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Abstract

This document describes how to manage physical and virtual Linux-based systems using the RHEL 8 web console. The instructions assume that the server used for management is running in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.

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CHAPTER 1. GETTING STARTED USING THE RHEL WEB CONSOLE

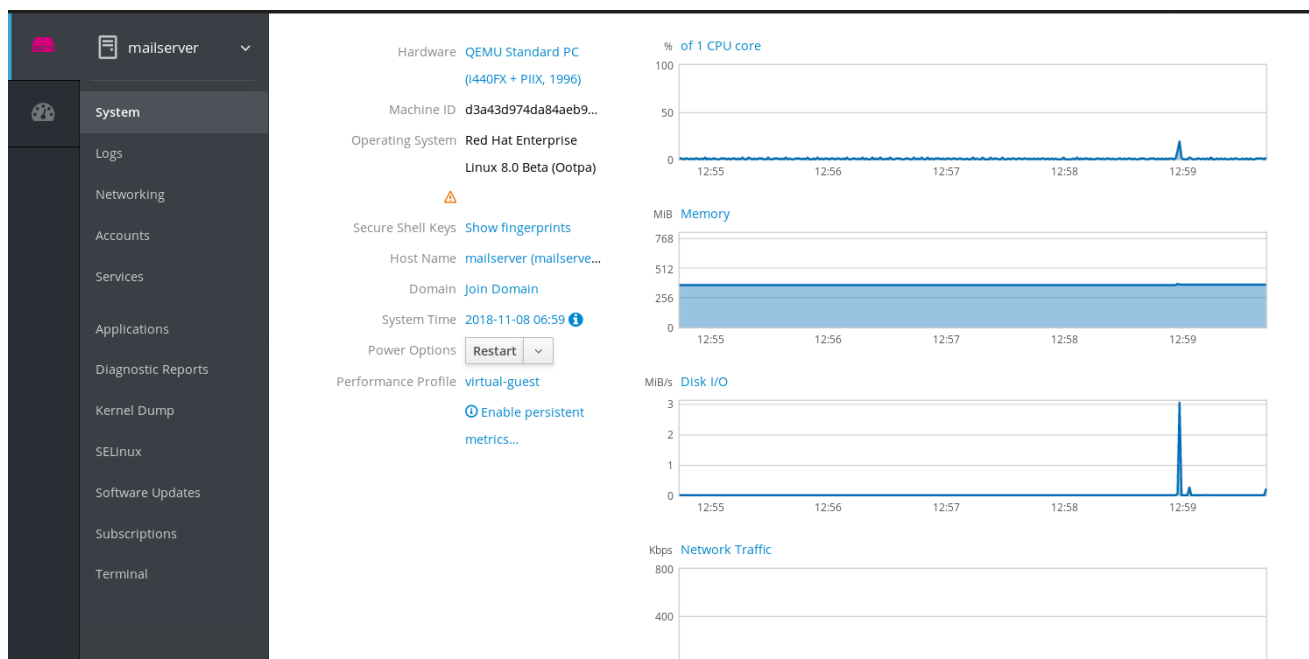
The following sections aim to help you install the web console in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and open the web console in your browser. You will also learn how to [add remote hosts](#) and monitor them in the RHEL 8 web console.

1.1. PREREQUISITES

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

1.2. WHAT IS THE RHEL WEB CONSOLE

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



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

- Managing services
- Managing user accounts
- Managing and monitoring system services
- Configuring network interfaces and firewall
- Reviewing system logs
- Managing virtual machines

- Creating diagnostic reports
- Setting kernel dump configuration
- Configuring SELinux
- Updating software
- Managing system subscriptions

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

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

1.3. INSTALLING THE WEB CONSOLE

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

Procedure

1. Install the **cockpit** package:

```
$ sudo yum install cockpit
```

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

```
$ sudo systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket
```

To verify the previous installation and configuration, you can [open the web console](#).

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

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

1.4. LOGGING IN TO THE WEB CONSOLE

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

Prerequisites

- Use one of the following browsers for opening the web console:
 - Mozilla Firefox 52 and later
 - Google Chrome 57 and later
 - Microsoft Edge 16 and later

- System user account credentials

The RHEL web console uses a specific PAM stack located at `/etc/pam.d/cockpit`. Authentication with PAM allows you to log in with the user name and password of any local account on the system.

Procedure

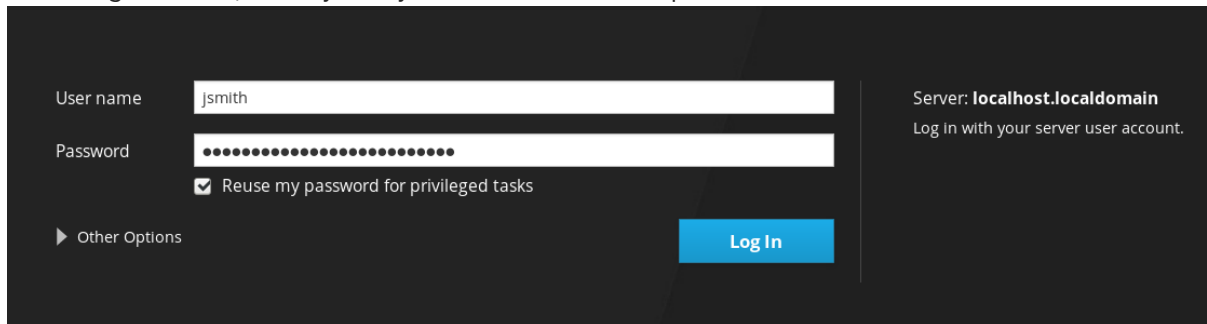
1. Open the web console in your web browser:

- Locally: **`https://localhost:9090`**
- Remotely with the server's hostname: **`https://example.com:9090`**
- Remotely with the server's IP address: **`https://192.0.2.2:9090`**

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

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

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



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

After successful authentication, the RHEL web console interface opens.

CHAPTER 2. CONFIGURING SYSTEM SETTINGS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

2.1. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO RESTART THE SYSTEM

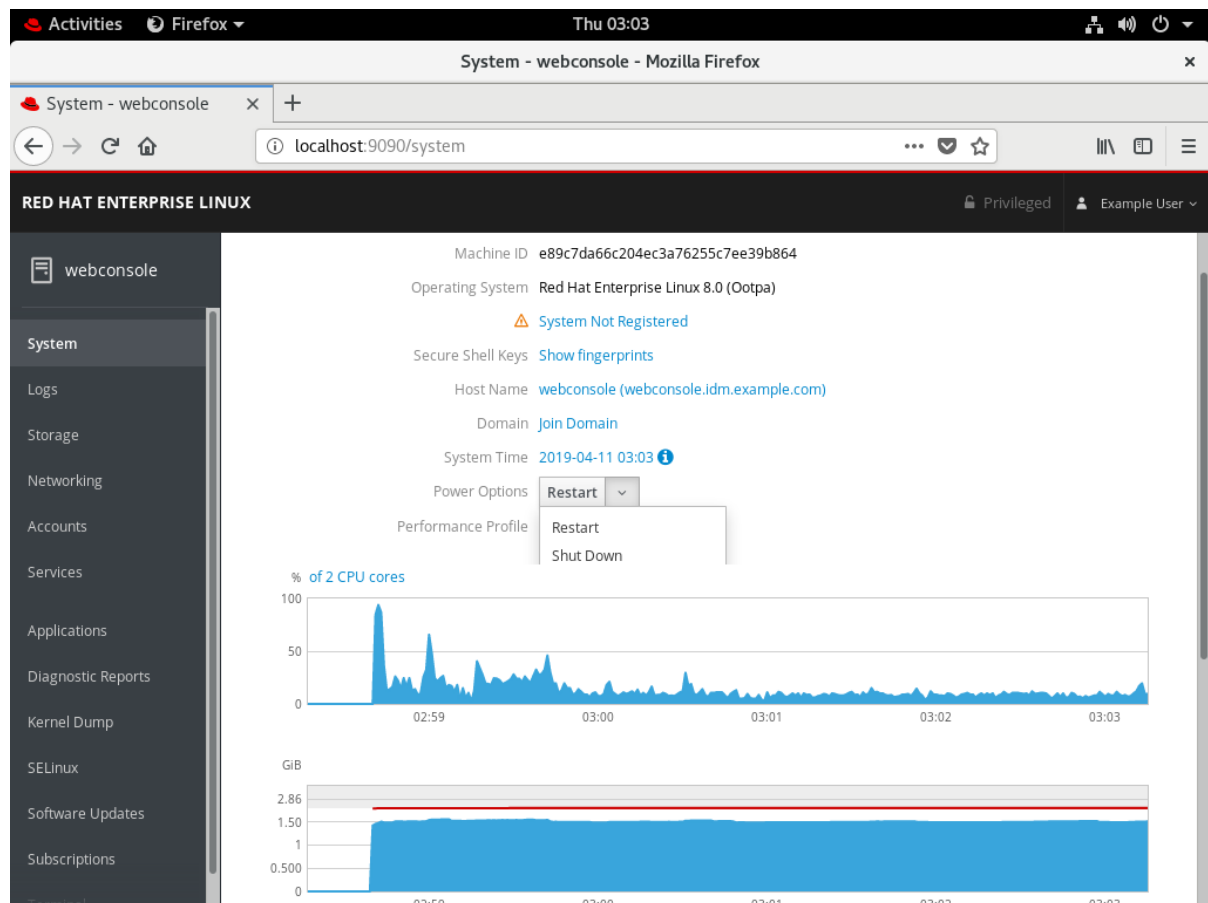
The following procedure describes system restart executed in the web console.

Prerequisites

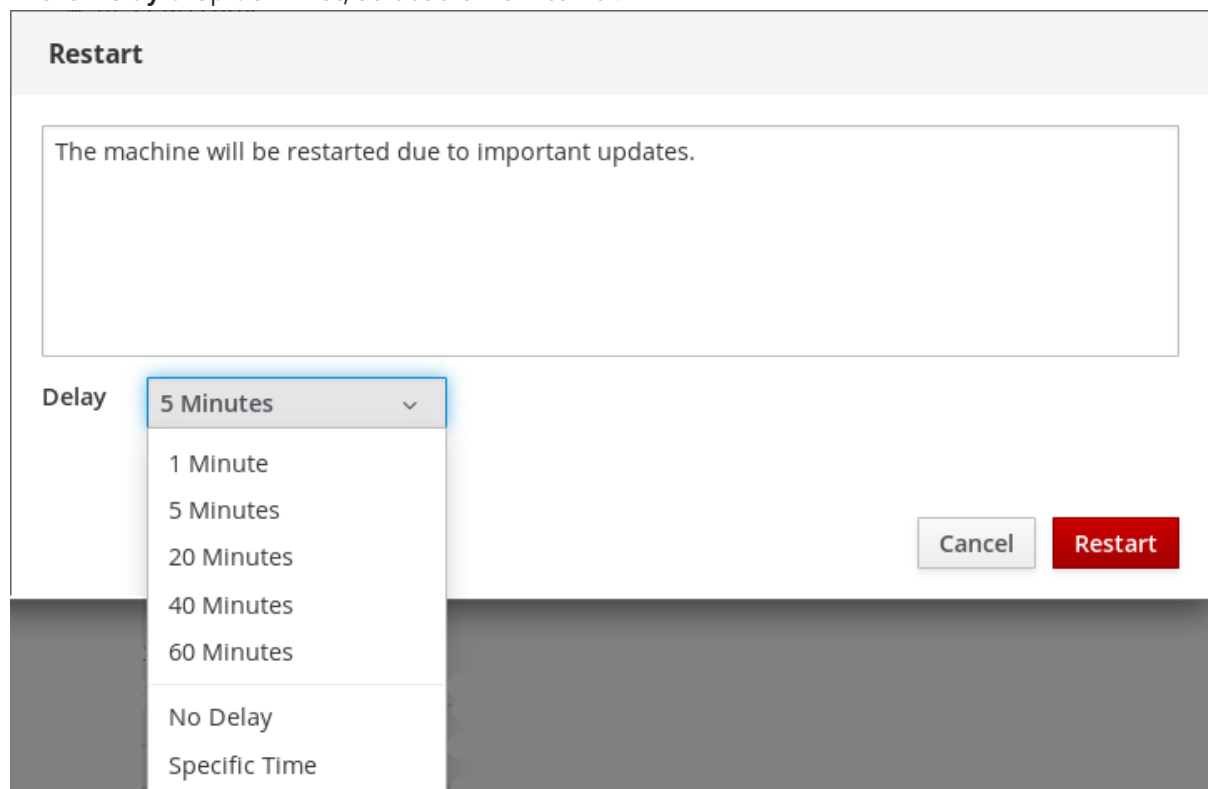
- The web console must be installed and accessible.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **System**.
3. In the **Power Options** drop down list, select **Restart**.



