



Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1

Release Notes

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Abstract

The Release Notes provide high-level coverage of the features and functionality that comprise Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1.

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CHAPTER 1. FEATURES

The Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1 features include:

- two installation sources (RHUI packages in ISOs as well as in Red Hat CDN repositories) so you can choose how to install Red Hat Update Infrastructure.
- easy installation using Puppet.
- code rebased to Pulp 2.18 and MongoDB 2.6 to be consistent with the code base in Red Hat Satellite 6.
- faster access to content due to reworked architecture for automated installations.
- default use of Red Hat Gluster Storage as shared storage to speed up content availability at the content delivery server (CDS) and eliminate the need for synchronization.
- high-availability deployment to reduce the error of one CDS not being synchronized with another CDS.
- a load balancer/HAProxy node that is client-facing. (This functionality was integrated previously into the CDS logic.)
- certificates managed by the `rhui-installer` and `rhui-manager` commands.
- updates to `yum.repos.d/*`, certificates, and keys to use the new unified URL.
- removal of client-side load balancing functionality from `rhui-lb.py`.
- support for Docker and OSTree (atomic) content.

See [Chapter 16, Manage Certificates and Keys](#) in the [Red Hat Update Infrastructure System Administrator's Guide](#) for more details about Docker and OSTree content.

CHAPTER 2. REWORKED ARCHITECTURE

2.1. SHARED STORAGE SUPPORT

Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1 offers support for a shared storage volume for quicker availability of content to the clients. Red Hat Update Appliance and the CDSs are able to leverage the same storage location, which reduces synchronization times between the Red Hat Update Appliance and the CDSs.

2.2. NFS

With the option to use NFS, you can leverage your existing storage infrastructure to provide the storage for content.

2.3. RED HAT GLUSTER STORAGE

Red Hat Gluster Storage (formerly Red Hat Storage Server) provides redundant, scalable storage that can be installed on the same nodes (CDSs) running RHUI. This minimizes the number of nodes required for the deployment and ensures that there is no single point of failure in the deployment.

Red Hat Gluster Storage is an open, software-defined file storage that scales out as much as you need, and you can deploy the same storage on premises or in a public or hybrid cloud. Red Hat Gluster Storage provides new opportunities to unify data storage and infrastructure, increase performance, and improve availability and manageability to meet a broader set of an organization's storage challenges and needs.

2.4. NEW INSTALLATION PROCESS

Puppet drives the installation to configure all nodes in a single step. Certificates can be created by the installer. There is an HAProxy option to be able to load balance content requests for RPMs, OSTree content, and containers.

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CHAPTER 3. UPDATES



NOTE

Red Hat recommends that you back up your system before you perform any updates. Refer to [the backup instructions](#) in the Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1 System Administrator's Guide for details on how to back up your system.



NOTE

As of version 3.1, RHUI will not be supported on RHEL 6 anymore. This and future updates will only be made available for RHEL 7. Users of RHUI on RHEL 6 are encouraged to migrate to RHEL 7.

3.1. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.0

The MongoDB packages have been upgraded to upstream version 2.6, which provides a number of bug fixes and enhancements over the previous version. (BZ#1487523)

The Pulp packages have been upgraded to upstream version 2.18, which provides a number of bug fixes and enhancements over the previous version. The following list includes notable bug fixes:

- When an updated version of updateinfo.xml.gz is found in Red Hat CDN, the previously saved updateinfo.xml.gz file is no longer kept locally in order to save disk space. Note that updateinfo.xml.gz files saved prior to this update will not be deleted after the next synchronization by Pulp 2.18. Remove them by hand or using the script described in the solution article which is linked in the References section. (BZ#1593218)
- If an erratum affects multiple repositories, the updateinfo.xml.gz files are correctly generated for all of them so that the "yum updateinfo" command can correctly display the relevant errata information. (BZ#1599116)
- The Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Server from RHUI repository has recently started to fail to synchronize, with an error message stating "DocumentTooLarge: BSON document too large." As a consequence, kernel-3.10.0-957.12.1.el7 was not available in RHUI. This problem has been fixed, and the repository can be synchronized correctly. (BZ#1707778)

