

NAME

guestfs-release-notes – libguestfs Release Notes

RELEASE NOTES FOR LIBGUESTFS 1.42

Please note that virt-v2v, virt-p2v and the boot analysis tools were moved out of the libguestfs package / repository into separate projects. See:

- <https://github.com/libguestfs/virt-v2v>
- <https://github.com/libguestfs/virt-p2v>
- <https://github.com/libguestfs/libguestfs-analysis-tools>

Those projects are now on a separate release cycle. Release notes are published separately.

New features

Add support for the Vala language (Corentin Noël).

Add support for the Rust language (Hiroyuki Katsura, sponsored by Google Summer of Code).

Reproducible builds (Chris Lamb).

Advanced Format disks (which use 4K sectors) can now be processed by libguestfs. Use the new optional `blocksize` parameter to `guestfs_add_drive_opts`, and the `--blocksize` option added to several tools (Nikolay Ivanets).

Windows CompactOS (NTFS file compression) is now supported.

New features in existing tools

Advanced machine readable output in various virt tools now supports JSON output, and writing logs to a numbered file descriptor (Pino Toscano).

virt-filesystems tool now more accurately reports filesystem total size, in the case where for example the filesystem does not occupy the whole of its containing device (Pino Toscano).

Language bindings

Python ≥ 2.7 is required.

Python bindings are now more extensively tested (Hiroyuki Katsura).

Python bindings should now work with Python ≥ 3.8 .

Multiple fixes to avoid crashes in the Python bindings (Sam Eiderman).

OCaml bindings are compiled with `-DCAML_NAME_SPACE` to ensure no non-caml-namespaced symbols are used (Pino Toscano).

OCaml bindings should now work with OCaml 4.09 and 4.10.

Erlang has deprecated the old `erl_interface` library which we use for Erlang bindings. It will be removed in OTP 22, which will permanently break Erlang support unless someone steps forward to update the Erlang bindings in libguestfs.

Fix compatibility with newer cgo for Go bindings (Tomáš Golembiovský).

Go API error handling is now more idiomatic (Csaba Henk).

Update documentation about how to handle boolean parameters in Ruby bindings (Csaba Henk).

Inspection

Libguestfs can now extract icons for Gentoo, newer SUSE and OpenMandriva guests. Improved extraction of RHEL icons. (Pino Toscano).

Inspection returns the `osinfo` IDs of newer Windows versions, and rolling Linux distros (Pino Toscano).

OpenMandriva is now detected (Bernhard Rosenkränzer).

Arch Linux detection improvements (Pino Toscano).

Architectures and platforms

Libguestfs can now be compiled on OpenMandriva (Bernhard Rosenkränzer).

Ubuntu fix for enabling network support (Ioanna Alifieraki).

Other

Use of deprecated libguestfs APIs will now cause compiler deprecation warnings by default, whereas previously you have to enable these warnings. To turn off these warnings use `-DGUESTFS_NO_WARN_DEPRECATED=1`. A new feature is that you can now disable deprecated APIs completely if you want, using `-DGUESTFS_NO_DEPRECATED=1` (Pino Toscano).

Fix hostname in virt-builder templates (Pino Toscano).

The single large release notes file is now split into multiple documents organized by version.

The `--key` option of several tools was broken, especially if you tried to use the option to pass multiple keys. This has been fixed and a regression test added.

Augeas exceptions occurring in daemon (eg. during inspection) will now produced detailed errors (Pino Toscano).

Security

No security issues were found in this release.

API*New APIs*

`luks_uuid` returns the UUID of a LUKS device (Pino Toscano).

Other API changes

Cope with new output from the `btrfs scrub` command. There is no visible change at the API level.

New optional parameter `blocksize` added to `guestfs_add_drive_opts` to support Advanced Format disks (Nikolay Ivanets).

Build changes

Minimum version of Augeas required is 1.2.0 (Pino Toscano).

`common/` subdirectory is now a git submodule shared with the `virt-v2v` project.

Supermin $\geq 5.1.18$ is required.

There were several bugs in libvirt 5.10.0 and 6.0 which affected libguestfs. It is highly advisable to use libvirt 6.1 where these bugs are fixed (versions of libvirt $< 5.10.0$ are also fine).

Many glibc modules which we were not using or which we used in only a few places have been removed (Pino Toscano).

Multiple fixes for `builddir != sourcedir` builds (Pino Toscano).

A new `bundled/` subdirectory contains one bundled library that we currently use, `ocaml-augeas` (Pino Toscano).

Fix compatibility issues when being compiled with GCC 10.

Internals

When linking OCaml programs, automake silent rules and the `V=1` flag are both now obeyed (Pino Toscano).

The `guestfs_device_index` API was reimplemented in library code instead of in the daemon. There should be no observable effect of this change.

Since Linux 5.6 enumerates `/dev/sdX` devices in parallel, libguestfs was changed to map API device names to appliance device names, and then do the reverse mapping when returning names from the appliance. Hopefully this should have no observable effect, but can produce somewhat confusing debugging messages since device names in the debug might not match device names passed in to APIs.

Furthermore the `root=UUID=...` option is always passed to the appliance (instead of naming the device containing the root filesystem).

We expect to move from the Zanata service to the Weblate service for translated strings. For more information see <https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1787301>

Bugs fixed

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1773520>

Segfault in python bindings for `guestfs_int_py_event_callback_wrapper`

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1746699>

Can't import guest from export domain to data domain on rhv4.3 due to error "Invalid parameter: 'DiskType=1'"

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1733168>

`virt-v2v`: Use `scp -T` in `-i vmx -it ssh` mode

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1723305>

Delete info "`export PATH=/path/to/nbdkit-1.1.x:$PATH`" in `virt-v2v-input-vmware` manual page

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1705482>

python 3.8 requires using `--embed` variant of `pkgconf` file, causing `libguestfs` to fail to build Python 3.8 bindings

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1703463>

`libguestfs` cannot inspect disks using Windows 10 NTFS compression, error "unsupported reparse point"

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1694268>

[PATCH] Add OpenMandriva support

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1691659>

`virt-v2v` should show a message when `qemu-guest-agent` is installed in guest successfully during conversion

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1690574>

`virt-v2v` fails to import a guest while cannot find 'file_architecture' for a file

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1680361>

[v2v][RHV][Scale] v2v Migration to RHV failed on timed out waiting for transfer to finalize

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1661871>

python bindings wrongly using `str` for APIs with `RBufferOut/FBuffer` on Python 3

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1626503>

Unable to maintain static IP address configuration post VM migration

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1612653>

Guest has no disk after `rhv-upload` converting if target data domain has similar name with other data domain on rhv4.2

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1605242>

Update `nbdkit` info for `vddk` in v2v man page

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1584678>

On W2K12r2 `rhev-apt` does not run non-interactively, causing race when starting `rhev-apt` service from the command line

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1518539>

Macvtap network will be lost during v2v conversion

<https://bugzilla.redhat.com/1351000>

`virt-customize --commands-from-file` will fail if there is an extra blank in the file

SEE ALSO

guestfs-examples (1), **guestfs-faq** (1), **guestfs-performance** (1), **guestfs-recipes** (1), **guestfs-testing** (1), **guestfs** (3), **guestfish** (1), <http://libguestfs.org/>

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When reporting a bug, please supply:

- The version of libguestfs.
- Where you got libguestfs (eg. which Linux distro, compiled from source, etc)
- Describe the bug accurately and give a way to reproduce it.
- Run **libguestfs-test-tool** (1) and paste the **complete, unedited** output into the bug report.