4. If there are users logged into the system, write a reason for the restart in the **Restart** dialog box.
5. In the **Delay** drop down list, select a time interval.



6. Click **Restart**.

The system will be restarted according to your selection.

2.2. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO SHUTDOWN THE SYSTEM

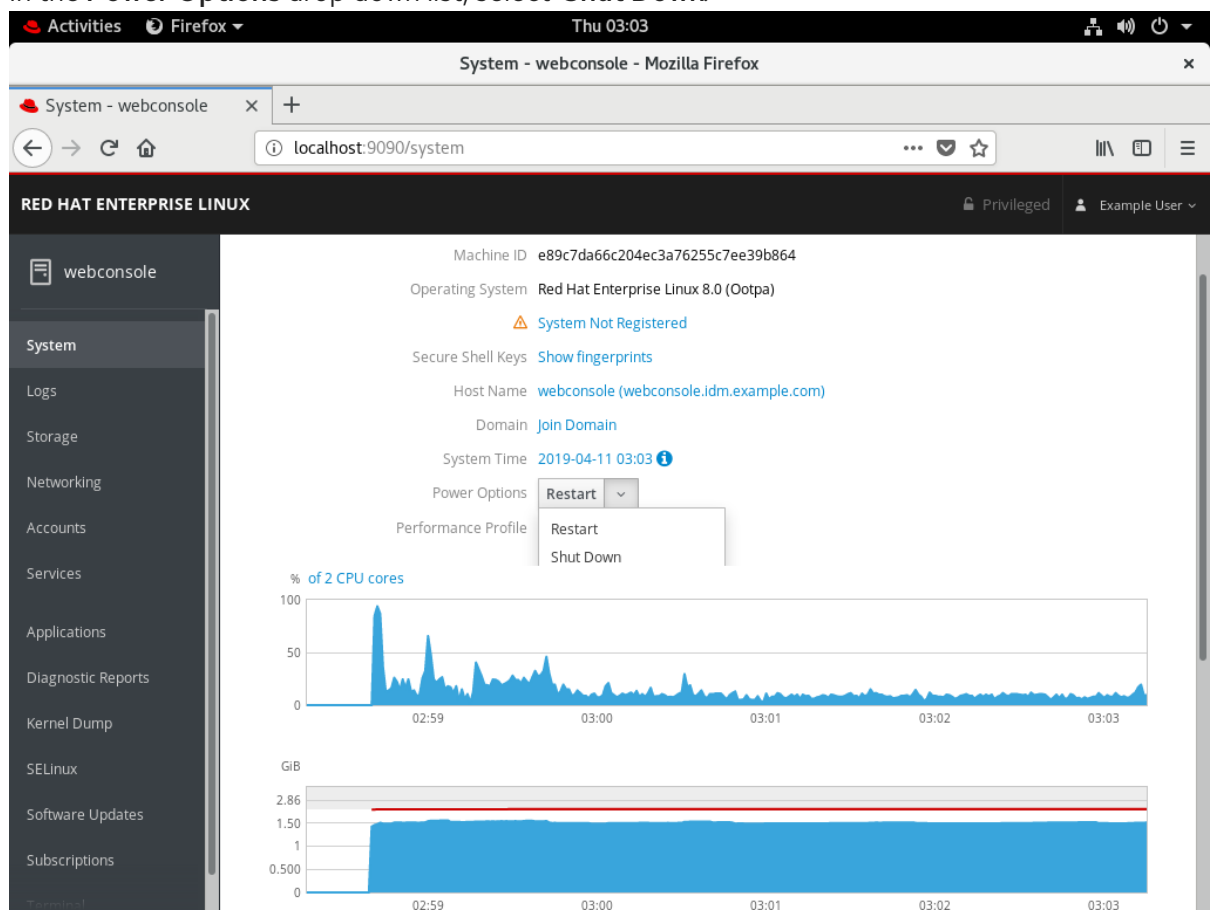
The following procedure describes system shutdown executed in the web console.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **System**.
3. In the **Power Options** drop down list, select **Shut Down**.



4. If there are users logged into the system, write a reason for the shutdown in the **Shut Down** dialog box.
5. In the **Delay** drop down list, select a time interval.
6. Click **Shut Down**.

The system will be turned off according to your selection.

2.3. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR SETTING A HOST NAME

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

Host names consists of two parts:

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

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

Example:

Pretty host name: **My Machine** Host name: **mymachine** Real host name (Fully qualified domain name): **mymachine.idm.company.com**

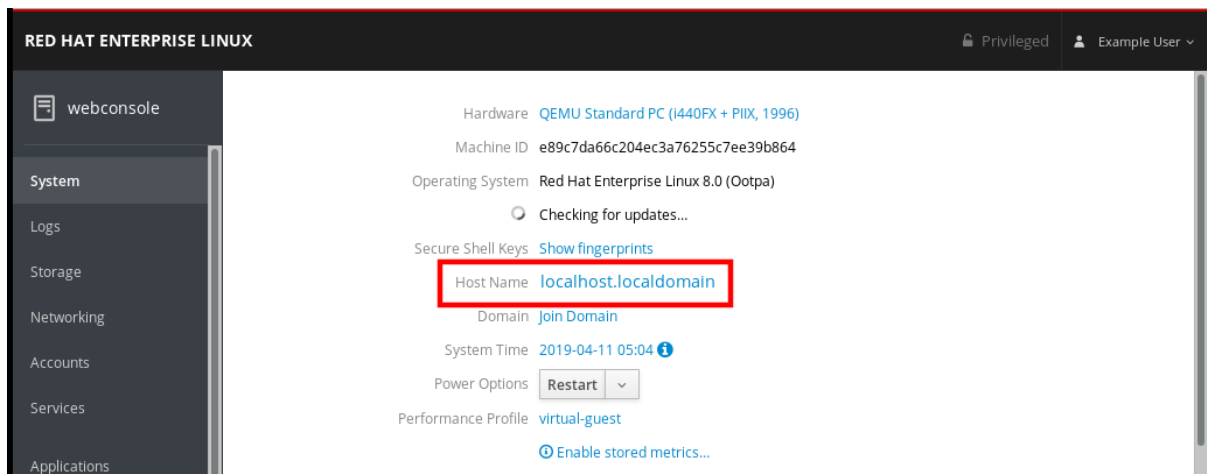
Host names are stored in the **/etc/hostname** file, however, you can set or change the host name in the web console.

Prerequisites

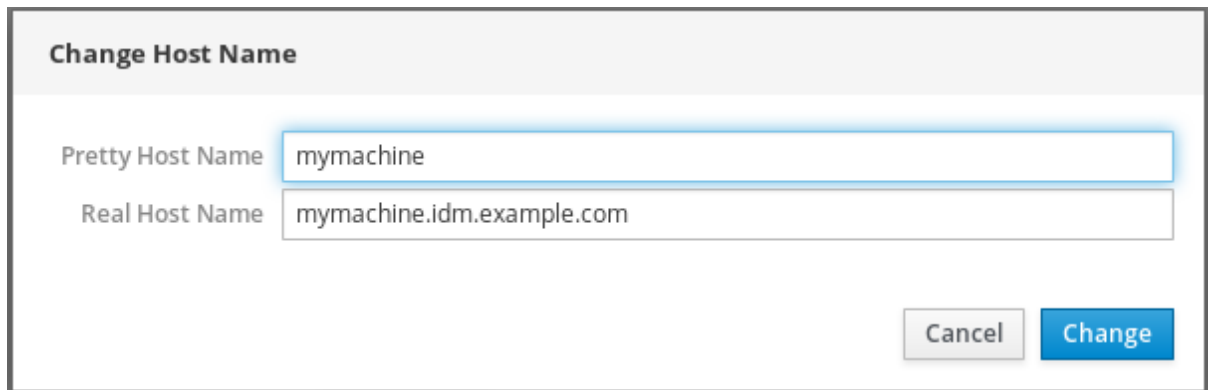
- The web console must be installed and accessible.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **System**.
3. Click the current host name.



4. In the **Change Host Name** dialog box, enter the host name in the **Pretty Host Name** field.
5. In the **Real Host Name** field, the pretty name will be compounded with a domain name.
You can change the host name manually if it does not correspond with the pretty host name.
6. Click **Change**.