This update adds the following enhancements:

- As a Pulp-based solution, RHUI can serve as an alternate content source for another systems management product. A RHUI administrator can now create a configuration RPM containing files that allow the other product to download packages from RHUI. (BZ#1695464)
- Legacy Certificate Authority (CA) certificates can be installed on CDS nodes to keep clients from losing access to entitled repositories after a new CA certificate is deployed in RHUI 3. (BZ#1698806)

3.2. COMPLETE THE UPDATE

Before applying this update, make sure all previously released errata relevant to your system have been applied.

For details on how to apply this update, refer to:

<https://access.redhat.com/articles/11258>



NOTE

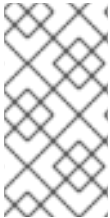
Before applying this update on CDS nodes, be sure to remount the shared filesystem, typically mounted at `/var/lib/rhui/remote_share`, read-write. This is necessary in order to allow the `pulp-server` package to update. Remount the filesystem read-only again after the update. Restart the `httpd` service in the end.



IMPORTANT

There are several steps to take after applying this update on the RHUA node:

- Perform database migrations by running: `sudo -u apache pulp-manage-db`
- Restart RHUI services by running: `rhui-services-restart`



NOTE

Migrations may take several minutes to finish, depending on the number of repositories and packages you have in your RHUI. Be sure to pay attention to the output from the migrations. If you have RHEL 8 repositories in your RHUI, you may need to republish some of them. Follow the instructions in the output.

3.3. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.1

- Previously, when a CDS node was unregistered from RHUI, it was not removed from HAProxy configuration. It is now removed from the configuration so that HAProxy does not keep track of the unregistered node anymore. (BZ#1454542)
- Prior to this update, when a CDS or a HAProxy node was unregistered from RHUI using the command line, the relevant RHUI services, `httpd` and `haproxy` respectively, were not stopped on the nodes. In addition, the RHUI remote file system was left mounted on the unregistered CDS node. The command line interface was fixed to correctly clean up unregistered CDS or HAProxy nodes. (BZ#1640002)
- Previously, only Red Hat repositories could be used when generating entitlement certificates on the command line. Any protected custom repositories also specified on the command line were ignored. With this update, protected custom repositories can be included when generating entitlement certificates on the command line. (BZ#1663422)

In addition, this update adds the following enhancements:

- Client configuration RPMs can now be generated with custom proxy settings for Yum. The settings will be saved for each RHUI repository in the `rh-cloud.repo` file. Consult the RHUI 3.1 System Administrators Guide, linked to in the References section, for more information about this feature. (BZ#1658088)
- When multiple repositories are scheduled to be synchronized, only a few of them can actually be actively synchronized at a time. The rest are waiting, but information about them is only kept in the system's memory. If the system is rebooted or the Qpid service is restarted, the information about the repositories waiting for synchronization is lost. To allow the information to be saved on the disk, the Qpid persistence extension has been added. This feature is also described in the RHUI 3.1 System Administrators Guide. (BZ#1702254)

- Client configuration RPMs used to be generated with a fixed release of "1". They can now be generated with any other release; the default release remains "1". This is useful if you have to generate a new configuration RPM containing updated certificates or repository data, and you do not want to use a higher version for any reason. (BZ#1715139)

Users of RHUI are advised to upgrade to these updated packages that fix these bugs and add these enhancements.

