```

Procedure

To install the Katello agent, complete the following steps:

1. Install the katello-agent package:
   
   ```
   # yum install katello-agent
   ```

2. Start the goferd service:
   
   ```
   # systemctl start goferd
   ```

3.5. INSTALLING TRACER

Use this procedure to install Tracer on Red Hat Satellite 6.5, and access Traces. Tracer displays a list of services and applications that are outdated and need to be restarted. Traces is the output generated by Tracer in the Satellite web UI.

**IMPORTANT**

The integration of Tracer with Satellite Server is a Technology Preview feature. Technology Preview features are not fully supported under Red Hat Subscription Service Level Agreements (SLAs), may not be functionally complete, and are not intended for production use. These features provide early access to upcoming product innovations, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process. For more information see Red Hat Technology Preview Features Support Scope.

Prerequisites

- The host must be registered to Red Hat Satellite.
- The Red Hat Satellite Tools 6.5 repository must be enabled and synchronized on Satellite Server, and enabled on the host.

Procedure

1. On the content host, install the katello-host-tools-tracer RPM package:
   
   ```
   # yum install katello-host-tools-tracer
   ```
2. Enter the following command:

```bash
# katello-tracer-upload
```

3. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**, then click the required host name.

4. In the **Properties** tab, examine the **Properties** table and find the Traces item. If you cannot find a Traces item in the **Properties** table, then Tracer is not installed.

5. Navigate to **Hosts > Content Hosts**, then click the required host name.

6. Click the **Traces** tab to view Traces.

### 3.6. INSTALLING AND CONFIGURING THE PUPPET AGENT

Use this procedure to install and configure the Puppet agent on a host. For more information about Puppet, see the [*Puppet Guide*](#).

**Prerequisites**

- The host must be registered to Red Hat Satellite.
- The host must have a Puppet environment assigned to it.
- The Red Hat Satellite Tools 6.5 repository must be enabled and synchronized on Satellite Server, and enabled on the host.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the host as the **root** user.

2. Install the Puppet agent package:

   ```bash
   # yum install puppet-agent
   ```

3. Configure the Puppet agent to start on boot:

   - On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6:
     
     ```bash
     # chkconfig puppet on
     ```
   
   - On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7:
     
     ```bash
     # systemctl enable puppet
     ```

4. Append the following server and environment settings to the `/etc/puppetlabs/puppet/puppet.conf` file. Set the **environment** parameter to the name of the Puppet environment to which the host belongs:

   ```
   environment = My_Example_Org_Library
   server = satellite.example.com
   ca_server = satellite.example.com
   ```

5. Run the Puppet agent on the host:
# puppet agent -t

6. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Infrastructure > Capsules.

7. From the list in the Actions column for the required Capsule Server, select Certificates.

8. Click Sign to the right of the required host to sign the SSL certificate for the Puppet client.

9. Enter the puppet agent command again:

   # puppet agent -t
CHAPTER 4. ADDING NETWORK INTERFACES

Red Hat Satellite supports specifying multiple network interfaces for a single host. You can configure these interfaces when creating a new host as described in Section 2.1, “Creating a Host in Red Hat Satellite” or when editing an existing host.

There are several types of network interfaces that you can attach to a host. When adding a new interface, select one of:

- **Interface**: Allows you to specify an additional physical or virtual interface. There are two types of virtual interfaces you can create. Use VLAN when the host needs to communicate with several (virtual) networks using a single interface, while these networks are not accessible to each other. Use alias to add an additional IP address to an existing interface.
  
  For more information about adding a physical interface, see Section 4.1, “Adding a Physical Interface”.

  For more information about adding a virtual interface, see Section 4.2, “Adding a Virtual Interface”.

- **Bond**: Creates a bonded interface. NIC bonding is a way to bind multiple network interfaces together into a single interface that appears as a single device and has a single MAC address. This enables two or more network interfaces to act as one, increasing the bandwidth and providing redundancy. See Section 4.3, “Adding a Bonded Interface” for details.

- **BMC**: Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) allows you to remotely monitor and manage the physical state of machines. For more information about BMC, see Enabling Power Management on Managed Hosts in Installing Satellite Server from a Connected Network. For more information about configuring BMC interfaces, see Section 4.4, “Adding a Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) Interface”.

  **NOTE**

  Additional interfaces have the Managed flag enabled by default, which means the new interface is configured automatically during provisioning by the DNS and DHCP Capsule Servers associated with the selected subnet. This requires a subnet with correctly configured DNS and DHCP Capsule Servers. If you use a Kickstart method for host provisioning, configuration files are automatically created for managed interfaces in the post-installation phase at `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-interface_id`.

  **NOTE**

  Virtual and bonded interfaces currently require a MAC address of a physical device. Therefore, the configuration of these interfaces works only on bare-metal hosts.

4.1. ADDING A PHYSICAL INTERFACE

Use this procedure to add an additional physical interface to a host.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All hosts.
2. Click Edit next to the host you want to edit.
3. On the Interfaces tab, click Add Interface.
4. Keep the **Interface** option selected in the **Type** list.

5. Specify a **MAC address**. This setting is required.

6. Specify the **Device Identifier**, for example `eth0`. The identifier is used to specify this physical interface when creating bonded interfaces, VLANs, and aliases.

7. Specify the **DNS name** associated with the host’s IP address. Satellite saves this name in the Capsule Server associated with the selected domain (the "DNS A" field) and the Capsule Server associated with the selected subnet (the "DNS PTR" field). A single host can therefore have several DNS entries.

8. Select a domain from the **Domain** list. To create and manage domains, navigate to **Infrastructure > Domains**.

9. Select a subnet from the **Subnet** list. To create and manage subnets, navigate to **Infrastructure > Subnets**.

10. Specify the **IP address**. Managed interfaces with an assigned DHCP Capsule Server require this setting for creating a DHCP lease. DHCP-enabled managed interfaces are automatically provided with a suggested IP address.

11. Select whether the interface is **Managed**. If the interface is managed, configuration is pulled from the associated Capsule Server during provisioning, and DNS and DHCP entries are created. If using kickstart provisioning, a configuration file is automatically created for the interface.

12. Select whether this is the **Primary** interface for the host. The DNS name from the primary interface is used as the host portion of the FQDN.

13. Select whether this is the **Provision** interface for the host. TFTP boot takes place using the provisioning interface. For image-based provisioning, the script to complete the provisioning is executed through the provisioning interface.

14. Select whether to use the interface for **Remote execution**.

15. Leave the **Virtual NIC** check box clear.

16. Click **OK** to save the interface configuration.

17. Click **Submit** to apply the changes to the host.

### 4.2. ADDING A VIRTUAL INTERFACE

Use this procedure to configure a virtual interface for a host. This can be either a VLAN or an alias interface.

An alias interface is an additional IP address attached to an existing interface. An alias interface automatically inherits a MAC address from the interface it is attached to; therefore, you can create an alias without specifying a MAC address. The interface must be specified in a subnet with boot mode set to **static**.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**.
2. Click **Edit** next to the host you want to edit.

3. On the **Interfaces** tab, click **Add Interface**.

4. Keep the **Interface** option selected in the **Type** list.

5. Specify the general interface settings. The applicable configuration options are the same as for the physical interfaces described in Section 4.1, “Adding a Physical Interface”. Specify a **MAC address** for managed virtual interfaces so that the configuration files for provisioning are generated correctly. However, a **MAC address** is not required for virtual interfaces that are not managed.

   If creating a VLAN, specify ID in the form of **eth1.10** in the **Device Identifier** field. If creating an alias, use ID in the form of **eth1:10**.

6. Select the **Virtual NIC** check box. Additional configuration options specific to virtual interfaces are appended to the form:

   - **Tag**: Optionally set a VLAN tag to trunk a network segment from the physical network through to the virtual interface. If you do not specify a tag, managed interfaces inherit the VLAN tag of the associated subnet. User-specified entries from this field are not applied to alias interfaces.

   - **Attached to**: Specify the identifier of the physical interface to which the virtual interface belongs, for example **eth1**. This setting is required.

7. Click **OK** to save the interface configuration.

8. Click **Submit** to apply the changes to the host.

### 4.3. ADDING A BONDED INTERFACE

Use this procedure to configure a bonded interface for a host.

**Procedure**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Hosts > All hosts**.

2. Click **Edit** next to the host you want to edit.

3. On the **Interfaces** tab, click **Add Interface**.

4. Select **Bond** from the **Type** list. Additional type-specific configuration options are appended to the form.

5. Specify the general interface settings. The applicable configuration options are the same as for the physical interfaces described in Section 4.1, “Adding a Physical Interface”. Bonded interfaces use IDs in the form of **bond0** in the **Device Identifier** field.

   A single **MAC address** is sufficient.

6. Specify the configuration options specific to bonded interfaces:

   - **Mode**: Select the bonding mode that defines a policy for fault tolerance and load balancing. See Table 4.1, “Bonding Modes Available in Red Hat Satellite” for a brief description of each bonding mode.
• **Attached devices**: Specify a comma-separated list of identifiers of attached devices. These can be physical interfaces or VLANs.

• **Bond options**: Specify a space-separated list of configuration options, for example `miimon=100`. See the *Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Networking Guide* for details of the configuration options you can specify for the bonded interface.

7. Click **OK** to save the interface configuration.

8. Click **Submit** to apply the changes to the host.

### Table 4.1. Bonding Modes Available in Red Hat Satellite

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<th>Bonding Mode</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>balance-rr</td>
<td>Transmissions are received and sent sequentially on each bonded interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>active-backup</td>
<td>Transmissions are received and sent through the first available bonded interface. Another bonded interface is only used if the active bonded interface fails.</td>
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<tr>
<td>balance-xor</td>
<td>Transmissions are based on the selected hash policy. In this mode, traffic destined for specific peers is always sent over the same interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>broadcast</td>
<td>All transmissions are sent on all bonded interfaces.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>802.a3</td>
<td>Creates aggregation groups that share the same settings. Transmits and receives on all interfaces in the active group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>balance-tlb</td>
<td>The outgoing traffic is distributed according to the current load on each bonded interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>balance-alb</td>
<td>Receive load balancing is achieved through Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) negotiation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 4.4. ADDING A BASEBOARD MANAGEMENT CONTROLLER (BMC) INTERFACE

Use this procedure to configure a baseboard management controller (BMC) interface for a host that supports this feature.

**Prerequisites**

- The *ipmitool* package is installed.

- You know the MAC address, IP address, and other details of the BMC interface on the host, and the appropriate credentials for that interface.
NOTE
You only need the MAC address for the BMC interface if the BMC interface is managed, so that it can create a DHCP reservation.

Procedure

1. Enable BMC on the Capsule server if it is not already enabled:
   a. Configure BMC power management on the Capsule Server by running the `satellite-installer` script with the following options:
      
      ```
      # satellite-installer --foreman-proxy-bmc=true
      --foreman-proxy-bmc-default-provider=ipmitool
      ```
   b. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Infrastructure > Capsules.
   c. From the list in the Actions column, click Refresh. The list in the Features column should now include BMC.

2. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All hosts.

3. Click Edit next to the host you want to edit.

4. On the Interfaces tab, click Add Interface.

5. Select BMC from the Type list. Type-specific configuration options are appended to the form.

6. Specify the general interface settings. The applicable configuration options are the same as for the physical interfaces described in Section 4.1, "Adding a Physical Interface".

7. Specify the configuration options specific to BMC interfaces:
   - **Username** and **Password**: Specify any authentication credentials required by BMC.
   - **Provider**: Specify the BMC provider.

8. Click OK to save the interface configuration.

9. Click Submit to apply the changes to the host.
CHAPTER 5. MONITORING HOSTS

In this chapter, you can find information about creating host monitoring reports and monitoring your hosts using Red Hat Insights and creating an Insights plan.

5.1. GENERATING HOST MONITORING REPORTS

You can use monitoring reports to query registered hosts in Satellite to obtain information such as host status, inventories, applicable errata and subscription details.

Satellite Server uses ERB syntax report templates to generate host monitoring reports.

To view the host monitoring report templates, in the Satellite web UI, navigate to Monitor > Report Templates. You can create a template, or clone a template and edit the clone. For help with the template syntax, click a template and click the Help tab.

To schedule reports, configure a cron job.

Procedure

To generate a host monitoring report, complete the following steps:

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Monitor > Report Templates.

2. To the right of the report template that you want to use, click Generate.

3. Optional: Apply search query filters. To view all available results, do not populate the filter field with any values.

4. Click Submit. A CSV file that contains the report is downloaded.

For CLI Users

To generate a report, complete the following steps:

1. List all available report templates:

   # hammer report-template list

2. Generate a report:

   # hammer report-template generate --id template ID

5.2. USING RED HAT INSIGHTS WITH HOSTS IN SATELLITE

You can use Red Hat Insights to diagnose systems and downtime related to security exploits, performance degradation and stability failures. You can use the dashboard to quickly identify key risks to stability, security, and performance. You can sort by category, view details of the impact and resolution, and then determine what systems are affected.

To use Red Hat Insights to monitor hosts that you manage with Satellite, you must first install Red Hat Insights on your hosts and register your hosts with Red Hat Insights.

To install and register your host using Puppet, or manually, see Red Hat Insights Getting Started.
Deploying Red Hat Insights using the Ansible Role

You can automate the installation and registration of hosts with Red Hat Insights using the `RedHatInsights.insights-client` Ansible role. For more information about adding this role to your Satellite, see Managing Ansible Roles.

1. Add the `RedHatInsights.insights-client` role to the hosts.
   
   For new hosts, see Section 2.1, “Creating a Host in Red Hat Satellite”.
   
   For existing hosts, see Chapter 7, Using Ansible Roles.

2. To run the `RedHatInsights.insights-client` role on your host, navigate to Hosts > All Hosts and click the name of the host that you want to use.

3. Click the Run Ansible roles button.

When the role completes, you can view and work with the host that you add on the Insights > Overview page of the Satellite web UI.

Additional Information

- To apply any system updates to the Red Hat Insights plug-in, enter `httpd restart` after updating.

- To view the logs for Red Hat Insights and all plug-ins, go to `/var/log/foreman/production.log`.

- If you have problems connecting to Red Hat Insights, ensure that your certificates are up-to-date. Refresh your subscription manifest to update your certificates.

- You can change the default schedule for running `insights-client` by configuring `insights-client.timer` on a host. For more information, see Changing the insights-client schedule in the Client Configuration Guide for Red Hat Insights.

5.3. CREATING AN INSIGHTS PLAN FOR HOSTS

With Satellite 6, you can create a Red Hat Insights remediation plan and run the plan on Satellite hosts.

Procedure

To create the plan, complete the following steps:

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Insights > Inventory, and select the hosts that you want to include in an Insights plan.

2. From the Actions list, select Create a new Plan/Playbook.

3. From the Plan/Playbook Builder window, select Create new plan and enter a name for the plan.

4. Select whether you want the rule to apply to a specific system, group, or all systems.

5. Select one or more rules that you want to add to the plan. Use the Filter field to search for specific keywords.

6. Click Save.

7. In the Planner window, select Run Playbook.

In the Jobs window, you can view the progress of your plan as the playbook runs.
You can view the Insights plan by navigating to Insights > Planner.
CHAPTER 6. CONFIGURING HOST COLLECTIONS

A host collection is a group of multiple content hosts. This feature enables you to perform the same action on multiple hosts at once. These actions can include the installation, removal, and update of packages and errata, change of assigned life cycle environment, and change of Content View. You can create host collections to suit your requirements, and those of your company. For example, group hosts in host collections by function, department, or business unit.

6.1. CREATING A HOST COLLECTION

The following procedure shows how to create host collections.

To Create a Host Collection:

1. Click **Hosts > Host Collections**.
2. Click **New Host Collection**.
3. Add the Name of the host collection.
4. Clear **Unlimited Content Hosts**, and enter the desired maximum number of hosts in the **Limit** field.
5. Add the Description of the host collection.
6. Click **Save**.

6.2. CLONING A HOST COLLECTION

The following procedure shows how to clone a host collection.

To Clone a Host Collection:

1. Click **Hosts > Host Collections**.
2. On the left hand panel, click the host collection you want to clone.
3. Click **Copy Collection**.
4. Specify a name for the cloned collection.
5. Click **Create**.

6.3. REMOVING A HOST COLLECTION

The following procedure shows how to remove a host collection.

To Remove a Host Collection:

1. Click **Hosts > Host Collections**.
2. Choose the host collection to be removed.
3. Click **Remove**. An alert box appears:
4. Click Remove.

**6.4. ADDING A HOST TO A HOST COLLECTION**

The following procedure shows how to add hosts to host collections.

**Prerequisites**

A host must be registered to Red Hat Satellite in order to add it to a Host Collection. For more information about registering hosts, Chapter 3, Registering Hosts.

**To Add Hosts to a Host Collection:**

1. Click Hosts > Host Collections.
2. Click the host collection where the host should be added.
3. On the Hosts tab, select the Add subtab.
4. Select the hosts to be added from the table and click Add Selected.

**6.5. REMOVING A HOST FROM A HOST COLLECTION**

The following procedure shows how to remove hosts from host collections.

**To Remove Hosts from a Host Collection:**

1. Click Hosts > Host Collections.
2. Choose the desired host collection.
3. On the Hosts tab, select the List/Remove subtab.
4. Select the hosts you want to remove from the host collection and click Remove Selected.

**6.6. ADDING CONTENT TO A HOST COLLECTION**

These steps show how to add content to host collections in Red Hat Satellite.

**6.6.1. Adding Packages to a Host Collection**

The following procedure shows how to add packages to host collections.

**Prerequisites**

- The content to be added should be available in one of the existing repositories or added prior to this procedure.
- Content should be promoted to the environment where the hosts are assigned.

**To Add Packages to Host Collections:**
1. Click Hosts > Host Collections.

2. Click the host collection where the package should be added.

3. On the Collection Actions tab, click Package Installation, Removal, and Update

4. To update all packages, click the Update All Packages button to use the default method. Alternatively, select the drop-down icon to the right of the button to select a method to use. Selecting the via remote execution - customize first menu entry will take you to the Job invocation page where you can customize the action.

5. Select the Package or Package Group radio button as required.

6. In the field provided, specify the package or package group name. Then click:

   - **Install** — to install a new package using the default method. Alternatively, select the drop-down icon to the right of the button and select a method to use. Selecting the via remote execution - customize first menu entry will take you to the Job invocation page where you can customize the action.

   - **Update** — to update an existing package in the host collection using the default method. Alternatively, select the drop-down icon to the right of the button and select a method to use. Selecting the via remote execution - customize first menu entry will take you to the Job invocation page where you can customize the action.

### 6.6.2. Adding Errata to a Host Collection

The following procedure shows how to add errata to host collections.

**Prerequisites**

- The errata to be added should be available in one of the existing repositories or added prior to this procedure.

- Errata should be promoted to the environment where the hosts are assigned.

**To Add Errata to a Host Collection:**

1. Click Hosts > Host Collections.

2. Select the host collection where the errata should be added.

3. On the Collection Actions tab, click Errata Installation.

4. Select the errata you want to add to the host collection and click the Install Selected button to use the default method. Alternatively, select the drop-down icon to the right of the button to select a method to use. Selecting the via remote execution - customize first menu entry will take you to the Job invocation page where you can customize the action.

### 6.7. REMOVING CONTENT FROM A HOST COLLECTION

The following procedure shows how to remove packages from host collections.

**To Remove Content from a Host Collection:**

1. Click Hosts > Host Collections.
2. Click the host collection where the package should be removed.

3. On the **Collection Actions** tab, click **Package Installation, Removal, and Update**

4. Select the **Package** or **Package Group** radio button as required.

5. In the field provided, specify the package or package group name.

6. Click the **Remove** button to remove the package or package group using the default method. Alternatively, select the drop-down icon to the right of the button and select a method to use. Selecting the **via remote execution - customize first** menu entry will take you to the **Job invocation** page where you can customize the action.

6.8. CHANGING THE LIFE CYCLE ENVIRONMENT OR CONTENT VIEW OF A HOST COLLECTION

The following procedure shows how to change the assigned life cycle environment or Content View of host collections.

**To Change the Life Cycle Environment or Content View of a Host Collection:**

1. Click **Hosts** > **Host Collection**.

2. Select the host collection where the life cycle environment or Content View should be changed.

3. On the **Collection Actions** tab, click **Change assigned Life Cycle Environment or Content View**.

4. Select the life cycle environment to be assigned to the host collection.

5. Select the required Content View from the list.

6. Click **Assign**.

**NOTE**

The changes take effect in approximately 4 hours. To make the changes take effect immediately, on the host, enter the following command:

```
# subscription-manager refresh
```

You can use remote execution to run this command on multiple hosts at the same time.
CHAPTER 7. USING ANSIBLE ROLES

7.1. ASSIGNING ANSIBLE ROLES TO AN EXISTING HOST

You can use Ansible roles for remote management of Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions 8, 7, and 6.9 or later.

Prerequisites

You must import the roles to Satellite before you can assign them to a host. For more information, see Adding Red Hat Enterprise Linux System Roles in Administering Red Hat Satellite.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All Hosts.
2. On the host you want to assign an Ansible role to, click Edit.
3. Select the Ansible Roles tab, and in the All items list, search for the roles that you want to add.
4. Select the roles that you want to add, and click the arrow icon to move the roles to the Selected items list.
5. Click Submit.

After you assign Ansible roles to hosts, you can use Ansible for remote execution. For more information, see Section 8.1, “Establishing a Secure Connection for Remote Commands”.

Overiding Parameter Variables

On the Parameters tab, click Add Parameter to add any parameter variables that you want to pass to job templates at run time. This includes all Ansible playbook parameters and host parameters that you want to associate with the host. To use a parameter variable with an Ansible job template, you must add a Host Parameter.

7.2. RUNNING ANSIBLE ROLES ON A HOST

You can run Ansible roles on a host through the Satellite web UI.

Prerequisites

- You must have imported the Ansible roles to Satellite.
- You must have assigned the Ansible roles to the host.

Procedure

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > All Hosts.
2. Select the check box of the host that contains the Ansible role you want to run.
3. From the Select Action list, select Play Ansible roles.

You can view the status of your Ansible job on the Run Ansible roles page. To rerun a job, click the Rerun button.
7.3. ASSIGNING AN ANSIBLE ROLE TO A HOST GROUP

You can use Ansible roles for remote management of Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions 8, 7, and 6.9 or later.

**Prerequisites**
You must import the roles to Satellite before you can assign them to a host group. For more information, see *Adding Red Hat Enterprise Linux System Roles* in *Administering Red Hat Satellite*.

**Procedure**
1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Configure > Host Groups**.
2. From the list of host groups, click the host group name that you want to add an Ansible Role to.
3. Select the **Ansible Roles** tab, and in the **All items** list, search for the roles that you want to add.
4. Select the roles that you want to add, and click the arrow icon to move the roles to the **Selected items** list.
5. Click **Submit**.

7.4. RUNNING ANSIBLE ROLES ON A HOST GROUP

You can run Ansible roles on a host group through the Satellite web UI.

**Prerequisites**
- You must have imported the Ansible roles to Satellite.
- You must have assigned the Ansible roles to the host group.
- You must have at least one host in your host group.

**Procedure**
1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to **Configure > Host Groups**.
2. From the list in the **Actions** column for the host group, select **Play Roles**.

You can view the status of your Ansible job on the **Run Ansible roles** page. To rerun a job, click the **Rerun** button.
CHAPTER 8. RUNNING JOBS ON HOSTS

Red Hat Satellite supports the ability to run jobs with arbitrary commands on hosts using shell scripts and to run Ansible tasks and playbooks. This is referred to as remote execution.

Remote execution is enabled by default on the Satellite Server, but must be enabled manually on Capsule Servers. For custom Ansible roles that you create, or roles that you download, the package containing the roles must be installed on the Capsule’s base system where a task is executed, or a playbook is run. The roles must also be imported into Satellite from the Capsule where they are installed before Satellite can use them.

Communication occurs through the Capsule Server which means that Satellite Server does not require direct access to the target host, and can scale to control many hosts. Remote execution uses the SSH service which must be enabled and running on the target host. Ensure the Capsule has access to port 22 on the target hosts.

Satellite uses ERB syntax job templates. Several job templates for shell scripts and Ansible are included by default. See Section 8.4.1, “Setting up Job Templates”.

**NOTE**

Any Capsule Server’s base system is a client of Satellite Server’s internal Capsule, and therefore this section applies to any type of host connected to Satellite Server, including Capsule Servers.

You can run jobs on multiple hosts at once, and you can use variables in your commands to suit your deployment. Variable values can be filled by host fact, Smart Class Parameter, Smart Variable, or even host parameter. In addition, you can specify custom values for templates when you run the command. See Section 8.4.2, “Executing Jobs”.

By default, each Capsule is installed with the remote execution feature disabled. To enable remote execution, enter the following command:

```
# satellite-installer --scenario capsule \
--enable-foreman-proxy-plugin-remote-execution-ssh
```

To verify that remote execution is enabled on the Capsule Server, in the web UI navigate to Infrastructure > Capsules and in the Actions column, to the right of the edit icon, select Refresh features and confirm the feature is listed.

By default, Satellite Server is configured to use remote execution rather than Katello Agent. These settings can be changed by first creating custom job templates and then selecting these new templates in the web UI by going to Administer > Remote Execution Features. For each action you want to change, select the label and then select the job template to use.

8.1. ESTABLISHING A SECURE CONNECTION FOR REMOTE COMMANDS

The SSH keys used for remote execution are created automatically when installing a Capsule and the settings are in the `/etc/foreman-proxy/settings.d/remote_execution_ssh.yml` file. They include the following options:

`ssh_identity_file`
File to load the SSH key from. By default, set to /usr/share/foreman-proxy/.ssh/id_rsa_foreman_proxy.

local_working_dir
Directory used on the Satellite or Capsule to run the scripts necessary for remote execution. By default, set to /var/tmp.

remote_working_dir
Directory on the client system that is used to execute the remote execution jobs. By default, set to /var/tmp.

**NOTE**
If the client system has noexec set for the /var/ volume or file system, change the remote_working_dir as otherwise the remote execution job will fail since the script cannot be run.

If you must use an alternative directory, create the new directory, for example new_place, and then copy the SELinux context from the default directory. For example:

```bash
# chcon --reference=/var new_place
```

See Maintaining SELinux Labels in the SELinux User’s and Administrator’s Guide for more information on working with SELinux labels.

Distributing SSH Keys for Remote Execution

To use SSH keys for authenticating remote execution connections, distribute the public SSH key from a Capsule to its attached hosts that you want to manage. Ensure the SSH service is enabled and running on the hosts. Configure any network or host-based firewalls to enable access to port 22.

There are three ways to distribute the public key from a Capsule to target hosts:

- To distribute SSH keys manually, enter the following command on the Capsule:

  ```bash
  # ssh-copy-id -i ~foreman-proxy/.ssh/id_rsa_foreman_proxy.pub root@target.example.com
  ```

  Where target.example.com is the host name of the target host. Repeat for each target host you want to manage.

  To confirm the key was successfully copied to the target host, enter the following command on the Capsule:

  ```bash
  # ssh -i ~foreman-proxy/.ssh/id_rsa_foreman_proxy root@target.example.com
  ```

- To use the Satellite API to download the public key directly from the Capsule, enter the following command on each target host:

  ```bash
  # curl https://capsule.example.com:9090/ssh/pubkey >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
  ```

  Where capsule.example.com is the host name of the Capsule that the host is attached to.

- To include the public key in newly-provisioned hosts, modify for example the Kickstart default finish template to include the following line:
8.2. CONFIGURING A KEYTAB FOR KERBEROS TICKET GRANTING TICKETS

Use this procedure to configure Satellite to use a keytab to obtain Kerberos ticket granting tickets. If you do not set up a keytab, you must manually retrieve tickets.

To ensure that the foreman-proxy user on Satellite can obtain Kerberos ticket granting tickets, complete the following steps:

1. Find the ID of the foreman-proxy user:
   ```bash
   # id -u foreman-proxy
   ```
2. Modify the umask value so that new files have the permissions 600:
   ```bash
   # umask 077
   ```
3. Create the directory for the keytab:
   ```bash
   # mkdir -p "/var/kerberos/krb5/user/USER_ID"
   ```
4. Create a keytab or copy an existing keytab to the directory:
   ```bash
   # cp your_client.keytab /var/kerberos/krb5/user/USER_ID/client.keytab
   ```
5. Change the directory owner to the foreman-proxy user:
   ```bash
   # chown -R foreman-proxy:foreman-proxy "/var/kerberos/krb5/user/USER_ID"
   ```
6. Ensure that the keytab file is read-only:
   ```bash
   # chmod -wx "/var/kerberos/krb5/user/USER_ID/client.keytab"
   ```
7. Restore the SELinux context:
   ```bash
   # restorecon -RvF /var/kerberos/krb5
   ```

8.3. SETTING UP KERBEROS AUTHENTICATION FOR REMOTE EXECUTION

From Satellite 6.5, you can use Kerberos authentication to establish an SSH connection for remote execution on Satellite hosts.

Prerequisites

Before you can use Kerberos authentication for remote execution on Red Hat Satellite, you must set up a Kerberos server for identity management and ensure that you complete the following prerequisites:

- Enroll Satellite Server on the Kerberos server
Enroll the Satellite target host on the Kerberos server

Configure and initialize a Kerberos user account for remote execution

Ensure that the foreman-proxy user on Satellite has a valid Kerberos ticket granting ticket

To set up Satellite to use Kerberos authentication for remote execution on hosts, complete the following steps:

1. Before installing the `tfm-rubygem-net-ssh-krb` package, you must temporarily set SELinux to permissive until Red Hat bug 1541481 is resolved:
   
   ```
   # setenforce 0
   ```

2. To install the `tfm-rubygem-net-ssh-krb` package, enter the following command:
   
   ```
   # yum install tfm-rubygem-net-ssh-krb
   ```

3. To install and enable Kerberos authentication for remote execution, enter the following command:
   
   ```
   # satellite-installer --scenario satellite \
   --foreman-proxy-plugin-remote-execution-ssh-ssh-kerberos-auth true
   ```

4. Set SELinux to enforcing:
   
   ```
   # setenforce 1
   ```

5. To edit the default user for remote execution, in the Satellite web UI, navigate to Administer > Settings and click the RemoteExecution tab. In the `remote_execution_ssh_user` row, edit the second column and add the user name for the Kerberos account.

6. Navigate to `remote_execution_effective_user` and edit the second column to add the user name for the Kerberos account.
   
   Note that until BZ#1728612 is resolved, `sudo` is the only `become_method` that works with Ansible.

To confirm that Kerberos authentication is ready to use, run a remote job on the host.

### 8.4. CONFIGURING AND RUNNING REMOTE JOBS

Any command that you want to apply to a remote host must be defined as a job template. After you have defined a job template you can execute it multiple times.

#### 8.4.1. Setting up Job Templates

Satellite provides default job templates that you can use for executing jobs. To view the list of job templates, navigate to Hosts > Job templates. If want to use a template without making changes, proceed to Section 8.4.2, “Executing Jobs”.

You can use default templates as a base for developing your own. Default job templates are locked for editing. Clone the template and edit the clone.

1. To clone a template, in the Actions column, select Clone.
2. Enter a unique name for the clone and click Submit to save the changes.

Job templates use the Embedded Ruby (ERB) syntax. For more information about writing templates, see the Appendix A, Template Writing Reference.

Ansible Considerations

To create an Ansible job template, use the following procedure and instead of ERB syntax, use YAML syntax. Begin the template with --- and to the first line, you must add - hosts: all. You can embed an Ansible playbook YAML file into the job template body. You can also add ERB syntax to customize your YAML Ansible template. You can also import Ansible playbooks in Satellite. For more information, see Synchronizing Templates with Git in the Content Management Guide.

Ansible become_method Limitation

Until BZ#1728612 is resolved, for the remote_execution_effective_user setting, sudo is the only become_method that works with Ansible.

Parameter Variables

At run time, job templates can accept parameter variables that you define for a host. Note that only the parameters visible on the Parameters tab at the host’s edit page can be used as input parameters for job templates. If you do not want your Ansible job template to accept parameter variables at run time, in the Satellite web UI, navigate to Administer > Settings and click the Ansible tab. In the Top level Ansible variables row, change the Value parameter to No.

To Create a Job Template:

1. Navigate to Hosts > Job templates.

2. Click New Job Template

3. Click the Template tab, and in the Name field, enter a unique name for your job template.

4. Select Default to make the template available for all organizations and locations.

5. Create the template directly in the template editor or upload it from a text file by clicking Import.

6. Optional: In the Audit Comment field, add information about the change.

7. Click the Job tab, and in the Job category field, enter your own category or select from the default categories listed in Table 8.1, “Default Job Template Categories”.

8. Optional: In the Description Format field, enter a description template. For example, Install package %{package_name}. You can also use %{template_name} and %{job_category} in your template.

9. From the Provider Type list, select SSH for shell scripts and Ansible for Ansible tasks or playbooks.

10. Optional: In the Timeout to kill field, enter a timeout value to terminate the job if it does not complete.

11. Optional: Click Add Input to define an input parameter. Parameters are requested when executing the job and do not have to be defined in the template. For examples, see the Help tab.
12. Optional: Click **Foreign input set** to include other templates in this job.

13. Optional: In the **Effective user** area, configure a user if the command cannot use the default `remote_execution_effective_user` setting.

14. Optional: If this template is a snippet to be included in other templates, click the **Type** tab and select **Snippet**.

15. Click the **Location** tab and add the locations where you want to use the template.

16. Click the **Organizations** tab and add the organizations where you want to use the template.

17. Click **Submit** to save your changes.

You can create advanced templates by including other templates in the template syntax, see [for more information. An advanced template is required, for example, for executing jobs that perform power actions; see xref:exam-Managing_Hosts-Including_Power_Actions_in_Templates[ for information on how to include the **Power Action - SSH Default** template in a custom template.

### Table 8.1. Default Job Template Categories

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Packages</td>
<td>Templates for performing package related actions. Install, update, and remove actions are included by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Puppet</td>
<td>Templates for executing Puppet runs on target hosts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>Templates for performing power related actions. Restart and shutdown actions are included by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commands</td>
<td>Templates for executing custom commands on remote hosts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services</td>
<td>Templates for performing service related actions. Start, stop, restart, and status actions are included by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katello</td>
<td>Templates for performing content related actions. These templates are used mainly from different parts of the Satellite web UI (for example bulk actions UI for content hosts), but can be used separately to perform operations such as errata installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example 8.1. Creating a restorecon Template

This example shows how to create a template called **Run Command - restorecon** that will restore the default **SELinux** context for all files in the selected directory on target hosts.

1. Navigate to **Hosts > Job templates**. Click **New Job Template**.
2. Enter Run Command - restorecon in the Name field. Select Default to make the template available to all organizations. Add the following text to the template editor:

```
restorecon -RvF <%= input("directory") %>
```

The `<%= input("directory") %> string will be replaced by a user-defined directory during job invocation.

3. On the Job tab, set Job category to Commands.

4. Click Add Input to allow job customization. Enter directory to the Name field. The input name must match the value specified in the template editor.

5. Click Required so that the command cannot be executed without the user specified parameter.

6. Select User input from the Input type list. Enter a description to be shown during job invocation, for example Target directory for restorecon.

7. Click Submit.

See Example 8.2, “Executing a restorecon Template on Multiple Hosts” for information on how to execute a job based on this template.

### 8.4.2. Executing Jobs

This section shows how to run a job based on a job template against one or more hosts.

**To Execute a Remote Job:**

1. Navigate to Hosts > All hosts and select the target hosts for your job. You can use the search field to filter the host list.

2. From the Select Action list, select Schedule Remote Job.

3. On the Job invocation page, define the main job settings:
   a. Select the Job category and the job template you want to use.
   b. Optionally, select a stored search string in the Bookmark list to specify the target hosts.
   c. Optionally, further limit the targeted hosts by entering a Search query. The Resolves to line displays the number of hosts affected by your query. Use the refresh button to recalculate the number after changing the query. The preview icon will list the targeted hosts.
   d. The remaining settings depend on the selected job template. See To Create a Job Template: for information on adding custom parameters to a template.

4. Clicking Display advanced fields will show advanced setting for the job. Some of the advanced settings depend on the job template, the following settings are general:
   - **Effective user** defines the user for executing the job, by default it is the SSH user.
Concurrency level defines maximum number of jobs executed at once, which can prevent overload of systems' resources in a case of executing the job on a large number of hosts.

Time span defines time interval in seconds after which the job should be killed, if it is not finished already. A task which could not be started during the defined interval, for example, if the previous task took too long to finish, is canceled.

Type of query defines when the search query is evaluated. This helps to keep the query up to date for scheduled tasks.

Concurrency level and Time span settings enable you to tailor job execution to fit your infrastructure hardware and needs.

5. If you want to run the job immediately, ensure that Schedule is set to Execute now. You can also define a one-time future job, or set up a recurring job. For recurring tasks, you can define start and end dates, number and frequency of runs. You can also use cron syntax to define repetition. For more information about cron, see the Automating System Tasks section of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 System Administrator’s Guide.

6. Click Submit. This displays the Job Overview page, and when the job completes, also displays the status of the job.

Example 8.2. Executing a restorecon Template on Multiple Hosts

This example shows how to run a job based on the template created in Example 8.1, “Creating a restorecon Template” on multiple hosts. The job will restore the SELinux context in all files under the /home/ directory.

1. Navigate to Hosts > All hosts and select target hosts. Select Schedule Remote Job from the Select Action list.

2. In the Job invocation page, select the Commands job category and the Run Command - restorecon job template.

3. Type /home in the directory field.

4. Set Schedule to Execute now.

5. Click Submit. You are taken to the Job invocation page where you can monitor the status of job execution.

8.4.3. Monitoring Jobs

You can monitor the progress of the job while it is running. This can help in any troubleshooting that may be required.

To Monitor a Job:

1. Navigate to the Job page. This page is automatically displayed if you triggered the job with the Execute now setting. To monitor scheduled jobs, navigate to Monitor > Jobs and select the job run you wish to inspect.

2. On the Job page, click the Hosts tab. This displays the list of hosts on which the job is running.

3. In the Host column, click the name of the host that you want to inspect. This displays the Detail of Commands page where you can monitor the job execution in real time.
4. Click Back to Job at any time to return to the Job Details page.

8.4.4. Creating Advanced Templates

When creating a job template, you can include an existing template in the template editor field. This way you can combine templates, or create more specific templates from the general ones.

The following template combines default templates to install and start the httpd service on Red Hat Enterprise Linux systems:

```<%= render_template 'Package Action - SSH Default', :action => 'install', :package => 'httpd' %>
<%= render_template 'Service Action - SSH Default', :action => 'start', :service_name => 'httpd' %>
```

The above template specifies parameter values for the rendered template directly. It is also possible to use the input() method to allow users to define input for the rendered template on job execution. For example, you can use the following syntax:

```<%= render_template 'Package Action - SSH Default', :action => 'install', :package =>
input("package") %>
```

With the above template, you have to import the parameter definition from the rendered template. To do so, navigate to the Jobs tab, click Add Foreign Input Set, and select the rendered template from the Target template list. You can import all parameters or specify a comma separated list.

**Example 8.3. Rendering a restorecon Template**

This example shows how to create a template derived from the Run command - restorecon template created in Example 8.1, “Creating a restorecon Template”. This template does not require user input on job execution, it will restore the SELinux context in all files under the /home/ directory on target hosts.

Create a new template as described in Section 8.4.1, “Setting up Job Templates”, and specify the following string in the template editor:

```<%= render_template("Run Command - restorecon", :directory => "/home") %>
```

**Example 8.4. Including Power Actions in Templates**

This example shows how to set up a job template for performing power actions, such as reboot. This procedure prevents Satellite from interpreting the disconnect exception upon reboot as an error, and consequently, remote execution of the job works correctly.

Create a new template as described in Section 8.4.1, "Setting up Job Templates", and specify the following string in the template editor:

```<%= render_template("Power Action - SSH Default", :action => "restart") %>
```

8.5. CONFIGURING GLOBAL SETTINGS
The Satellite remote execution feature provides numerous global settings that you can use to configure its behavior. These are listed in Table 8.2, “Global Settings for Remote Execution”. To review and update these settings, navigate to Administer > Settings and click the Remote Execution tab.

Table 8.2. Global Settings for Remote Execution

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default SSH key passphrase</td>
<td>Defines the default key passphrase to use for SSH. You can override this for each host by setting the <code>remote_execution_ssh_key_passphrase</code> parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable Global Capsule</td>
<td>When enabled, searches for a remote execution Capsule outside of the Capsules assigned to the host. If the location or organization is configured, the search will be limited to the host’s organization or location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fallback Without Capsule</td>
<td>When enabled, the remote execution will try to run the commands directly, when no Capsule with remote execution feature is configured for the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fallback to Any Capsule</td>
<td>When enabled, searches the host for any Capsule with remote execution configured. This is useful when the host has no subnet configured or if the subnet does not have a Capsule with remote execution enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Effective User Method</td>
<td>Defines which method to use to set the effective user on the target host. One of sudo, dzdo, su.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Effective User</td>
<td>Defines the default effective user for any job. When the job is executed, the effective user of the process is changed accordingly. You can override this for each job template and job invocation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connect by IP</td>
<td>When enabled, the IP addresses on host interfaces is preferred over the FQDN. It is useful when DNS is not resolving the FQDNs properly. You can override this for each host by setting the <code>remote_execution_connect_by_ip</code> parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSH User</td>
<td>Defines the default user to use while the Capsule connects to the target using SSH. You can override this for each host by setting the <code>remote_execution_ssh_user</code> parameter. You can set this by host, host group, operating system, domain, location, or organization. This can also be a different user from the effective user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sudo password</td>
<td>Defines the <code>sudo</code> password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default SSH password</td>
<td>Defines the default password to use for SSH. You can override this for each host by setting the <code>remote_execution_ssh_password</code> parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSH Port</td>
<td>Defines the port to use for SSH communication. The default port is 22. You can override this for each host by setting the <code>remote_execution_ssh_port</code> parameter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Sync Job Templates
When enabled, job templates are synchronized from disk when seeding a database.

### Cleanup working directories
When enabled, working directories will be removed after task completion. You can override this for each host by setting a remote_execution_cleanup_working_dirs parameter.

### Workers pool size
Defines the number of workers in the pool to handle the execution of the remote execution jobs. Restart of the dynflowd/foreman-tasks service is required.

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**IMPORTANT**
Modify these parameters in the web UI, because any manual changes that you make in the /etc/foreman/settings.yaml file are overwritten the next time you run satellite-installer. Alternatively, use the foreman-rake config command from a console.

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### 8.6. REMOTE EXECUTION AND CAPSULES

By default, Capsules have the remote execution provider feature enabled. You can use any Capsule that you add to the host’s organization and location to perform remote execution.

In more complex environments, where not all Capsules can be used because of possible network isolation, you can set the remote_execution_global_proxy variable to false to disable remote execution on Capsules. In this configuration, you can assign a pool of Capsules to each subnet, and jobs are load balanced across them. To use remote execution for a host, any Capsule Server that you want to use for remote execution must reside within the host’s subnet. Ensure that the host’s interface for that subnet is enabled for remote execution.

Alternatively, you can set the remote_execution_fallback_proxy variable to true to enable fallback mode. In this configuration, remote execution will use any Capsule associated with the host, such as its Puppet Master, provided that Capsule also has remote execution configured.

### 8.7. DELEGATING PERMISSIONS FOR REMOTE EXECUTION

You can control which users can run which jobs within your infrastructure, including which hosts they can target. The remote execution feature provides two built-in roles:

- **Remote Execution Manager**: This role allows access to all remote execution features and functionality.
- **Remote Execution User**: This role only allows running jobs; it does not provide permission to modify job templates.

You can clone the Remote Execution User role and customize its filter for increased granularity. If you adjust the filter with the view_job_templates permission, the user can only see and trigger jobs based on matching job templates. You can use the view_hosts and view_smart_proxies permissions to limit which hosts or Capsules are visible to the role.

The execute_template_invocation permission is a special permission that is checked immediately before execution of a job begins. This permission defines which job template you can run on a particular...
host. This allows for even more granularity when specifying permissions. For more information on working with roles and permissions see Creating and Managing Roles in the Administering Red Hat Satellite.

The following example shows filters for the `execute_template_invocation` permission:

```plaintext
name = Reboot and host.name = staging.example.com
name = Reboot and host.name ~ *.staging.example.com
name = "Restart service" and host_group.name = webservers
```

The first line in the above example permits the user to apply the Reboot template to one selected host. The second line defines a pool of hosts with names ending with `staging.example.com`. The third line binds the template with a host group.

**NOTE**

Permissions assigned to users can change over time. If a user has already scheduled some jobs to run in the future, and the permissions have changed, this can result in execution failure because the permissions are checked immediately before job execution.
CHAPTER 9. DISCOVERING BARE-METAL HOSTS ON SATELLITE

Red Hat Satellite 6.5 includes the Discovery plug-in. The Discovery plug-in enables automatic bare-metal discovery of unknown hosts on the provisioning network. These new hosts are registered to the Satellite Server and the Puppet agent on the client uploads system facts collected by Facter, such as serial ID, network interface, memory, and disk information. After registration, the hosts are displayed on the Discovered Hosts page in the Satellite web UI. You can then initiate provisioning either manually (using the web UI, CLI, or API) or automatically, using predefined discovery rules.

The Discovery plug-in communicates through the Satellite Capsule Server, which has direct access both to the provisioning network and the Satellite Server instance. It is possible to discover hosts directly from the Satellite Server, but Red Hat recommends the following scheme be used:

Satellite Server (Satellite Server Discovery plug-in) <-- Satellite Capsule (Satellite Capsule Discovery plug-in) <-- Discovered Host (Satellite Discovery image)

The Satellite Discovery plug-in consists of three different components:

The Satellite Server Discovery plug-in
This runs on the Satellite Server and provides API and UI functionality for working with discovered hosts. The tfm-rubygem-foreman_discovery package contains this plug-in.

The Satellite Capsule Server Discovery plug-in
This is a communication proxy between discovered hosts on a provisioning network and the Satellite Server. The rubygem-smart_proxy_discovery package contains this plug-in.

The Satellite Discovery image
This is the minimal operating system based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux that is PXE-booted on hosts to acquire initial hardware information and to check in to the Satellite Server. Discovered hosts keep running the Satellite Discovery image until they are rebooted into Anaconda, which then initiates the provisioning process. The foreman-discovery-image package contains this image. It must be installed on the Satellite Capsule Server that provides TFTP services.

9.1. NETWORK CONFIGURATION FOR PXE-BASED DISCOVERY

The discovery process is based on PXE: Systems must boot from the network using a single Ethernet connection to the LAN or VLAN. All other network interface configurations are not supported (bonding, teaming, bridging, DSL, Wi-Fi and others).

You must have a separate LAN or VLAN for discovery and PXE provisioning. You can configure systems to use VLAN trunks, but you must also configure the provisioning interface with the correct VLAN tag for the provisioning VLAN, and then change the tag to the production VLAN using a post-installation script.

Although using special network configurations is technically possible in PXE-less mode, where discovered systems use kexec to load a new kernel with Anaconda which avoids PXE booting completely, the discovery image currently does not allow such a configuration. While it is possible to use discovery extensions or a script to re-configure the network, Satellite 6 discovery plug-in cannot work with such a configuration.

Because the discovery process currently has limited possibilities for configuring network interfaces, and because the provisioning interface is also the primary interface, to simplify the configuration, have a separate primary interface from the interface used in production. Satellite 6 template features can be
used to deploy post-installation scripts to configure interfaces if required.

9.2. CONFIGURING THE SATELLITE DISCOVERY PLUG-IN

The following sections describe how to configure the Satellite Discovery plug-in and how to prepare the PXE-boot template on the Satellite Server.

9.2.1. Deploying the Satellite Discovery Image

Install the package containing the Satellite Discovery image on the Satellite Capsule Server that provides TFTP services (not on the Satellite Server itself):

```sh
# yum install foreman-discovery-image
```

This package contains the Linux kernel and initial RAM disk image as a bootable ISO file which is used for PXE-booting discovered hosts. You can run the following command to investigate the contents of the package. This produces output similar to the following:

```sh
$ rpm -ql foreman-discovery-image
/usr/share/foreman-discovery-image
/usr/share/foreman-discovery-image/fdi-image-rhel_7-2.1.0-20150212.1.iso
```

When you install this package, it extracts the kernel and image from the ISO file into the TFTP directory and creates symbolic links to the latest versions of the image and kernel. Use the symbolic links in the PXE-boot provisioning template to make sure that you do not need to change the version in the template every time the `foreman-discovery-image` package is upgraded. For example:

```sh
$ find /var/lib/tftpboot/boot
/var/lib/tftpboot/boot
/var/lib/tftpboot/boot/fdi-image-rhel_7-2.1.0-20150212.1.img
/var/lib/tftpboot/boot/fdi-image-rhel_7-2.1.0-20150212.1-vmlinuz
/var/lib/tftpboot/boot/fdi-image-rhel_7.img
/var/lib/tftpboot/boot/fdi-image-rhel_7-vmlinuz
```

**NOTE**

Currently, only Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Discovery images are provided, even for Satellite 6 installations on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6. If there are discovered hosts running during the upgrade of the `foreman-discovery-image` package, reboot them all to load the updated version of the image as soon as possible. This can be done using the Satellite 6 web UI, CLI, or API.

9.2.2. Configuring PXE-booting

When an unknown host is booted on the provisioning network, Satellite Server provides a PXELinux boot menu with a single option: to boot from the local hard drive. You can use following procedure to build a default PXE template in Satellite to enable hardware discovery.

**To Configure PXE-booting for host discovery:**

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Hosts > Provisioning Templates.
2. In the upper-right of the Provisioning Templates page, click Build PXE Default and click OK.
The template becomes the default template on all TFTP servers. Every new unknown host that is in the provisioning subnet uses this configuration and uses the Foreman Discovery Image as the default.

### 9.2.3. Reviewing Global Discovery Settings

You can review global settings related to the Discovery plug-in in the Satellite web UI. Navigate to **Administer > Settings** and open the **Discovered** tab. Notable settings are:

**Discovery organization, Discovery location**

These variables specify where to place the discovered hosts. By default, the discovered hosts are automatically placed under the first organization and location created.

**Interface fact**

This variable specifies which incoming fact to use to determine the MAC address of the discovered host. By default, the PXELinux `BOOTIF` kernel command line option is used.

**Hostname facts**

This variable allows you to list facts to use for the host name. These are separated by commas, and the first fact in the list takes precedence.

**Auto provisioning**

This variable enables automatic provisioning according to specified rules. Set to false by default. Red Hat recommends that you test the configuration with manual provisioning before enabling Auto provisioning. See **Section 9.4, “Provisioning Discovered Hosts”** for more information.

**Reboot**

This variable enables automatic reboot of a host discovered by PXE, or the use of kexec for a host booted from local media, during provisioning. This is set to true by default.

**Hostname prefix**

This variable specifies the default prefix to use for the host name. Set to “mac” by default. The variable must start with a letter.

**Fact columns**

This variable allows you to add any fact reported by Facter as an additional column in discovered host lists.

**Highlighted facts**

This variable uses regular expressions to organize facts for the highlights section.

**Storage facts**

This variable uses regular expressions to organize facts for the storage section.

**Hardware facts**

This variable uses regular expressions to organize facts for the hardware section.

**Network facts**

This variable uses regular expressions to organize facts for the network section.

**IPMI facts**

This variable uses regular expressions to organize facts for the IPMI section.
9.3. CONFIGURING THE SATELLITE CAPSULE SERVER DISCOVERY PLUG-IN

Ensure the foreman_url setting exists in the Satellite Capsule Server configuration file. The setting can appear as follows:

```
# grep foreman_url /etc/foreman-proxy/settings.yml
:foreman_url: https://satellite.example.com
```

The `satellite-installer` command configures this variable automatically, but Red Hat recommends that you check that the host responds correctly and there are no firewall rules blocking communication.

9.3.1. Configuring Discovery Subnets

You need to configure all subnets with discovered hosts to communicate to the Satellite Server or a Capsule Server for host discovery and provisioning. You must first enable a Capsule to provide a proxy service for provisioning templates for the subnet. The template Capsule for a subnet does not have to be the same Capsule that is set as the TFTP Capsule.

If you want to configure a new subnet, see Adding a Subnet to the Satellite Server in the Provisioning Guide.

To enable a Template Capsule:

You can enable the Satellite’s integrated Capsule and any external Capsule Servers to provide a proxy service for provisioning templates with the following command:

```
# satellite-installer --foreman-proxy-templates=1
```

To verify that a Capsule Server provides a template proxy service:

1. Navigate to Infrastructure > Capsules.
2. From the Actions list, select Refresh to ensure that the list is up-to-date.
3. In the Features column, search for the word "Templates".

To Configure a Subnet with a TFTP Capsule, Template Capsule, and Discovery Capsule:

1. In the Satellite web UI, navigate to Infrastructure > Subnets.
2. Select the subnet you want to configure.
3. On the Capsules tab, select the TFTP Capsule, Template Capsule, and Discovery Capsule for this subnet.

9.3.2. Using Hammer with the Discovery Plug-in

To use the `hammer` command with the Discovery plug-in, you need to enable the Discovery plug-in in `/etc/hammer/cli.modules.d/foreman_discovery.yml` as follows:

```
:foreman_discovery:
  :enable_module: true
```
9.3.3. Reviewing User Permissions

When it first starts, the Satellite Capsule Server Discovery plug-in creates a role called Discovery. You can assign this role to non-administrative users to allow them to use the Discovery plug-in. Alternatively, assign the perform_discovery permission to an existing role. For more information on roles and permissions, see Creating and Managing Users in Administering Red Hat Satellite.

9.4. PROVISIONING DISCOVERED HOSTS

After you have correctly configured Discovery plug-ins on both Satellite Server and Capsule Server, you can automatically detect bare-metal hosts. To do so, boot a machine in any provisioning network that was configured with the PXE configuration template described in Section 9.2.2, “Configuring PXE-booting”. The machine is automatically registered with the Satellite Server and appears in the Hosts > Discovered Hosts list in the Satellite web UI.

You can either provision the discovered host manually, or you can configure automatic provisioning.

9.4.1. Manually Provisioning Hosts

The following procedure describes how to manually provision discovered hosts from the Satellite web UI.

To Manually Provision a Discovered Host:

1. Navigate to Hosts > Discovered Hosts.
2. Select the host you want to provision and click Provision.
3. On the host’s Edit page, complete the necessary details, and then click Save.

When the host configuration is saved, Satellite modifies the host’s PXELinux file on the TFTP server and reboots the discovered host. It then boots into an installer for the chosen operating system, and finally into the installed operating system.

If you decide to re-provision an existing discovered host, delete the operating system from the machine and reboot it. The host then reappears on the Discovered Hosts page.

9.4.2. Decommissioning Discovered Hosts

If you no longer require Red Hat Satellite to manage a specific host, you need to decommission that host to prevent it from being discovered.

To Decommission a Discovered Host:

1. Shut down the host.
2. Navigate to Hosts > Discovered Hosts.
3. In the Name column find the host you want to decommission and then select Delete from the corresponding Edit list.

9.4.3. Automatically Provisioning Hosts
With Satellite 6.5, it is possible to define provisioning rules that will assign a host group to provisioned hosts and trigger provisioning automatically.

**To Create a Provisioning Rule:**

1. Navigate to **Configure > Discovery rules**.
2. Click **New Rule**. Specify the following parameters of the provisioning rule:
   - **Name** is the name of the rule displayed in the list of rules. This name must not contain spaces or non-alphanumeric characters.
   - **Search** is the search statement used to match discovered hosts for the particular rule. You can use scoped search syntax to define it. See Section 9.4.4, “Scoped Search Syntax” for examples of using scoped search.
   - **Host Group** is the host group to be assigned to a matching host before starting the provisioning process. Make sure that the selected host group has all the required parameters set; required parameters are marked with an asterisk (*).
   - **Hostname** defines a pattern for assigning human-readable host names to the matching hosts. When left blank, the host name is assigned in the format "macMACADDRESS" by default. The same syntax used for provisioning templates is used in this instance. See Section 9.4.5, “Host Name Patterns” for more information and examples.
   - **Hosts limit** is the maximum number of provisioned hosts per rule. If the limit is reached, the rule will not take effect until one or more hosts are deleted. Typical use cases are rules per server rack or row when it is necessary to change provisioning parameters such as host name or host group per entry. You can set this value to zero (0) to specify no limit.
   - **Priority** specifies the order of execution of rules. The value must be greater than or equal to zero. A lower value indicates a higher priority. If two rules have the same priority, the first rule encountered is applied.
   - **Enabled** provides the option to temporarily enable or disable rules.
3. Click **Submit** to save the rule.

By default, Satellite does not enable automatic discovery of hosts. The following procedure describes how to enable the Auto provisioning variable to provide automatic provisioning according to specified rules.

**To Enable Automatic Provisioning:**

1. Navigate to **Administer > Settings > Discovered** in the Satellite web UI.
2. Locate Auto provisioning in the **Name** column, and set its value to **true**.
3. Click **Save**.

After you have defined some rules, Red Hat recommends that you discover a host and apply the rules using the **Auto discover** button on the host. This triggers auto-provisioning without the need to enable the global option.

**9.4.4. Scoped Search Syntax**
This section shows how to use scoped search syntax to filter the discovered hosts according to selected parameters. This is useful when creating a rule for automatic provisioning (see Section 9.4.3, “Automatically Provisioning Hosts”).

The search fields in the Satellite web UI support automatic completion to make building search strings easier. For example, you can test search patterns on the Hosts > Discovered Hosts page. The following are examples of typical search queries:

- facts.architecture = x86_64
- facts.bios_vendor ~ 'Dell*'
- facts.macaddress = "aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff"
- facts.macaddress_eth0 = "aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff"
- facts.ipaddress_eth1 ~ "192.168.*"
- facts.architecture ^ (x86_64,i386)

**NOTE**

The caret symbol (^) in scoped searches means "in" (the same usage as in SQL) and not "starts with" as it is used in regular expressions. You can review the full list of scoped search operators at [https://github.com/wvanbergen/scoped_search/blob/master/lib/scoped_search/query_language/tokenizer.rb](https://github.com/wvanbergen/scoped_search/blob/master/lib/scoped_search/query_language/tokenizer.rb)

In Satellite 6.5, all facts are strings, so it is not possible to do numeric comparisons. However, three important facts are extracted and converted to numbers. These are described in Table 9.1, “Facts that Allow Numerical Comparison”.

### Table 9.1. Facts that Allow Numerical Comparison

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Search Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Example Usage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>cpu_count</td>
<td>The number of CPUs</td>
<td>cpu_count &gt;= 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>disk_count</td>
<td>The number of disks attached</td>
<td>disk_count &lt; 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>disks_size</td>
<td>The total amount of disk space (in MiB)</td>
<td>disks_size &gt; 1000000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 9.4.5. Host Name Patterns

This section lists the host name patterns that you can use when creating a rule for automatic provisioning (see Section 9.4.3, “Automatically Provisioning Hosts”).

The target host name template pattern has the same syntax as the provisioning templates (ERB). The domain is appended automatically. In addition to the @host attribute, the rand() function for random integers is available. For example:

- application-server-<%= rand(99999) %>
- load-balancer-<%= @host.facts['bios_vendor'] + '-' + rand(99999) %>
IMPORTANT

When creating host name patterns, ensure the resulting host names are unique. Host names must not start with numbers. A good approach is to use unique information provided by Facter (for example, the MAC address, BIOS or serial ID) or to otherwise randomize the host name.

9.4.6. Using the Discovery Plug-in on the Command Line

You can use the hammer command to perform certain tasks related to discovery. Run the hammer -h command to verify your configuration:

```
$ hammer -h | grep discovery
discovery                     Manipulate discovered hosts.
discovery_rule                Manipulate discovered rules.
```

Use the hammer discovery -h command to view the available options. For example, you can use the following command to reboot a discovered host (assuming its ID is 130):

```
$ hammer discovery reboot -id 130
Host reboot started
```

9.5. EXTENDING THE DISCOVERY IMAGE

It is possible to extend the Satellite Discovery image with custom facts, software, or device drivers. You can also provide a compressed archive file containing extra code for the image to use.

First, create the following directory structure:

```
├── autostart.d
│   └── 01_zip.sh
├── bin
│   └── ntpdate
├── facts
│   └── test.rb
└── lib
    ├── libcrypto.so.1.0.0
    └── ruby
        └── test.rb
```

Where:

- The autostart.d directory contains scripts that are executed in POSIX order by the image when it starts, but before the host is registered to Satellite.
- The bin directory is added to the $PATH variable; you can place binary files here and use them in the autostart scripts.
• The facts directory is added to the FACTERLIB variable so that custom facts can be configured and sent to Satellite.

• The lib directory is added to the LD_LIBRARY_PATH variable and lib/ruby is added to the RUBYLIB variable, so that binary files in /bin can be executed correctly.

New directives and options are appended to the existing environment variables (PATH, LD_LIBRARY_PATH, RUBYLIB and FACTERLIB). If you need to specify the path to something explicitly in your scripts, the zip contents are extracted to the /opt/extension directory on the image.

After creating the above directory structure, package it into a zip archive with the following command:

```
zip -r my_extension.zip .
```

You can create multiple zip files but be aware they will be extracted to the same place on the Discovery image, so files in later zips will overwrite earlier ones if they have the same file name.

To inform the Discovery image of the extensions it should use, place your zip files on your TFTP server with the Discovery image, and then update the APPEND line of the PXELinux template with the fdi.zips option where the paths are relative to the TFTP root. For example, if you have two archives at $TFTP/zip1.zip and $TFTP/boot/zip2.zip, use the following syntax:

```
fdi.zips=zip1.zip,boot/zip2.zip
```

See Section 9.2.2, “Configuring PXE-booting” for more information on updating the PXE template.

### 9.6. TROUBLESHOOTING SATELLITE DISCOVERY

If a machine is not listed in the Satellite web UI under Hosts > Discovered Hosts, inspect the following configuration areas to help isolate the error:

• Navigate to Hosts > Provisioning Templates and redeploy the default PXELinux template using the Build PXE Default button.

• Verify the pxelinux.cfg/default configuration file on the TFTP Capsule Server.

• Ensure adequate network connectivity between hosts, Capsule Server, and Satellite Server.

• Check the PXELinux template in use and determine the PXE discovery snippet it includes. Snippets are named as follows: pxelinunx_discovery, pxegrub_discovery, or pxegrub2_discovery. Verify the proxy.url and proxy.type options in the PXE discovery snippet.

• Ensure that DNS is working correctly for the discovered nodes, or use an IP address in the proxy.url option in the PXE discovery snippet included in the PXELinux template you are using.

• Ensure that the DHCP server is delivering IP addresses to the booted image correctly.

• Ensure the discovered host or virtual machine has at least 1200 MB of memory. Less memory can lead to various random kernel panic errors as the image needs to be extracted in-memory.

For gathering important system facts, use the discovery-debug command. It prints out system logs, network configuration, list of facts, and other information on the standard output. The typical use case is to redirect this output and copy it with the scp command for further investigation.
The first virtual console on the discovered host is reserved for **systemd** logs. Particularly useful system logs are tagged as follows:

- **discover-host** — initial facts upload
- **foreman-discovery** — facts refresh, reboot remote commands
- **nm-prepare** — boot script which pre-configures NetworkManager
- **NetworkManager** — networking information

Use TTY2 or higher to log in to a discovered host. The root account and SSH access are disabled by default, but you can enable SSH and set the root password using the following kernel command-line options in the Default PXELinux template on the APPEND line:

```
fdi.ssh=1 fdi.rootpw=redhat
```
CHAPTER 10. INTEGRATING RED HAT SATELLITE AND ANSIBLE TOWER

You can integrate Red Hat Satellite 6.5 and Ansible Tower to use Satellite Server as a dynamic inventory source for Ansible Tower.

You can also use the provisioning callback function to run playbooks on hosts managed by Satellite, from either the host or Ansible Tower. When provisioning new hosts from Satellite Server, you can use the provisioning callback function to trigger playbook runs from Ansible Tower. The playbook configures the host following Kickstart deployment.

10.1. ADDING SATELLITE SERVER TO ANSIBLE TOWER AS A DYNAMIC INVENTORY ITEM

To add Satellite Server to Ansible Tower as a dynamic inventory item, you must create a credential for a Satellite Server user on Ansible Tower, add an Ansible Tower user to the credential, and then configure an inventory source.

Prerequisites

- You must have a Satellite Server user with an integration role that includes the necessary permission filters. For more information about managing users, roles, and permission filters, see Creating and Managing Roles in Administering Red Hat Satellite.

- You must specify the following permission filters and assign the role to the user.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Resource</th>
<th>Permissions</th>
<th>Access Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Host</td>
<td>view_hosts</td>
<td>To view Satellite Server hosts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Host Group</td>
<td>view_hostgroups</td>
<td>To view Satellite Server host groups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fact value</td>
<td>view_facts</td>
<td>To view Satellite Server Facts.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- You must host your Satellite Server and Ansible Tower on the same network or subnet.

Procedure

To add Satellite Server to Ansible Tower as a Dynamic Inventory Item, complete the following procedure:

1. In the Ansible Tower web UI, create a credential for your Satellite. For more information about creating credentials, see Add a New Credential and Red Hat Satellite 6 Credentials in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

Table 10.2. Satellite Credentials

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Credential Type</th>
<th>Red Hat Satellite 6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Satellite 6 URL</td>
<td><a href="https://satellite.example.com">https://satellite.example.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2. Add an Ansible Tower user to the new credential. For more information about adding a user to a credential, see Getting Started with Credentials in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

3. Add a new inventory. For more information, see Add a new inventory in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

4. In the new inventory, add Satellite Server as the inventory source, specifying the following inventory source options. For more information, see Add Source in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

<table>
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<th>Table 10.3. Inventory Source Options</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Credential</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overwrite</td>
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<td>Overwrite Variables</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Update on Launch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cache Timeout</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Ensure that you synchronize the source that you add.

10.2. CONFIGURING PROVISIONING CALLBACK FOR A HOST

When you create hosts in Satellite, you can use Ansible Tower to run playbooks to configure your newly created hosts. This is called provisioning callback in Ansible Tower.

The provisioning callback function triggers a playbook run from Ansible Tower as part of the provisioning process. The playbook configures the host after Kickstart deployment.

For more information about provisioning callbacks, see Provisioning Callbacks in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

In Satellite Server, the Kickstart Default and Kickstart Default Finish templates include three snippets:

1. `ansible_provisioning_callback`
2. `ansible_tower_callback_script`
3. `ansible_tower_callback_service`
You can add parameters to hosts or host groups to provide the credentials that these snippets can use to run Ansible playbooks on your newly created hosts.

Prerequisites

Before you can configure provisioning callbacks, you must add Satellite as a dynamic inventory in Ansible Tower. For more information, see Integrating Satellite and Ansible Tower.

In the Ansible Tower web UI, you must complete the following tasks:

1. Create a machine credential for your new host. Ensure that you enter the same password in the credential that you plan to assign to the host that you create in Satellite. For more information, see Add a New Credential in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

2. Create a project. For more information, see Projects in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

3. Add a job template to your project. For more information, see Job Templates in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

4. In your job template, you must enable provisioning callbacks, generate the host configuration key, and note the template_ID of your job template. For more information about job templates, see Job Templates in the Ansible Tower User Guide.

Procedure

To configure provisioning callback for a new host in Satellite, complete the following steps:

1. In the Red Hat Satellite web UI, navigate to Configure > Host Group.

2. Create a host group or edit an existing host group.

3. In the Host Group window, click the Parameters tab.

4. Click Add Parameter.

5. Enter the following information for each new parameter:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 10.4. Host Parameters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ansible_tower_provisioning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ansible_tower_fqdn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ansible_job_template_id</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ansible_host_config_key</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6. Click `Submit`.

7. Create a host using the host group.

8. On the new host, enter the following command to start the `ansible-callback` service:

```
# systemctl start ansible-callback
```

9. On the new host, enter the following command to output the status of the `ansible-callback` service:

```
# systemctl status ansible-callback
```

Provisioning callback is configured correctly if the command returns the following output:

```
SAT_host systemd[1]: Started Provisioning callback to Ansible Tower...
```

**Manual Provisioning Callback**

You can use the provisioning callback URL and the host configuration key from a host to call Ansible Tower. For example:

```
# curl -k -s --data curl --insecure --data host_config_key=my_config_key
  https://tower.example.com/api/v2/job_templates/8/callback/
```

Ensure that you use `https` when you enter the provisioning callback URL.

This triggers the playbook run specified in the template against the host.
CHAPTER 11. SAMPLE SCENARIOS

11.1. SIMPLE SCENARIO

The simple scenario shows how to add a single host, register it, set up, and run a job on it.

11.1.1. Creating the Host

The following procedure provides an example on how to create a host in Red Hat Satellite.

To Create a Host:

1. Click Hosts > Create Host.

2. On the Host tab, enter the required details:
   a. In the Name field, enter the host name, for example host1.example.com.
   b. In the Organization field, enter the organization name, for example MyOrg.
   c. In the Location field, enter the location name, for example MyLoc.

3. Optionally, on the Puppet Classes tab, select the Puppet classes you want to include.

4. On the Interfaces tab, edit the primary interface:
   a. Click the Edit button in the Actions column.
   b. Select a type from the Type list, for example Interface.
   c. In the MAC address field, enter the MAC address of your host.
   d. In the Device Identifier field, specify the device identifier for this interface, for example eth0.
   e. In the DNS name field, specify the DNS name of your host. For the primary interface, this host name is used with the domain name to form the FQDN.
   f. Select a domain from the Domain list, for example satellite.example.com. This automatically updates the IPv4 Subnet and IPv6 Subnet lists with a selection of available subnets. Optionally, select the subnets.
   g. In the IPv4 address field, specify the IPv4 address of your host.
   h. Click Ok.

5. On the Operating System tab, enter the required details:
   a. Select an architecture from the Architecture list, for example x86_64.
   b. Select an operating system from the Operating system list, for example RHEL Server 7.4.
   c. Select a partition table from the Partition table list, for example Kickstart default.
   d. In the Root password field, enter the root password for your host.
6. Optionally, on the **Parameters** tab, select the parameters you want to supply to the Puppet master to override the default values.

7. Optionally, on the **Additional Information** tab, enter additional information about the host.

8. Click **Submit**.

### 11.1.2. Registering the Host

After you have created `host1.example.com`, you must register it so that it can receive updates. The following procedure assumes the host is running Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.

**To Register the Host:**

1. In a terminal, connect to the host as the root user.

2. Ensure that a time synchronization tool is enabled and running on the host:

   ```
   # systemctl start chronyd; systemctl enable chronyd
   ```

3. Install the consumer RPM from the Satellite Server or Capsule Server to which the host is to be registered. The consumer RPM updates the content source location of the host and allows the host to download content from the content source specified in Red Hat Satellite.

   ```
   # rpm -Uvh http://satellite.example.com/pub/katello-ca-consumer-latest.noarch.rpm
   ```

4. Ensure that an activation key associated with the appropriate Content View and environment exists for the host. If not, see Managing Activation Keys in the Content Management Guide for more information.

5. Clear any old host data related to Red Hat Subscription Manager (RHSM):

   ```
   # subscription-manager clean
   ```

6. Register the host using RHSM:

   ```
   # subscription-manager register --org=MyOrg \ 
   --activationkey=my_activation_key
   ```

   Command output after registration:

   ```
   # subscription-manager register --org=MyOrg --activationkey=my_activation_key
   The system has been registered with id: 62edc0f8-855b-4184-b1b8-72a9dc793b96
   ```

7. Enable the **Red Hat Satellite Tools 6** repository:

   ```
   # subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-version-server-satellite-tools-6-rpms
   ```

8. Install the `katello-agent`:

   ```
   # yum install katello-agent
   ```

9. Ensure the `goferd` service is running:
# systemctl start goferd

10. Install and configure the Puppet agent:
   a. Install the Puppet agent:
      
      ```
      # yum install puppet
      ```
   b. Configure the Puppet agent to start at boot:
      
      ```
      # systemctl enable puppet
      ```

11. Append the following server and environment settings to the `/etc/puppetlabs/puppet/puppet.conf` file. Set the `environment` parameter to the name of the Puppet environment to which the host belongs:

      ```
      environment = My_Example_Org_Library
      server = satellite.example.com
      ca_server = satellite.example.com
      ```

12. Run the Puppet agent on the host:

      ```
      # puppet agent -t
      ```

13. Sign the SSL certificate for the Puppet client in the Satellite Server web UI:
   a. Log in to the Satellite Server web UI.
   b. Select Infrastructure > Capsules.
   c. Select Certificates from the list to the right of the required Capsule.
   d. Click Sign to the right of the required host.
   e. Enter the puppet agent command again:
      
      ```
      # puppet agent -t
      ```

11.1.3. Running a Job on the Host

The following procedure shows how to run a job template on the previously created and registered host `host1.example.com`.

To Execute a Remote Job:

1. Navigate to Hosts > All hosts and select the target host, in our example `host1.example.com`.
2. From the Select Action list at the upper right of the screen select Schedule Remote Job.
3. On the Job invocation page, define the main job settings:
   a. Select a job category from the Job category list, for example Commands.
   b. Select a job template from the Job template list, for example Run Command - SSH Default.
c. In the **command** field, enter the command you want to run on the host. For example, `timedatectl set-timezone Europe/Prague` will set the time zone to Prague in Europe.

4. Click **Submit**.
Embedded Ruby (ERB) is a tool for generating text files based on templates that combine plain text with Ruby code. Red Hat Satellite uses ERB syntax in the following cases:

Provisioning templates
For more information, see Creating Provisioning Templates in the Provisioning Guide.

Remote execution job templates
For more information, see Chapter 8, Running Jobs on Hosts.

Report templates
For more information, see Section 5.1, “Generating Host Monitoring Reports”.

Templates for partition tables
For more information, see Creating Partition Tables in the Provisioning Guide.

Smart Variables
For more information, see Configuring Smart Variables in the Puppet Guide.

Smart Class Parameters
For more information, see Configuring Smart Class Parameters in the Puppet Guide.

This section provides an overview of Satellite specific functions and variables that can be used in ERB templates along with some usage examples. Note that the default templates provided by Red Hat Satellite (Hosts > Provisioning templates, Hosts > Job templates, Monitor > Report Templates) also provide a good source of ERB syntax examples.

When provisioning a host or running a remote job, the code in the ERB is executed and the variables are replaced with the host specific values. This process is referred to as rendering. The Satellite Server has the safemode rendering option enabled by default, which prevents any harmful code being executed from templates.

A.1. WRITING ERB TEMPLATES

The following points summarize the ERB syntax:

- `<% %>` – marks enclosing Ruby code within the ERB template. The code is executed when the template is rendered. It can contain Ruby control flow structures as well as Satellite specific functions and variables. For example:

```
<% if @host.operatingsystem.family == "Redhat" && @host.operatingsystem.major.to_i > 6 - %>
  systemctl <%= input("action") %> <%= input("service") %>
<% else -%>
  service <%= input("service") %> <%= input("action") %>
<% end -%>
```

- `<%= %>` – the code output is inserted into the template. This is useful for variable substitution, for example:

```
echo <%= @host.name %>
```

- `<%- %>, <%= -%>` – by default, a newline character is inserted after a Ruby block if it is closed at the end of a line. To suppress this behavior, modify the enclosing mark. For example, the following template:
curl <%= @host.ip %> -%>/mydir

is rendered the same as:

curl <%= @host.ip %>/mydir

In practice, this is used to reduce the number of lines in rendered templates (where Ruby syntax permits).

- `<%# %>` – marks enclosing a comment that will be ignored during template rendering:

  `<%# A comment %>`

### A.2. TROUBLESHOOTING ERB TEMPLATES

The Satellite web UI provides two ways to verify the template rendering for a specific host:

- **Directly in the template editor** – when editing a template (under Hosts > Partition tables, Hosts > Provisioning templates, or Hosts > Job templates), on the Template tab click Preview and select a host from the list. The template then renders in the text field using the selected host’s parameters. Preview failures can help to identify issues in your template.

- **At the host’s details page** – select a host at Hosts > All hosts and click the Templates tab to list templates associated with the host. Select Review from the list next to the selected template to view its rendered version.

### A.3. SATELLITE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS AND VARIABLES

This section lists Satellite specific functions and variables for ERB templates. Note that some of them can be used in any kind of template, others are limited, for example job templates accept only @host variables and variables from Table A.4, “Kickstart Specific Variables” are only applicable in Kickstart templates.

You can use the functions listed in the following table across all kinds of templates.

**Table A.1. Generic Functions**

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>indent(n)</td>
<td>Indents the block of code by n spaces, useful when using a snippet template that is not indented.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>foreman_url(kind)</td>
<td>Returns the full URL to host-rendered templates of the given kind. For example, templates of the &quot;provision&quot; type usually reside at <a href="http://HOST/unattended/provision">http://HOST/unattended/provision</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>snippet(name)</td>
<td>Renders the specified snippet template. Useful for nesting provisioning templates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>snippets(file)</td>
<td>Renders the specified snippet found in the Foreman database, attempts to load it from the <code>unattended/snippets/</code> directory if it is not found in the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>snippet_if_exists(name)</td>
<td>Renders the specified snippet, skips if no snippet with the specified name is found.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example A.1. Using the snippet and indent Functions

The following syntax imports the `subscription_manager_registration` snippet to the template and indents it by four spaces:

```<%== indent 4 do
    snippet 'subscription_manager_registration'
end %>```

The following functions can be used in job templates. See Section 8.4.4, “Creating Advanced Templates” for usage examples.

#### Table A.2. Functions Specific to Job Templates

<table>
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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>input(input_name)</td>
<td>Returns the value of the specified input on the job execution.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>render_template(name, parameters)</td>
<td>Renders the specified template, similar to the generic snippet() function but enables passing arguments to the template.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following variables enable using host data within templates.

#### Table A.3. Host Specific Variables and Functions

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<tr>
<td>@host.architecture</td>
<td>The architecture of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.bond_interfaces</td>
<td>Returns an array of all bonded interfaces. See Note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.capabilities</td>
<td>The method of system provisioning, can be either build (for example kickstart) or image.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.certname</td>
<td>The SSL certificate name of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.diskLayout</td>
<td>The disk layout of the host. Can be inherited from the operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.domain</td>
<td>The domain of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.environment</td>
<td>The Puppet environment of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.facts</td>
<td>Returns a Ruby hash of facts from Facter. For example to access the 'ipaddress' fact from the output, specify @host.facts['ipaddress'].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.grub_pass</td>
<td>Returns the host’s GRUB password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.hostgroup</td>
<td>The host group of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>host_enc['parameters']</td>
<td>Returns a Ruby hash containing information on host parameters. For example, use host_enc['parameters']['lifecycle_environment'] to get the life cycle environment of a host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.image_build?</td>
<td>Returns true if the host is provisioned using an image.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.interfaces</td>
<td>Contains an array of all available host interfaces including the primary interface. See Note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.interfaces_with_identifier('IDs')</td>
<td>Returns array of interfaces with given identifier. You can pass an array of multiple identifiers as an input, for example @host.interfaces_with_identifier(['eth0', 'eth1']). See Note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.ip</td>
<td>The IP address of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.location</td>
<td>The location of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.mac</td>
<td>The MAC address of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.managed_interfaces</td>
<td>Returns an array of managed interfaces (excluding BMC and bonded interfaces). See Note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.medium</td>
<td>The assigned operating system installation medium.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.name</td>
<td>The full name of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.operatingsystem.family</td>
<td>The operating system family.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.operatingsystem.major</td>
<td>The major version number of the assigned operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.operatingsystem.minor</td>
<td>The minor version number of the assigned operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.operatingsystem.name</td>
<td>The assigned operating system name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.operatingsystem.boot_files_uri(medium_provider)</td>
<td>Full path to the kernel and initrd, returns an array.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.os.medium_uri(@host)</td>
<td>The URI used for provisioning (path configured in installation media).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>host_param('parameter_name')</td>
<td>Returns the value of the specified host parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>host_param_false?('parameter_name')</td>
<td>Returns false if the specified host parameter evaluates to false.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>host_param_true?('parameter_name')</td>
<td>Returns true if the specified host parameter evaluates to true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.primary_interface</td>
<td>Returns the primary interface of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.provider</td>
<td>The compute resource provider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.provision_interface</td>
<td>Returns the provisioning interface of the host. Returns an interface object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.ptable</td>
<td>The partition table name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.puppetmaster</td>
<td>The Puppet master the host should use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.pxe_build?</td>
<td>Returns true if the host is provisioned using the network or PXE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.shortname</td>
<td>The short name of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.sp_ip</td>
<td>The IP address of the BMC interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.sp_mac</td>
<td>The MAC address of the BMC interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.sp_name</td>
<td>The name of the BMC interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.sp_subnet</td>
<td>The subnet of the BMC network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.subnet.dhcp</td>
<td>Returns <code>true</code> if a DHCP proxy is configured for this host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.subnet.dns_primary</td>
<td>The primary DNS server of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.subnet.dns_secondary</td>
<td>The secondary DNS server of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.subnet.gateway</td>
<td>The gateway of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.subnet.mask</td>
<td>The subnet mask of the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.url_for_boot(:initrd)</td>
<td>Full path to the initrd image associated with this host. Not recommended, as it does not interpolate variables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@host.url_for_boot(:kernel)</td>
<td>Full path to the kernel associated with this host. Not recommended, as it does not interpolate variables, prefer boot_files_uri.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@provisioning_type</td>
<td>Equals to 'host' or 'hostgroup' depending on type of provisioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@static</td>
<td>Returns <code>true</code> if the network configuration is static.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@template_name</td>
<td>Name of the template being rendered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grub_pass</td>
<td>Returns the GRUB password wrapped in md5pass argument, that is <code>--md5pass=\{@host.grub_pass\}</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ks_console</td>
<td>Returns a string assembled using the port and the baud rate of the host which can be added to a kernel line. For example <code>console=ttyS1,9600</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>root_pass</td>
<td>Returns the root password configured for the system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**NOTE**

Host variables related to network interfaces, such as `@host.interfaces` or `@host.bond_interfaces` return interface data grouped in an array. To extract a parameter value of a specific interface, use Ruby methods to parse the array. For example, to get information about the first interface from an array and use it in a kickstart template:

```ruby
<% myinterface = @host.interfaces.first %>
IPADDR="<%= myinterface.ip %>"
NETMASK="<%= myinterface.subnet.mask %>"
GATEWAY="<%= myinterface.subnet.gateway %>"
```

You can iterate over the interface array, for example to extract an array of interface names use:

```ruby
<% ifnames = []
    @host.interfaces.each do |i|
        ifnames.push(i.name)
    end %>
```

---

**Example A.2. Using Host Specific Variables**

The following example checks if the host has Puppet and the Puppetlabs repository enabled:

```ruby
<%    pm_set = @host.puppetmaster.empty? ? false : true
    puppet_enabled = pm_set || host_param_true?('force-puppet')
    puppetlabs_enabled = host_param_true?('enable-puppetlabs-repo')
%>
```

The following example shows how to capture the minor and major version of the host’s operating system, which can be used for package related decisions:

```ruby
<%    os_major = @host.operatingsystem.major.to_i
    os_minor = @host.operatingsystem.minor.to_i
%>
<% if ((os_minor < 2) && (os_major < 14)) -%>
...
<% end -%>
```

The following example imports the 'kickstart_networking_setup' snippet if the host’s subnet has the DHCP boot mode enabled:

```ruby
<% subnet = @host.subnet %>
<% if subnet.respond_to?(:dhcp_boot_mode?) -%>
<%= snippet 'kickstart_networking_setup' %>
<% end -%>
```

The majority of common Ruby methods can be applied on host specific variables. For example, to extract the last segment of the host’s IP address, you can use:
The following variables are designed to be used within kickstart provisioning templates.

Table A.4. Kickstart Specific Variables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>@arch</td>
<td>The host architecture name, same as @host.architecture.name.</td>
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<tr>
<td>@dynamic</td>
<td>Returns true if the partition table being used is a %pre script (has the #Dynamic option as the first line of the table).</td>
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<tr>
<td>@epel</td>
<td>A command which will automatically install the correct version of the epel-release rpm. Use in a %post script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@mediapath</td>
<td>The full kickstart line to provide the URL command.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@osver</td>
<td>The operating system major version number, same as @host.operatingsystem.major.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
APPENDIX B. HOST MANAGEMENT WITHOUT GOFERD

From Satellite 6.2.11 onward, errata and package management via remote execution is available using a yum plugin. This allows the goferd service daemon to be disabled, thereby reducing memory and CPU load on content hosts.

The yum plugin is included with the katello-host-tools. This shipped with the Satellite 6.2.11 client update.

B.1. PREREQUISITES

The following must be made on all content hosts to allow host management by remote execution.

- Ensure katello-agent is installed on the content host by following Section 3.4, “Installing the Katello Agent”.

- Stop the goferd service:
  ```bash
  # systemctl stop goferd.service
  ```

- Disable the goferd service:
  ```bash
  # systemctl disable goferd.service
  ```

- Distribute the SSH keys to the content hosts by following Section 8.1, “Establishing a Secure Connection for Remote Commands”.

B.2. CONFIGURING HOST MANAGEMENT WITHOUT GOFERD AS THE SYSTEM DEFAULT

These steps configure host management to use remote execution as the system default for future package deployments.

To Configure Host Management Without Goferd as the System Default:

1. Log in to the Satellite web UI.
2. Navigate to Administer > Settings.
3. Select the Content tab.
4. Set the Use remote execution by default parameter to Yes.

The Satellite server now uses host management by remote execution instead of goferd.

B.3. LIMITATIONS WITH HAMMER

The following applies if you are using the hammer command to push errata. The hammer command is dependent on goferd to manage errata on content hosts. As a workaround, use Satellite’s remote execution feature to apply errata.

To Use Hammer Remote Execution Commands:

For example, perform a yum -y update on host123.example.org:

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# hammer job-invocation create \
--job-template "Run Command - SSH Default" \
--inputs command="yum -y update" \
--search-query "name ~ host123"
Job invocation 24 created
[.................................] [100%]
1 task(s), 1 success, 0 fail