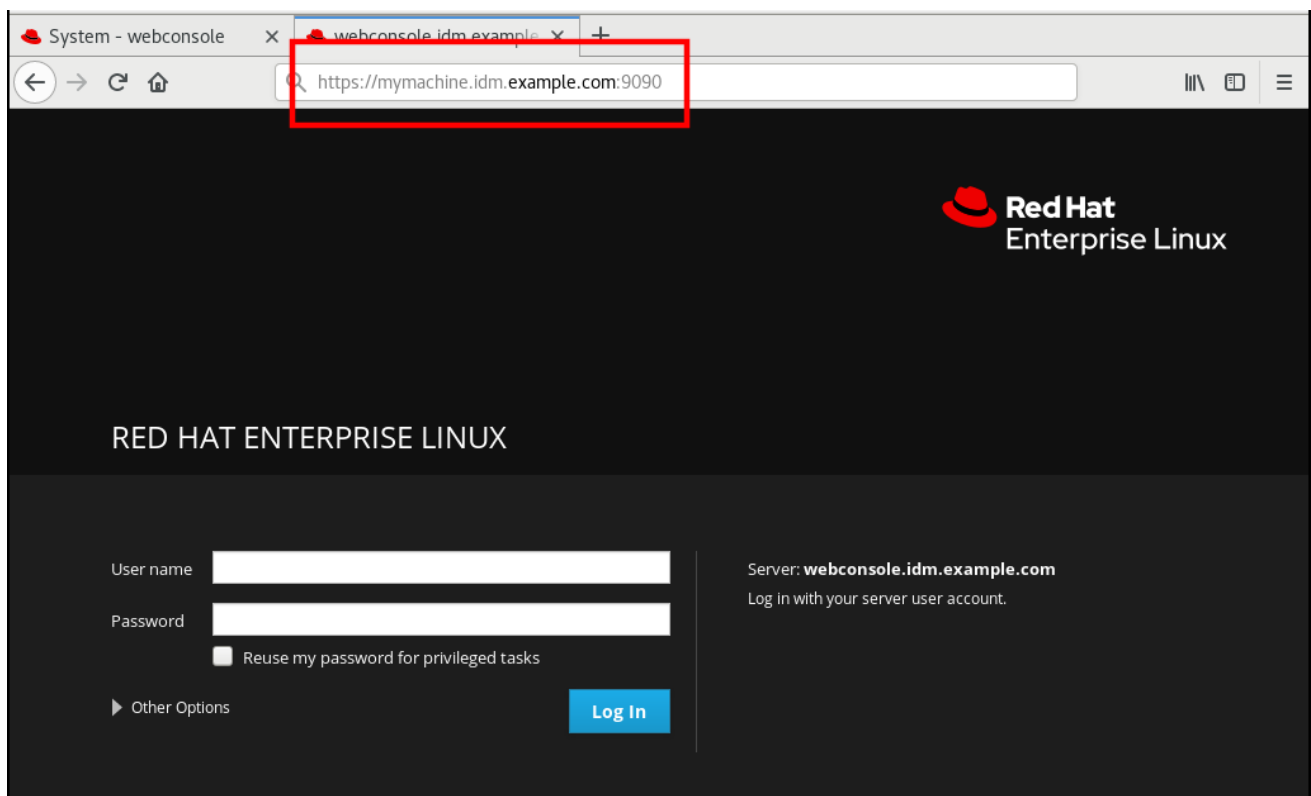


Change Host Name

Pretty Host Name

Real Host Name

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



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

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

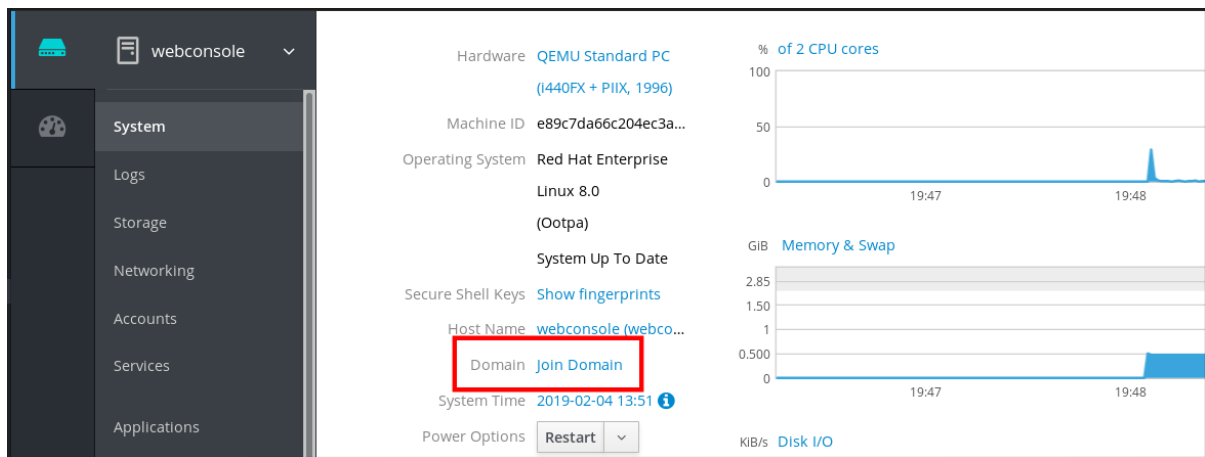
Prerequisites

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

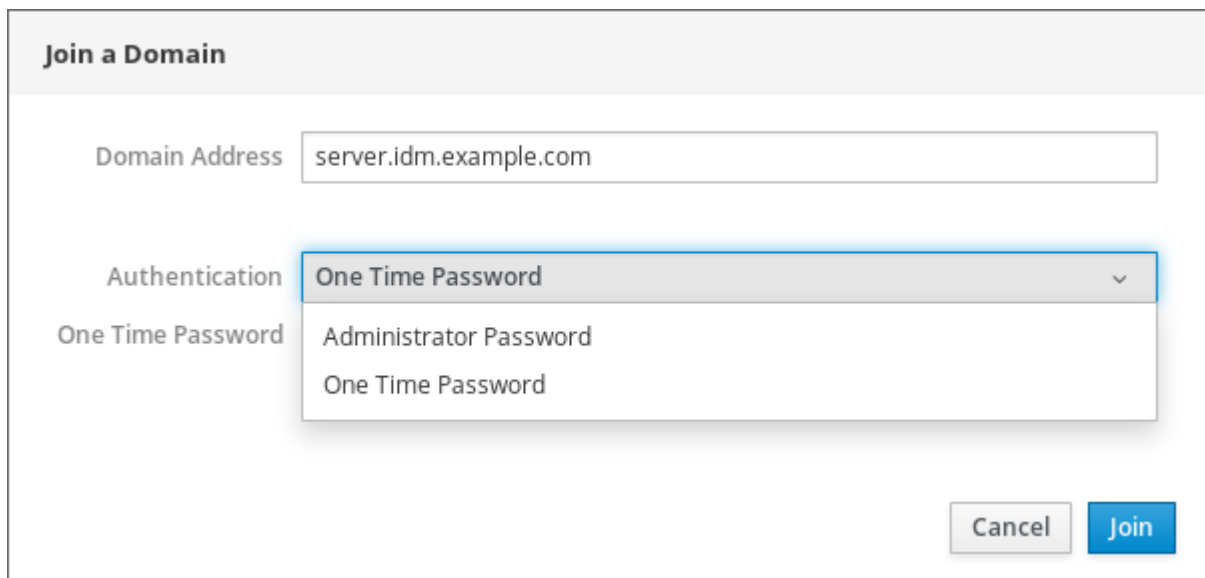
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open the **System** tab.

- Click **Join Domain**.



- In the **Join a Domain** dialog box, enter the host name of the IdM server in the **Domain Address** field.
- In the **Authentication** drop down list, select if you want to use password or one time password for authentication.



- In the **Domain Administrator Name** field, enter the user name of the IdM administration account.
- In the password field, add the password or one time password according to what you selected in the **Authentication** drop down list above.
- Click **Join**.

Join a Domain

Domain Address

Authentication

Administrator Password

Domain Administrator Name

Domain Administrator Password

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

webconsole
System
Logs
Storage
Networking
Accounts
Services
Applications

Hardware

QEMU Standard PC (i440FX + PIIX, 1996)

Machine ID

e89c7da66c204ec3a76255c7ee39b864

Operating System

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 Beta (Ootpa)

System Up To Date

Secure Shell Keys

Show fingerprints

Host Name

webconsole (webconsole.idm.example.com)

Domain

idm.example.com

System Time

2019-02-07 06:18 ⓘ

Power Options

Restart ▾

Performance Profile

virtual-guest

ⓘ Enable stored metrics...



WARNING

If you click to the joined domain in the **System** screen, the system will display a warning dialog with the information about leaving the domain. If you click **Leave**, the system will leave the domain.

Leave Domain

Are you sure you want to leave the 'idm.example.com' domain? Only users with local credentials will be able to log into this machine. This may also effect other services as DNS resolution settings and the list of trusted CAs may change.

Cancel

Leave

2.5. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING TIME SETTINGS

This section shows you how to set:

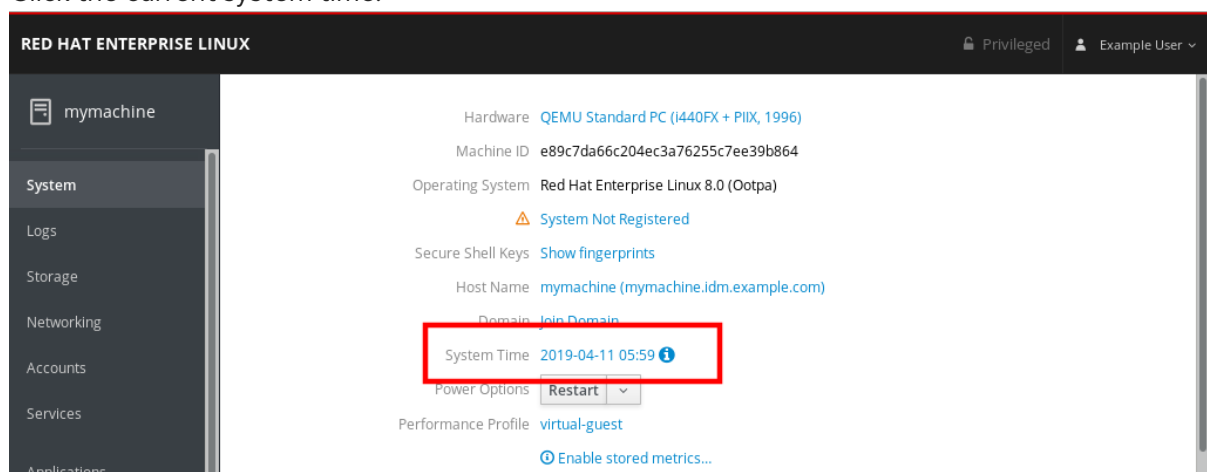
- The correct time zone
- Automatic time settings provided by an NTP server.
- A specific NTP server.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

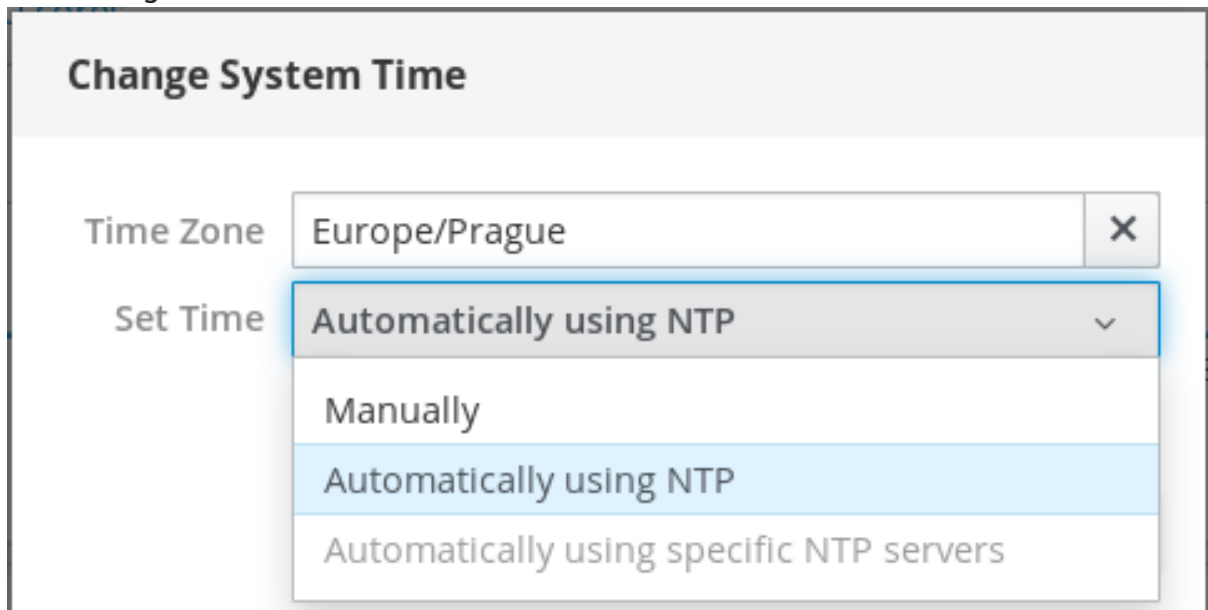
1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **System**.
3. Click the current system time.



4. In the **Change System Time** dialog box, change the time zone if necessary.
5. In the **Set Time** drop down menu, select:
 - Manually

- Automatically using NTP server – This is a default option. If the time of the system is correct, leave it as it is.
- Automatically using specific NTP servers – Use this option only if you need to synchronize the system with a specific NTP server and add the DNS name or IP address of the server.

6. Click **Change**.



Change System Time

Time Zone: Europe/Prague

Set Time: Automatically using NTP

Manually

Automatically using NTP

Automatically using specific NTP servers

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

2.6. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR SELECTING PERFORMANCE PROFILES

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 includes performance profiles optimizing:

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

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

The RHEL 8 web console configures the **tuned** service.

For details about the **tuned** service, see [Monitoring and managing system status and performance](#).