3.4. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.2

- The rhui-manager tool displays a numbered list of items to choose from when managing repositories or nodes. This list is numbered from 1 to the total number of items, and the RHUI administrator is expected to enter one or more numbers adjacent to the managed items. However, when the administrator entered 0 for some reason, the last item from the list got selected by mistake, or nothing got selected but rhui-manager subsequently crashed. This has been fixed so that entering 0 has no effect. (BZ#1305612)
- The rhui command did not provide any error message and exited with a status of 0 when it was instructed to delete a CDS or an HAProxy node that was not registered in RHUI. With this update, an error message is printed, and the exit code is not 0. (BZ#1409697)
- An unnecessary error message was logged on CDS nodes when a legacy CA certificate was configured but a client machine used the primary CA certificate. This message is no longer logged. (BZ#1731856)

In addition, this update adds the following enhancement:

- When the rhui-manager tool displays repositories to delete or show detailed information about, it newly categorizes them as follows: Custom Repositories, Red Hat Repositories: Docker, Red Hat Repositories: OSTree, and Red Hat Repositories: Yum. This way the RHUI administrator can better understand which of the managed repositories belong in which category. (BZ#1402361)

Users of RHUI are advised to upgrade to these updated packages that fix these bugs and add this enhancement.

3.5. COMPLETE THE UPDATE

Before applying this update, make sure all previously released errata relevant to your system have been applied.

For details on how to apply this update, refer to:

<https://access.redhat.com/articles/11258>

Apache must be restarted on CDS nodes for the rhui-oid-validator update to take effect. After applying the update, run the following command on your CDS nodes:

```
systemctl restart httpd
```

3.6. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.3

- After a change to Atomic metadata, the Red Hat Enterprise Linux Atomic Host (Trees) repository could not be synchronized. The following error message was logged: OverflowError: MongoDB can only handle up to 8-byte ints. The pulp-ostree package has been upgraded to upstream version 1.3.1, which resolves this issue. (BZ#1757764)

In addition, this update adds the following enhancement:

- With this update, RHUI leverages registry.redhat.io as the default container registry. Any previously added containers will still be synchronized from registry.access.redhat.com, but newly added containers will be synchronized from the new registry, unless a different registry is specified. Because the new registry requires authentication, a login and password must be supplied. Refer to [Add a Container to Red Hat Update Infrastructure](#) for more information. (BZ#1692119)

Users of RHUI are advised to upgrade to these updated packages that fix these bugs and add these enhancements.

3.7. COMPLETE THE UPDATE

Before applying this update, make sure all previously released errata relevant to your system have been applied.

For details on how to apply this update, refer to:

<https://access.redhat.com/articles/11258>

Note: Before applying this update on CDS nodes, be sure to remount the shared filesystem, typically mounted at `/var/lib/rhui/remote_share`, read-write. This is necessary in order to allow the `pulp-ostree-plugins` package to update. Remount the filesystem read-only again after the update.

Important: There are several steps to take after applying this update on the RHUA node:

- Make sure Pulp services are stopped by running: `systemctl stop pulp*`
- Perform database migrations by running: `sudo -u apache pulp-manage-db`
- Restart RHUI services by running: `rhui-services-restart`

In addition, for the fix for bug 1692119 to take effect, not only must the `python2-crane` package from this erratum be updated on CDS nodes, but the new configuration must be reapplied to them. To do so, on the RHUA node, use `rhui-manager → c → r → select one hostname at a time`, or use the command line: `rhui cds reinstall HOSTNAME`; repeat for all your CDS hostnames.

As described in the *System System Administrator's Guide*, you may also want to copy the new `[docker]` section from `/etc/rhui/rhui-tools.conf.rpmnew` to `/etc/rhui/rhui-tools.conf` and edit it according to your needs.

3.8. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.4

This update adds the following enhancements:

- A "comps" file, which is an XML file containing package groups, environments, categories, and language packs, can now be imported and become part of metadata for a custom repository. The RHUI 3.1 System Administrator's Guide has been updated with information about how to use this feature in RHUI. See the "groups" section in the yum manual page for instructions on how RHUI clients can leverage the information in this metadata. Also, see the `yum-langpacks` man page from the `yum-langpacks` package for detailed information about working with language packs. (BZ#1697491)

- Verbose reporting is turned on by default when adding and reinstalling CDS and HAProxy nodes. This way RHUI administrators can get more information about the process, especially if something fails. (BZ#1751378)

Users of RHUI are advised to upgrade to these updated packages that add these enhancements.