Prerequisites

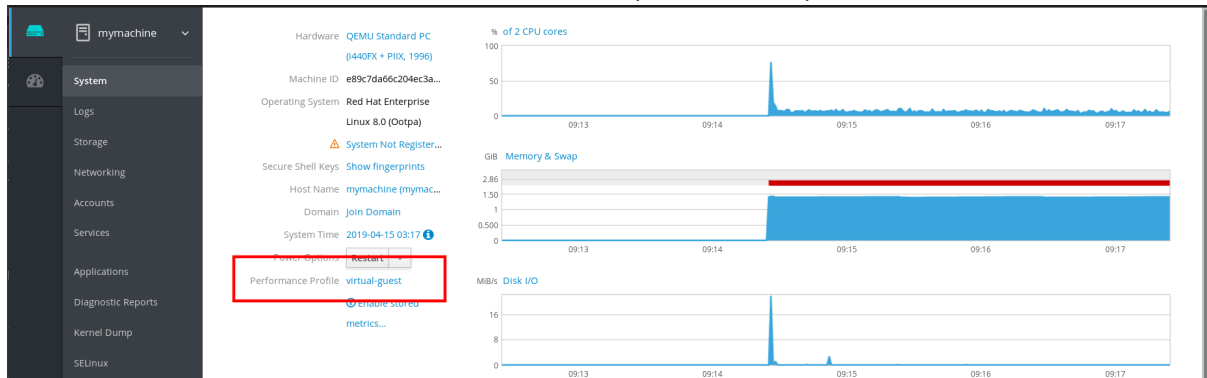
- The web console must be installed and accessible.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.

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

- Click **System**.
- In the **Performance Profile** field, click the current performance profile.



- In the **Change Performance Profile** dialog box, change the profile if necessary.
- Click **Change**.

The screenshot shows the 'Change Performance Profile' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Change Performance Profile'. Inside, there are three options: 'throughput-performance' (Broadly applicable tuning that provides excellent performance across a variety of common server workloads), 'virtual-guest' (Optimize for running inside a virtual guest, marked as 'recommended' with a blue background), and 'virtual-host' (Optimize for running KVM guests). At the bottom right are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Change Profile'.

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

CHAPTER 3. MANAGING USER ACCOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

3.1. PREREQUISITES

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

3.2. SYSTEM USER ACCOUNTS MANAGED IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

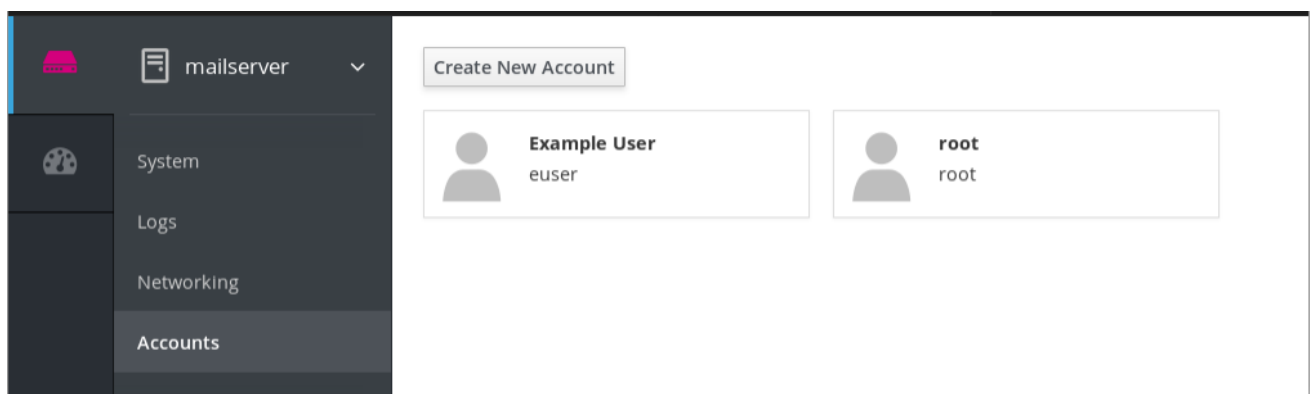
- Authenticate users when accessing the system.
- Set their access rights to the system.

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

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

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

You can find the account management in the **Accounts** settings.



3.3. ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
2. Click **Accounts**.
3. Click **Create New Account**.
4. In the **Full Name** field, enter the full name of the user.
The RHEL web console automatically suggests a user name from the full name and fills it in the **User Name** field. If you do not want to use the original naming convention consisting of the first letter of the first name and the whole surname, update the suggestion.
5. In the **Password/Confirm** fields, enter the password and retype it for verification that your password is correct. The color bar placed below the fields shows you security level of the entered password, which does not allow you to create a user with a weak password.

Create New Account

Full Name

User Name

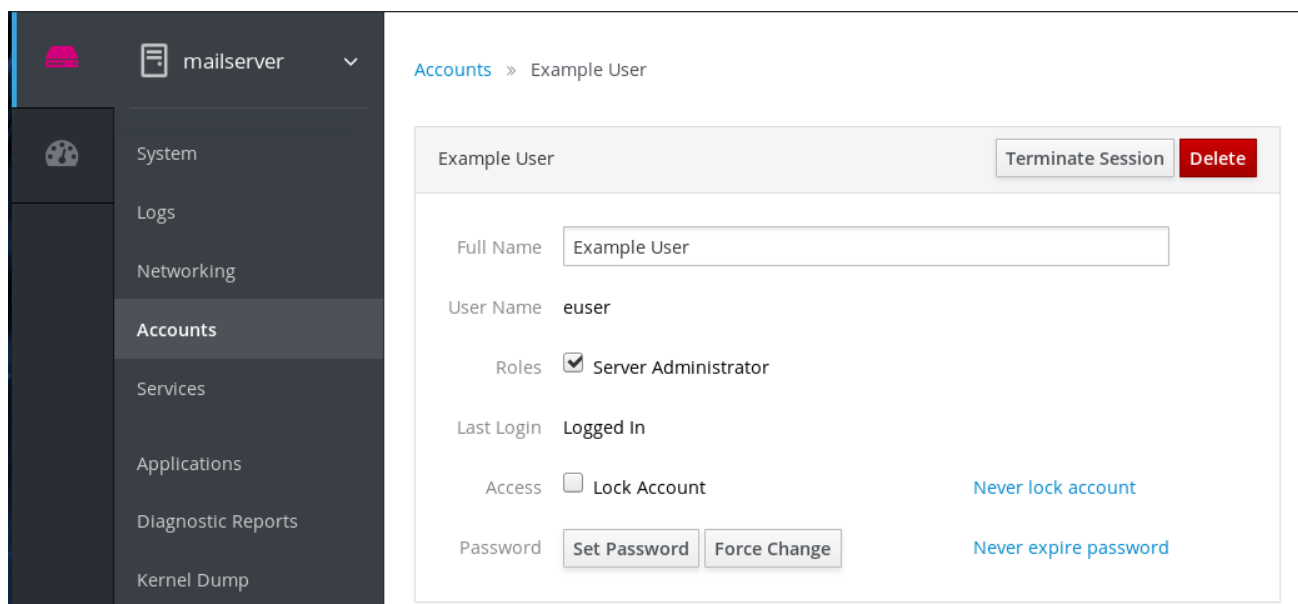
Password

Confirm

Excellent password

Access ☐ Lock Account

6. Click **Create** to save the settings and close the dialog box.
7. Select the newly created account.
8. Select **Server Administrator** in the **Roles** item.



Now you can see the new account in the **Accounts** settings and you can use the credentials to connect to the system.

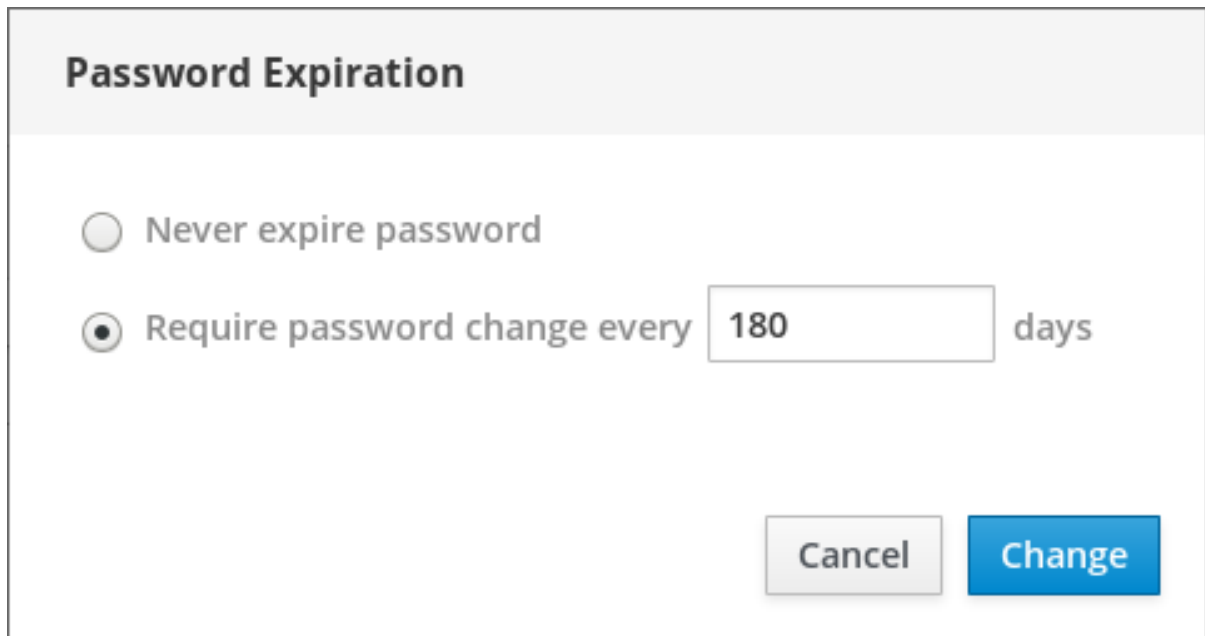
3.4. ENFORCING PASSWORD EXPIRATION IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console interface.
2. Click **Accounts**.
3. Select the user account for which to enforce password expiration.
4. In the user account settings, click **Never expire password**.
5. In the **Password Expiration** dialog box, select **Require password change every ... days** and enter a positive whole number representing the number of days when the password expires.



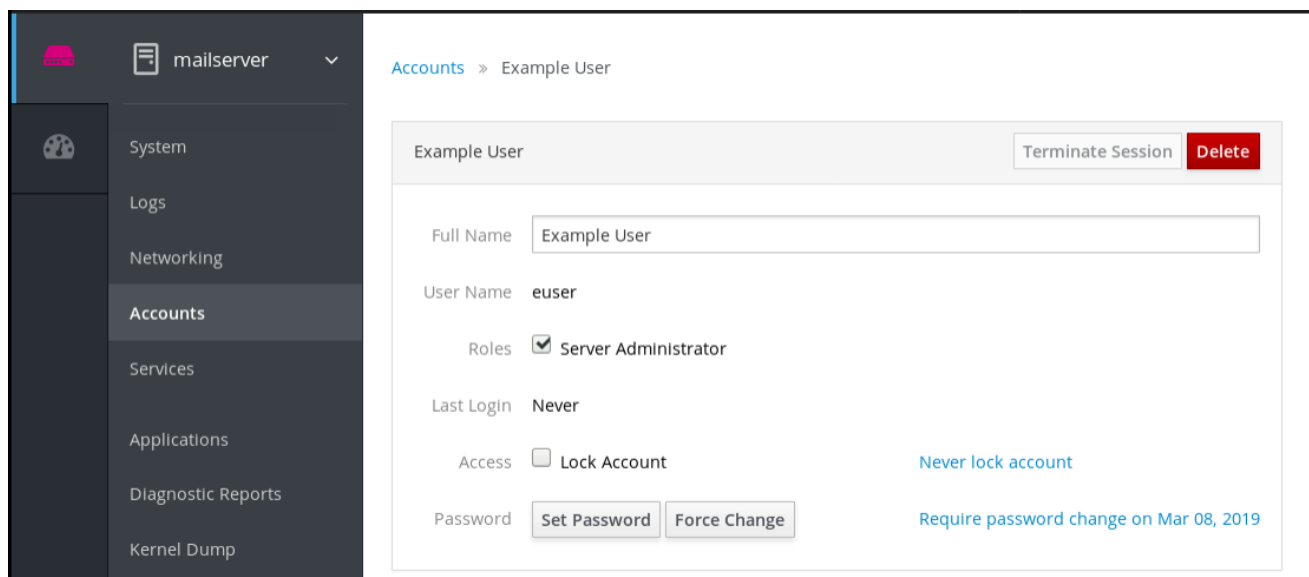
Password Expiration

☐ Never expire password

☒ Require password change every days

- Click **Change**.

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



mailserver

Accounts » Example User

Example User Terminate Session Delete

Full Name

User Name **euser**

Roles ☒ Server Administrator

Last Login **Never**

Access ☐ Lock Account [Never lock account](#)

Password [Require password change on Mar 08, 2019](#)

3.5. TERMINATING USER SESSIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

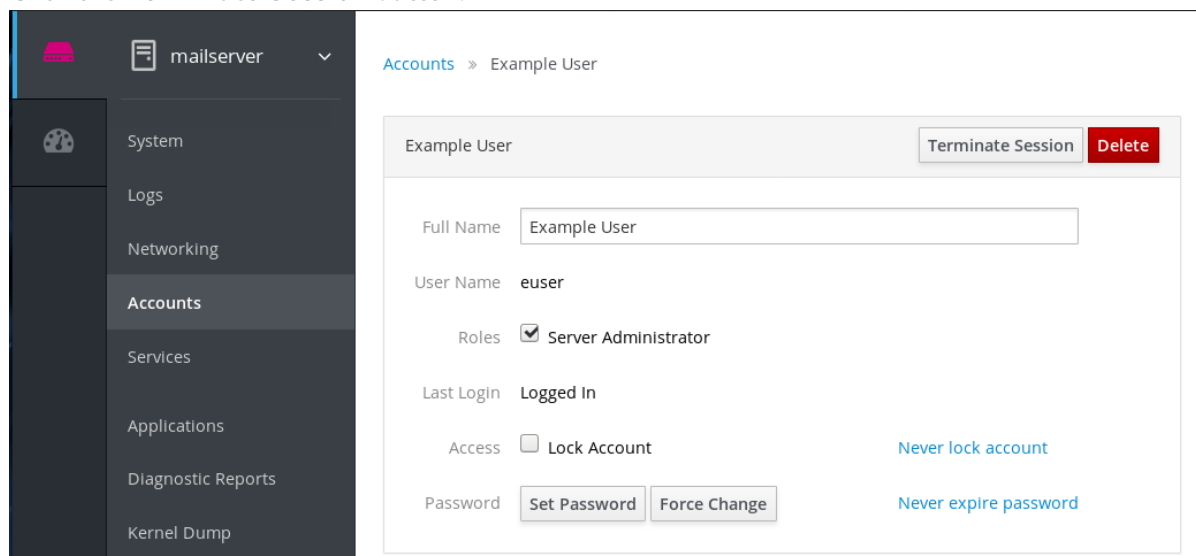
It can be helpful if you need to perform administrative tasks sensitive to configuration changes, for example, system upgrades.

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

Procedure

- Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.

2. Click **Accounts**.
3. Click the user account for which you want to terminate the session.
4. Click the **Terminate Session** button.



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

The RHEL web console terminates the sessions.

CHAPTER 4. MANAGING NETWORKING IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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



NOTE

The RHEL 8 web console is build on top of the NetworkManager service.

For details, see [Getting started with managing networking with NetworkManager](#).

4.1. PREREQUISITES

- The RHEL 8 web console installed and enabled.
For details about NetworkManager, see [Installing the web console](#).

4.2. CONFIGURING NETWORK BRIDGES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

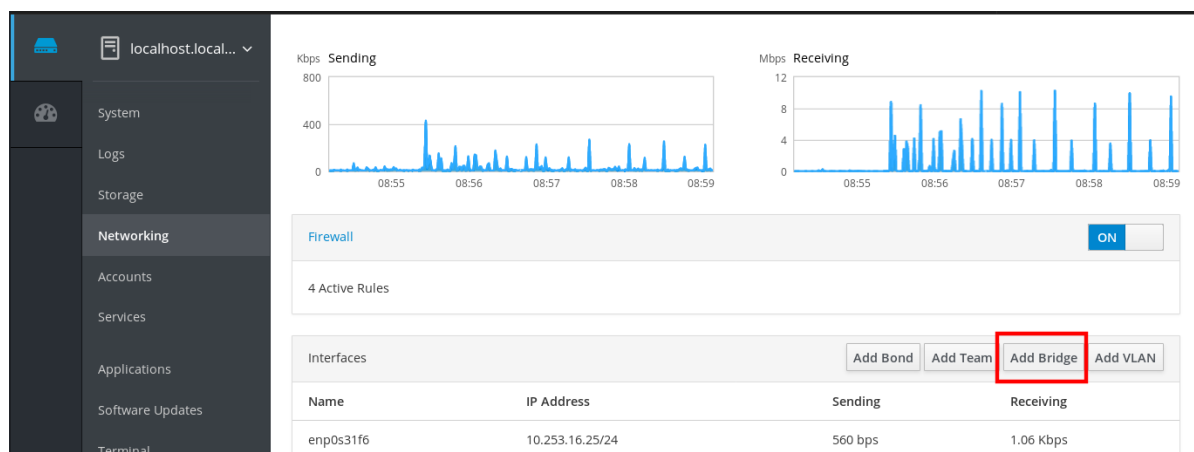
Network bridges are used to connect multiple interfaces to the one subnet with the same range of IP addresses.

4.2.1. Adding bridges in the web console

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open **Networking**.
3. Click the **Add Bridge** button.



4. In the **Bridge Settings** dialog box, enter a name for the new bridge.
5. In the **Port** field, select interfaces which you want to put to the one subnet.
6. Optionally, you can select the **Spanning Tree protocol (STP)** to avoid bridge loops and broadcast radiation.
If you do not have a strong preference, leave the predefined values as they are.

Bridge Settings

Name

Ports

☒ enp0s31f6
☐ tun0
☐ virbr0
☒ vnet0
☒ vnet1
☐ wlp61s0

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) ☒

STP Priority
STP Forward delay
STP Hello time
STP Maximum message age

7. Click **Create**.

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

Interfaces				Add Bond	Add Team	Add Bridge	Add VLAN
Name	IP Address	Sending	Receiving				
bridge0	10.253.16.25/24	1.22 Kbps	609 bps				
virbr0	192.168.122.1/24	No carrier					
wlp61s0	10.253.16.39/24	0 bps	0 bps				

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

4.2.2. Configuring a static IP address in the web console

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

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open the **Networking** section.
3. Click the interface where you want to set the static IP address.

Interfaces				Add Bond	Add Team	Add Bridge	Add VLAN
Name	IP Address	Sending	Receiving				
bridge0	10.253.16.25/24	336 bps	2.24 Kbps				
virbr0	192.168.122.1/24	No carrier					
wlp61s0	10.253.16.39/24	0 bps	0 bps				

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



Status 10.253.16.25/24, fe80:0:0:0:7813:2486:f2d0:92ad/64

Carrier Yes

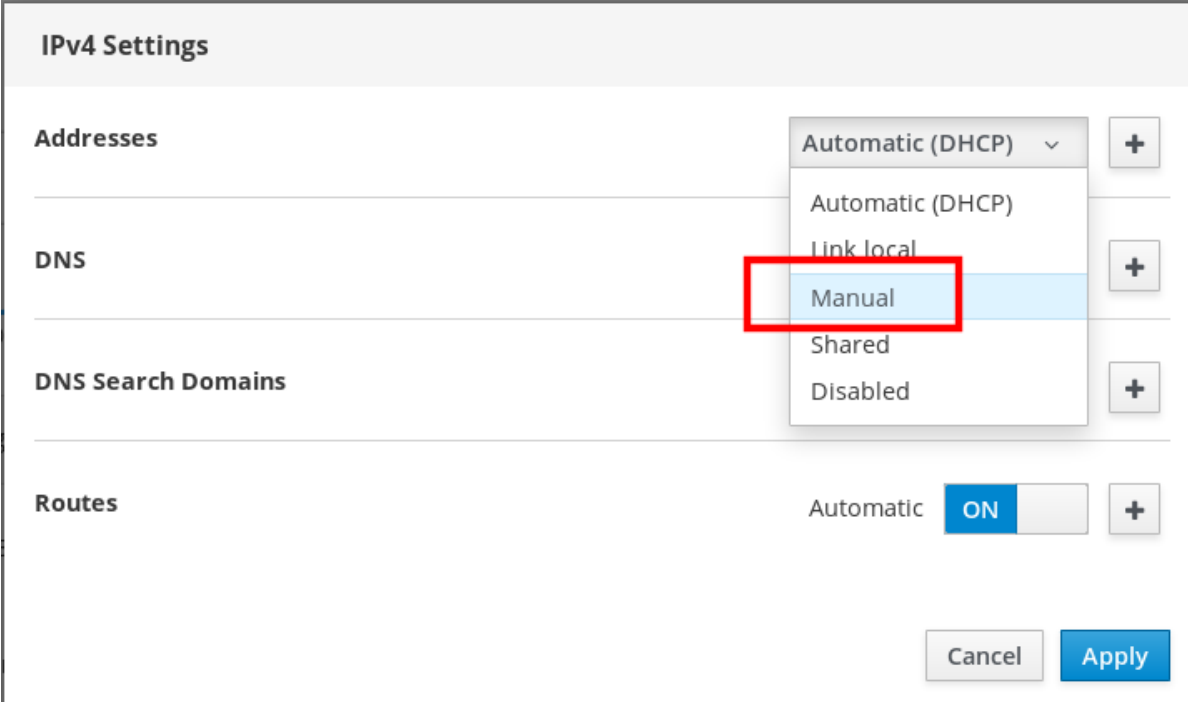
General ☒ Connect automatically

IPv4 Automatic (DHCP)

IPv6 Automatic

MTU Automatic

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



IPv4 Settings

Addresses Automatic (DHCP) +

DNS +

DNS Search Domains +

Routes Automatic **ON** +

Cancel Apply

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

IPv4 Settings

Addresses Manual +

192.168.122.3 255.255.255.0 192.168.122.1 −

DNS Automatic ON +

DNS Search Domains Automatic ON +

Routes Automatic ON +

Cancel Apply

8. Click **Apply**.

At this point, the IP address has been configured and the interface uses the new static IP address.

IPv4 Address 192.168.122.3/24 via 192.168.122.1

IPv6 Automatic

MTU Automatic

4.2.3. Removing interfaces from the bridge using the web console

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

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

Prerequisites

- Having a bridge with multiple interfaces in your system.

Procedure

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

- Click the bridge you want to configure.

Name	IP Address	Sending	Receiving
bridge0	10.253.16.25/24	336 bps	2.24 Kbps
virbr0	192.168.122.1/24	No carrier	
wlp61s0	10.253.16.39/24	0 bps	0 bps

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

Ports	Sending	Receiving	
enp0s31f6	0 bps	0 bps	ON -
vnet0	0 bps	0 bps	ON -
vnet1	0 bps	0 bps	ON -

- Select the interface and click the - icon.

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

4.2.4. Deleting bridges in the web console

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

Prerequisites

- Having a bridge in your system.

Procedure

- Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
- Open the **Networking** section.
- Click the bridge you want to configure.

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

Ports	Sending	Receiving	
enp0s31f6	0 bps	0 bps	ON
vnet0	0 bps	0 bps	ON
vnet1	0 bps	0 bps	ON

5. Click **Delete**.

At this stage, go back to **Networking** and verify that all the network interfaces are displayed on the **Interfaces** tab. Interfaces which were part of the bridge can be inactive now. Therefore, you may need to activate them and set network parameters manually.

Interfaces		Add Bond	Add Team	Add Bridge	Add VLAN
Name	IP Address	Sending	Receiving		
enp0s31f6	10.253.16.25/24	1.12 Kbps	1.60 Kbps		
tun0	10.40.205.17/22	0 bps	0 bps		
virbr0	192.168.122.1/24	No carrier			
vnet0		Inactive			
vnet1		Inactive			

4.3. CONFIGURING VLANS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

VLANs (Virtual LANs) are virtual networks created on a single physical Ethernet interface.

Each VLAN is defined by an ID which represents a unique positive integer and works as a standalone interface.