3.9. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.5

This update adds the following enhancements:

- To tighten security, all SSL protocols as well as TLS protocols older than version 1.2 are now disabled. Clients running RHEL 6 and newer will use TLS 1.2 automatically. Note that for this change to take effect, you must reapply the configuration to existing CDS instances as described at <https://access.redhat.com/solutions/4883961>. (BZ#1637261)



IMPORTANT

Because RHEL 5 does not support TLS 1.2, clients running RHEL 5 will not be able to use Yum repositories from RHUI 3.1.5 after this change. If you have RHEL 5 clients, do not reapply the configuration, or remove "-TLSv1 -TLSv1.1" from the `/etc/httpd/conf.d/ssl.conf` file and restart the `httpd` service on your CDS instances to revert this change. However, then you will not be able to enforce TLS 1.2.

- Previously, when RHUI administrators were asked to log in to `rhui-manager`, unnecessary and potentially confusing messages were displayed. Now, `rhui-manager` only informs the administrators about the fact that a login is required, and if the password has not been changed yet, a change is recommended. (BZ#1805385)

Red Hat advises users of RHUI to upgrade to the updated packages that add these enhancements.

3.10. UPDATES FOR RED HAT UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE 3.1.6

This update adds the following enhancement:

- You can upload packages stored on remote servers to custom repositories without having to download them beforehand. You can also use the new `ur` option on the Repository Management screen, or the new `"rhui-manager packages remote"` command to provide package URLs. (BZ#1204277)

Red Hat advises users of RHUI to upgrade to the updated packages that add this enhancement.

CHAPTER 4. KNOWN ISSUES

The known issues for Red Hat Update Infrastructure 3.1 includes the following subjects.

1. When a user tries to list packages in repositories with a large amount of packages, rhui-manager reports an error:

An unexpected error has occurred during the last operation. More information can be found in `/root/.rhui/rhui.log`.

An example of a repository with a large amount of packages is **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Server from RHUI (RPMs) (7Server-x86_64)**. See [BZ 1399605](#) for more details.

2. A repository may not finish synchronizing if the Red Hat Update Appliance (RHUA) reboots while the task is running. If it becomes necessary to synchronize the repository manually, you should first check the task list in Pulp. Something internal in Pulp must have gone wrong, and you will need to cancel that task if it appears to be stuck in the **Running** state while nothing is actually being transferred. You can try synchronizing the affected repository in rhui-manager again. If the re-synchronization does not resolve the problem, you may have to cancel the new synchronization task, remove the broken repository, and add and synchronize the repository once more. See [Check Repository Synchronization](#) in the [Red Hat Update Infrastructure System Administrator's Guide](#) for more details.
3. When attempting to upload **redhat-logos-4.9.16-1.noarch.rpm** to a custom repository, the upload fails with the following error:

An unexpected error has occurred during the last operation.
More information can be found in `/root/.rhui/rhui.log`.

See [BZ#1198817](#) for more details.

4. It is impossible to pull the OSTree repository on an Atomic Host immediately after it synchronizes for the first time. The synchronization must run at least twice; even then, the content is not available until Pulp publishes the files in the Apache directories, which takes several more minutes. Use the rhui-manager utility to forcibly run the synchronization for the second time or wait for the next synchronization, which occurs 4 hours after the first one. You can use the **pulp-admin tasks list** command on the RHUA node to check if a Pulp task is running and the **pulp-admin tasks details --task-id ID** command to check the progress of a running Pulp synchronization or publish task. See [BZ#1427190](#) for more details.

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