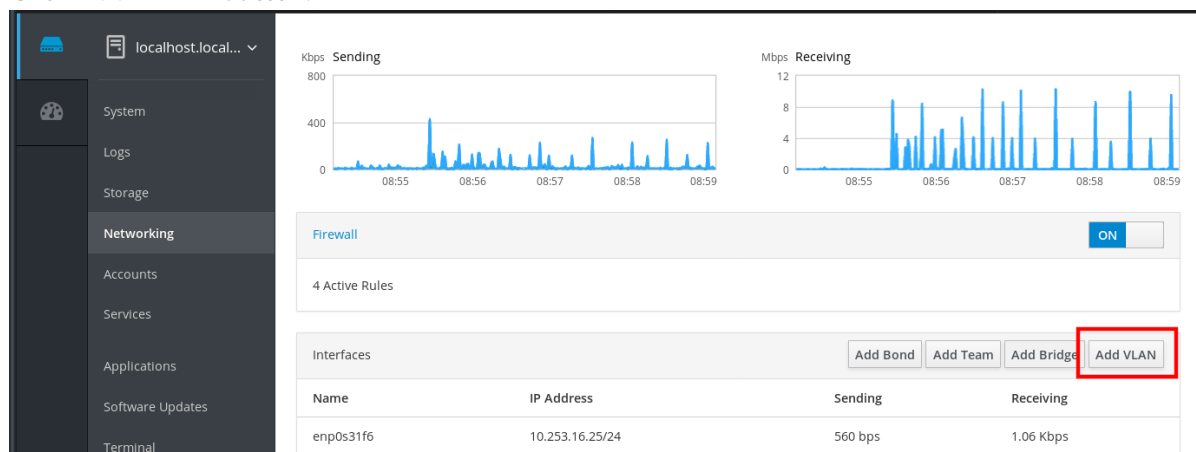
The following procedure describes creating VLANs in the RHEL web console.

Prerequisites

- Having a network interface in your system.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open **Networking**.
3. Click **Add VLAN** button.



4. In the **VLAN Settings** dialog box, select the physical interface for which you want to create a VLAN.
5. Enter the VLAN Id or just use the predefined number.
6. In the **Name** field, you can see a predefined name consisted of the parent interface and VLAN Id. If it is not necessary, leave the name as it is.

The 'VLAN Settings' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'VLAN Settings'. Inside, there are three input fields: 'Parent' (a dropdown menu showing 'enp0s31f6'), 'VLAN Id' (a text input field containing '1'), and 'Name' (a text input field containing 'enp0s31f6.1'). At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Apply'.

7. Click **Apply**.

The new VLAN has been created and you need to click at the VLAN and configure the network settings.

Interfaces				Add Bond	Add Team	Add Bridge	Add VLAN
Name	IP Address	Sending	Receiving				
enp0s31f6	10.253.16.25/24	7.66 Kbps	5.47 Kbps				
enp0s31f6.1		Configuring IP					
tun0	10.40.204.27/22	0 bps	0 bps				
virbr0	192.168.122.1/24	0 bps	0 bps				
wlp61s0	10.253.16.39/24	0 bps	0 bps				

CHAPTER 5. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING FIREWALL

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console enables you to run, stop, and configure the system firewall. You can select and add services into the list of enabled services.

You can also disable a service by removing this service from the list of enabled services.

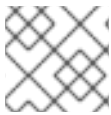
The RHEL 8 web console configures the **firewalld** service.

The RHEL 8 web console displays only predefined firewalld services in the default zone.

For details about the **firewalld** service, see [Getting started with firewalld](#).

5.1. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO RUN THE FIREWALL

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



NOTE

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open the **Networking** section.
3. In the **Firewall** section, click **ON** to run the firewall.

The screenshot shows the Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console interface. The top header bar is dark gray with the text "RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX" on the left, a lock icon and "Privileged" status in the center, and a user icon and "Example User" on the right. A left sidebar contains a menu with items: "webconsole", "System", "Logs", "Storage", "Networking" (highlighted), "Accounts", "Services", "Applications", "Diagnostic Reports", and "Kernel Dump". The main content area displays two line graphs for network activity: "Kbps Sending" and "Kbps Receiving", both showing a flat line at 0 Kbps from 07:19 to 07:23. Below the graphs, there is a "Firewall" section with a blue "Firewall" label and a toggle switch set to "ON". Underneath the toggle, it says "3 Active Rules".

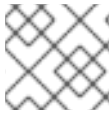
If you do not see the **Firewall** box, log in to the web console with the administration privileges.

At this stage, your firewall is running.

To configure firewall rules, see [Adding rules in the web console using the web console](#).

5.2. USING THE WEB CONSOLE TO STOP THE FIREWALL

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

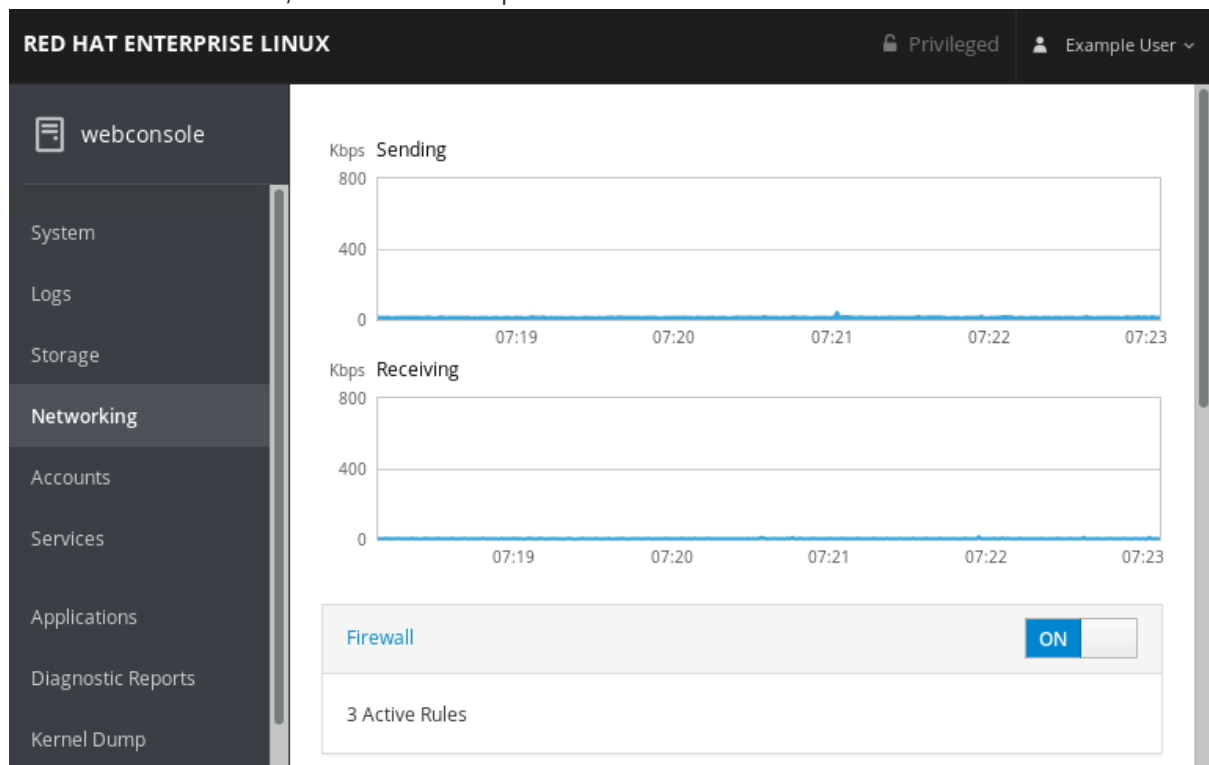


NOTE

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Open the **Networking** section.
3. In the **Firewall** section, click **OFF** to stop it.



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

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

5.3. ENABLING SERVICES ON FIREWALL USING THE WEB CONSOLE

The following text describes how to add services in the system firewall using the web console.

The RHEL 8 web console displays predefined **firewalld** services in the default zone.



IMPORTANT

The RHEL 8 web console configures the **firewalld** service. However, allowing services apply to all interfaces. The RHEL 8 web console supports the default zone. It can cause conflicts with low level firewall rules.

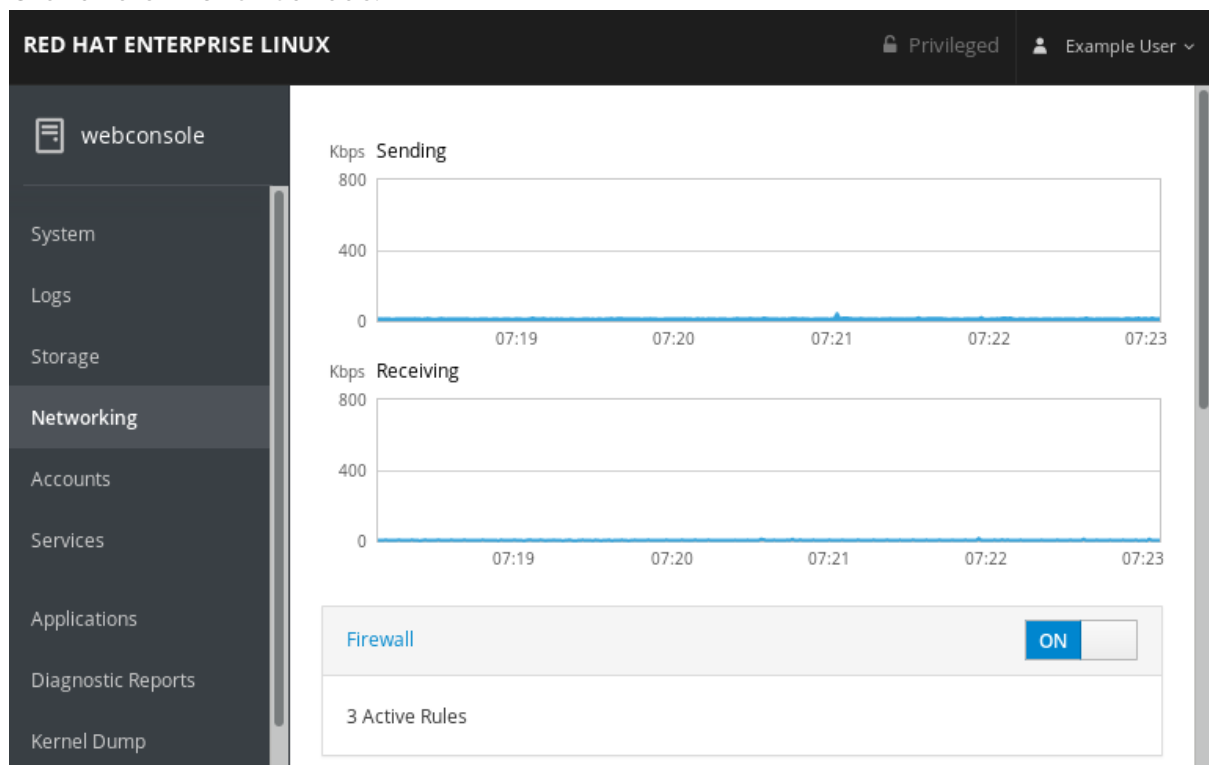
Also the web console does not allow generic **firewalld** rules what are not listed in the web console.

Prerequisites

- Firewall must be enabled.
For details, see [Running the firewall in the web console](#).

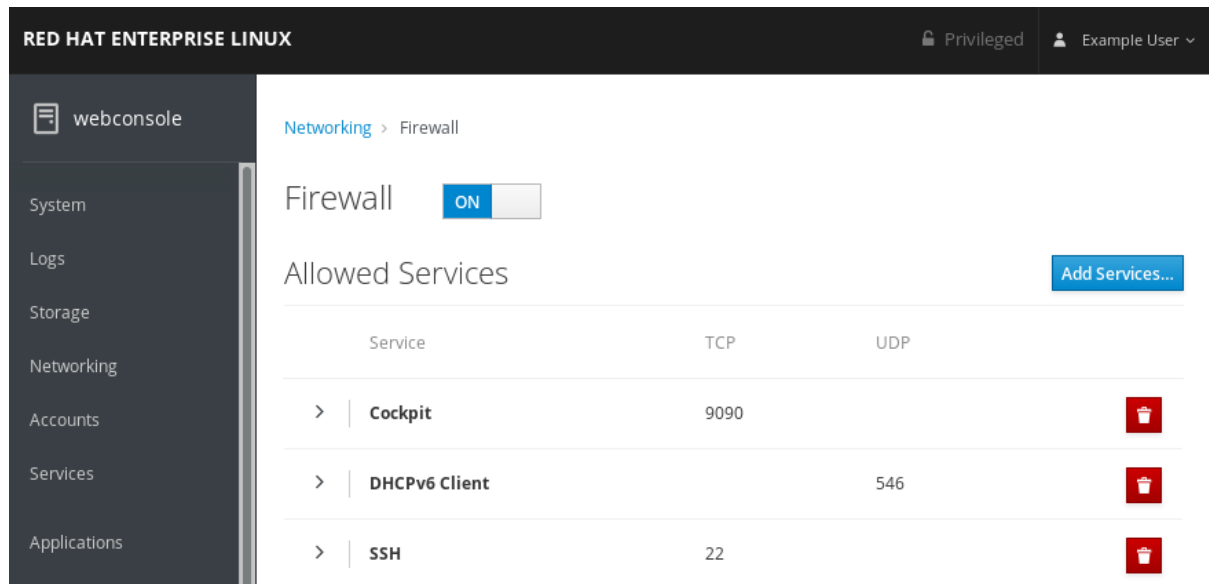
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **Networking**.
3. Click on the **Firewall** box title.

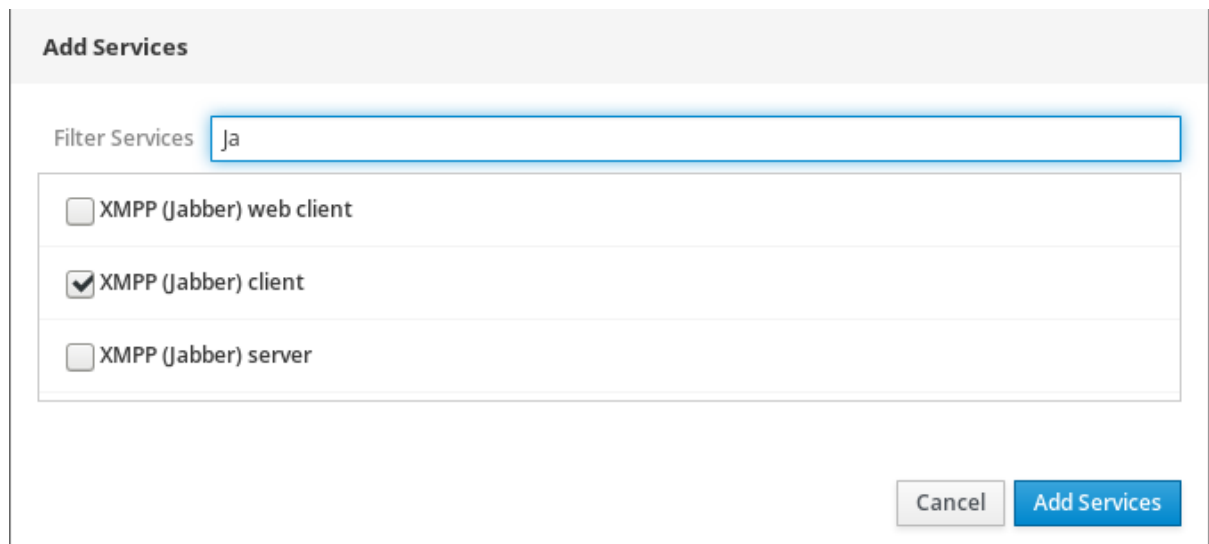


If you do not see the **Firewall** box, log in to the web console with the administration privileges.

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



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



7. Click **Add Services**.

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

RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX

PrivilegedExample User

webconsole

- System
- Logs
- Storage
- Networking
- Accounts
- Services
- Applications
- Diagnostic Reports
- Kernel Dump

Networking > Firewall

Firewall ON

Allowed Services Add Services...

Service	TCP	UDP	
> Cockpit	9090		
> DHCPv6 Client		546	
> SSH	22		
> XMPP (Jabber) client	5222		

CHAPTER 6. MANAGING STORAGE DEVICES IN THE WEB CONSOLE

You can use the RHEL 8 web console to configure physical and virtual storage devices. This chapter provides instructions for these devices:

- Mounted NFS
- Logical Volumes
- RAID
- VDO

6.1. PREREQUISITES

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

6.2. MANAGING NFS MOUNTS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

Prerequisites

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

6.2.1. Connecting NFS mounts in the web console

The following steps aim to help you with connecting a remote directory to your file system using NFS.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click + in the **NFS mounts** section.

NFS Mounts			
Server	Mount Point	Size	
10.253.16.5 /volume1/movie	/mnt/movie	<div><div></div></div>	1.51 / 3.49 TiB

- In the **New NFS Mount** dialog box, enter the server or IP address of the remote server.
- In the **Path on Server** field, enter the path to the directory you want to mount.
- In the **Local Mount Point** field, enter the path where you want to find the directory in your local system.
- Select **Mount at boot**. This ensures that the directory will be reachable also after the restart of the local system.
- Optionally, select **Mount read only** if you do not want to change the content.

New NFS Mount

Server Address

Path on Server

Local Mount Point

Mount Options

☒ Mount at boot
 ☒ Mount read only
 ☐ Custom mount option

Cancel

Add

- Click **Add**.

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

NFS Mounts			
Server	Mount Point	Size	
10.253.16.5 /volume1/vid...	/mnt/tutorial	<div><div></div></div>	1.51 / 3.49 TiB

To troubleshoot the connection, you can adjust it with the [Custom Mount Options](#).

6.2.2. Customizing NFS mount options in the web console

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

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

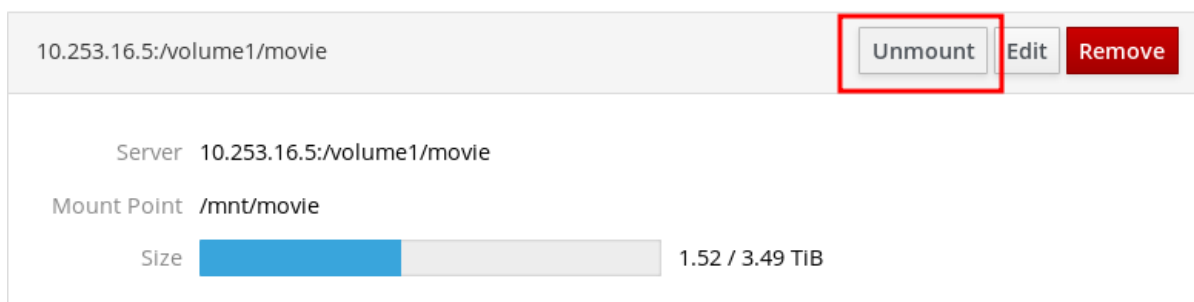
Prerequisites

- An NFS mount is configured.

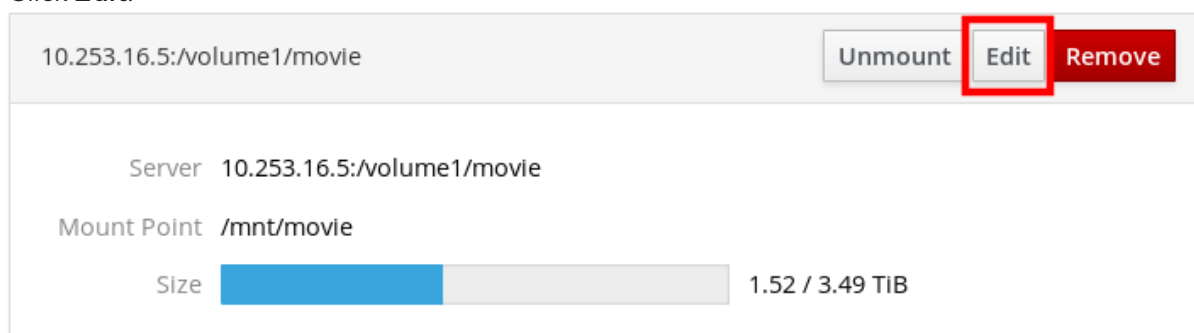
- NFS mount added.

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click on the NFS mount you want to adjust.
4. If the remote directory is mounted, click **Unmount**.
The directory must not be mounted during the custom mount options configuration. Otherwise the web console does not save the configuration and this will cause an error.



5. Click **Edit**.



6. In the **NFS Mount** dialog box, select **Custom mount option**.
7. Enter mount options separated by a comma. For example:
 - **nfsvers=4** – the NFS protocol version number
 - **soft** – type of recovery after an NFS request times out
 - **sec=krb5** – files on the NFS server can be secured by Kerberos authentication. Both the NFS client and server have to support Kerberos authentication.

NFS Mount

Server Address

Path on Server

Local Mount Point

Mount Options

☒ Mount at boot

☒ Mount read only

☒ Custom mount option

Cancel
Apply

For a complete list of the NFS mount options, enter **man nfs** in the command line.

8. Click **Apply**.

9. Click **Mount**.

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

NFS Mounts			
Server	Mount Point	Size	
10.253.16.5 /volume1/vid...	/mnt/tutorial	<div><div></div></div>	1.51 / 3.49 TiB

6.3. MANAGING REDUNDANT ARRAYS OF INDEPENDENT DISKS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

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

Level of protection depends on the RAID level.

The RHEL web console supports the following RAID levels:

- RAID 0 (Stripe)
- RAID 1 (Mirror)
- RAID 4 (Dedicated parity)

- RAID 5 (Distributed parity)
- RAID 6 (Double Distributed Parity)
- RAID 10 (Stripe of Mirrors)

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

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

6.3.1. Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console is running and accessible.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

6.3.2. Creating RAID in the web console

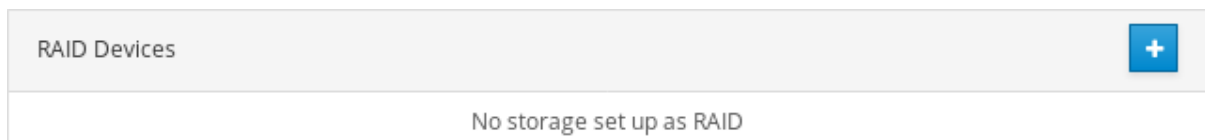
This procedure aims to help you with configuring RAID in the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the + icon in the **RAID Devices** box.



4. In the **Create RAID Device** dialog box, enter a name for a new RAID.
5. In the **RAID Level** drop-down list, select a level of RAID you want to use.
6. In the **Chunk Size** drop-down list, leave the predefined value as it is.
The **Chunk Size** value specifies how large is each block for data writing. If the chunk size is 512 KiB, the system writes the first 512 KiB to the first disk, the second 512 KiB is written to the second disk, and the third chunk will be written to the third disk. If you have three disks in your RAID, the fourth 512 KiB will be written to the first disk again.
7. Select disks you want to use for RAID.

Create RAID Device

Name

myraid5

RAID Level

RAID 5 (Distributed Parity)

Chunk Size

512 KiB

Disks

☒ 20 MiB QEMU HARDDISK(DISK1)

/dev/sda1

☒ 20 MiB QEMU HARDDISK(DISK2)

/dev/sdb1

☒ 20 MiB QEMU HARDDISK(DISK3)

/dev/sdc1

Cancel

Create

8. Click **Create**.

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

RAID Devices

+

myraid5

60 GiB

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

- [Formatting RAID](#)
- [Creating partitions on partition table](#)
- [Creating a volume group on top of RAID](#)

6.3.3. Formatting RAID in the web console

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

Prerequisites

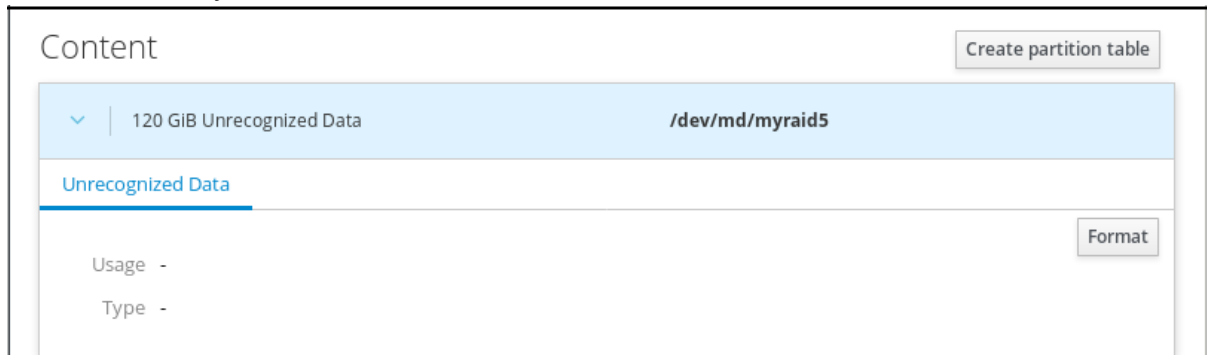
- Physical disks are connected and visible by RHEL 8.
- RAID is created.
- Consider the file system which will be used for the RAID.
- Consider creating of a partitioning table.

Procedure

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

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3. In the **RAID devices** box, choose the RAID you want to format by clicking on it.
4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the **Content** part.
5. Click to the newly created RAID.



6. Click the **Format** button.
7. In the **Erase** drop-down list, select:
 - **Don't overwrite existing data**— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
 - **Overwrite existing data with zeros**— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole disk with zeros. This option is slower because the program has to go through the whole disk. Use this option if the RAID includes any data and you need to rewrite it.
8. In the **Type** drop-down list, select a XFS file system, if you do not have another strong preference.
9. Enter a name of the file system.
10. In the **Mounting** drop down list, select **Custom**.
The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.
11. In the **Mount Point** field, add the mount path.

12. Select **Mount at boot**.

Format /dev/md/myraid5

Erase: Don't overwrite existing data

Type: XFS - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 default

Name: myraidfs

Mounting: Custom

Mount Point: /media

Mount options: ☒ Mount at boot, ☐ Mount read only, ☐ Custom mount options

Formatting a storage device will erase all data on it.

Cancel Format

13. Click the **Format** button.

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

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

Content Create partition table

59 GiB xfs File System /dev/md/myraid5

Filesystem

Name: myraidfs

Mount Point: /media

Mount Options: defaults

Used: -

Format Mount

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

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

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

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

- Format the RAID device without partitions
- Create a partition table with partitions

This section describes formatting RAID with the partition table on the new software RAID device created in the RHEL 8 web interface.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. In the **RAID devices** box, select the RAID you want to edit.
4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the **Content** part.
5. Click to the newly created RAID.



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

Format Disk /dev/md/myraid5

Erase **Don't overwrite existing data** ▾

Partitioning **Compatible with modern system and hard disks > 2TB (GPT)** ▾

Formatting a disk will erase all data on it.

Cancel **Format**

9. Click **Format**.

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

For creating partitions, see [Using the web console for creating partitions on RAID](#).

6.3.5. Using the web console for creating partitions on RAID

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

Prerequisites

- Partition table is created.
For details, see [Section 6.3.4, "Using the web console for creating a partition table on RAID"](#)

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. In the **RAID devices** box, click to the RAID you want to edit.
4. In the RAID details screen, scroll down to the **Content** part.
5. Click to the newly created RAID.
6. Click **Create Partition**.
7. In the **Create partition** dialog box, set up the size of the first partition.
8. In the **Erase** drop-down list, select:
 - **Don't overwrite existing data**— the RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. Advantage of this option is speed of formatting.
 - **Overwrite existing data with zeros**— the RHEL web console rewrites the whole RAID with zeros. This option is slower because the program have to go through the whole RAID. Use this option if RAID includes any data and you need to rewrite it.
9. In the **Type** drop-down list, select a XFS file system, if you do not have another strong preference.
10. Enter any name for the file system. Do not use spaces in the name.

11. In the **Mounting** drop down list, select **Custom**.
The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.
12. In the **Mount Point** field, add the mount path.
13. Select **Mount at boot**.
14. Click **Create partition**.

Create partition on /dev/md/myraid5

Size 0.509 GiB

Erase **Don't overwrite existing data**

Type **XFS - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 default**

Name **part1xfs**

Mounting **Custom**

Mount Point **/media**

Mount options ☒ Mount at boot
☐ Mount read only
☐ Custom mount options

Cancel **Create partition**

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

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

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

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

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

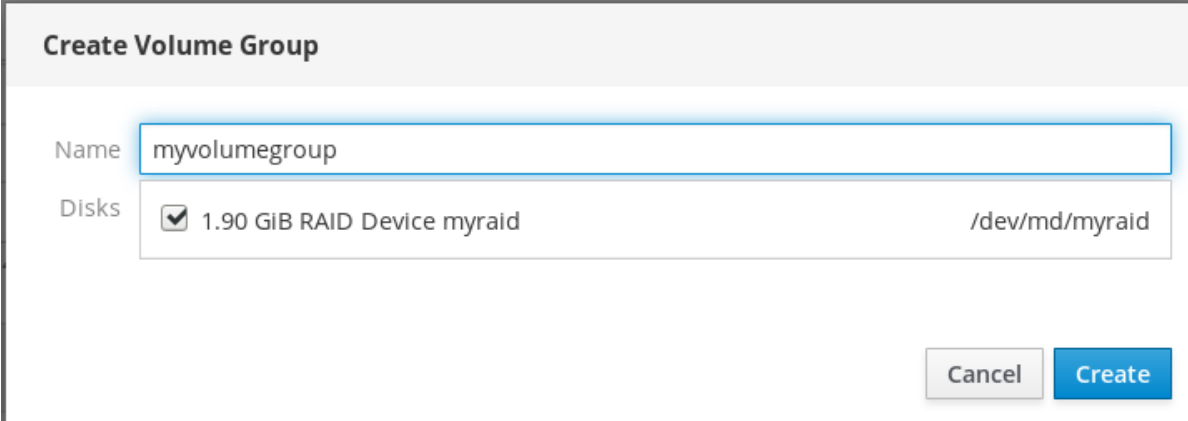
Prerequisites

- RAID device, which is not formatted and mounted.

Procedure

1. Open the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the + icon in the **Volume Groups** box.
4. In the **Create Volume Group** dialog box, enter a name for the new volume group.
5. In the **Disks** list, select a RAID device.

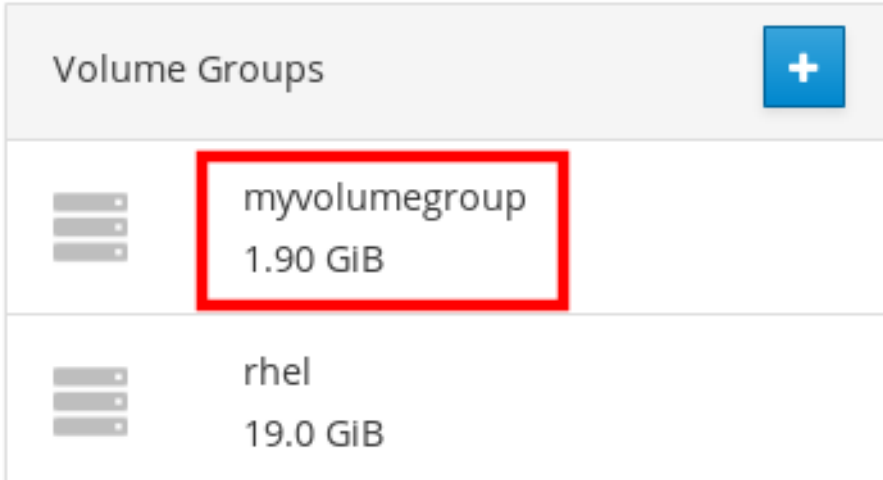
If you do not see the RAID in the list, unmount the RAID from the system. The RAID device must not be used by the RHEL 8 system.





The 'Create Volume Group' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Create Volume Group'. Below it, there is a 'Name' field with the text 'myvolumegroup'. Below that, there is a 'Disks' section with a checked checkbox and the text '1.90 GiB RAID Device myraid'. To the right of this text is the path '/dev/md/myraid'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create'.

6. Click **Create**.

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

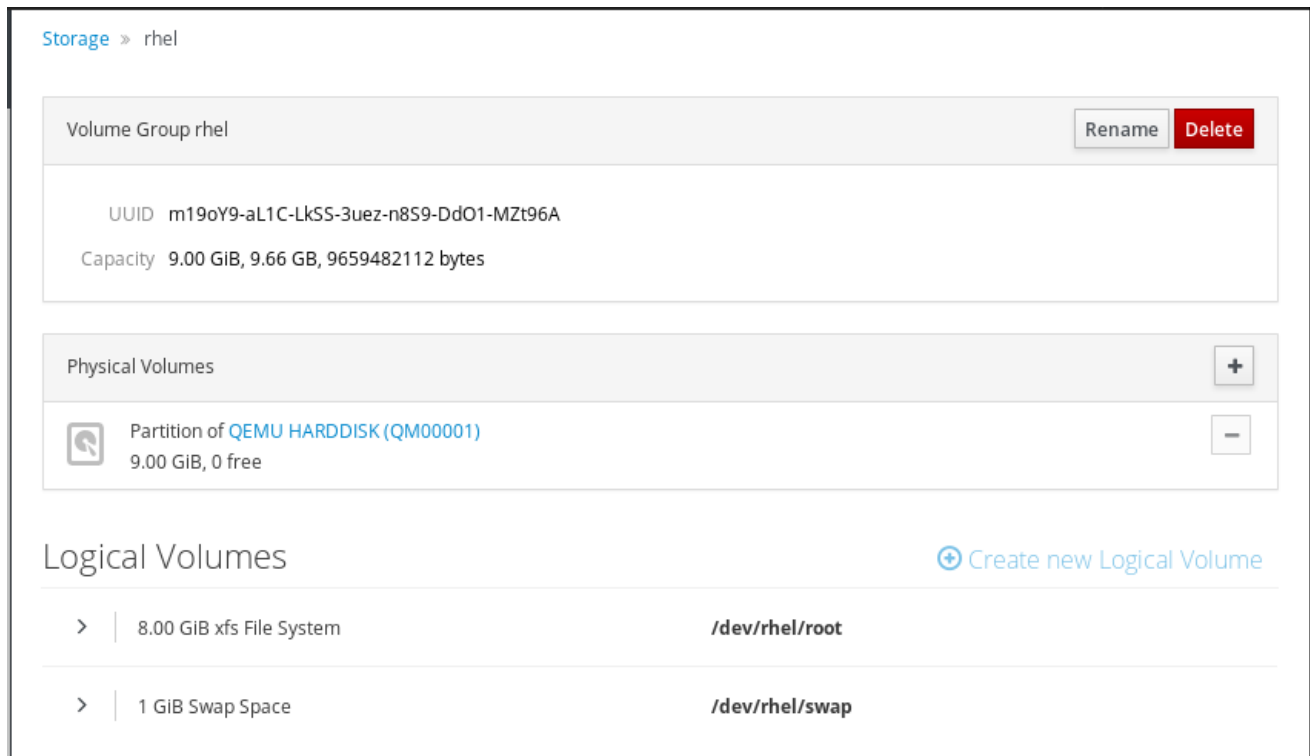


The 'Volume Groups' table shows two entries. The first entry, 'myvolumegroup', is highlighted with a red box. It has a size of '1.90 GiB'. The second entry is 'rhel' with a size of '19.0 GiB'. Each entry has a small icon of three horizontal bars to its left. A blue button with a white plus sign is in the top right corner of the table.

Volume Groups	
	myvolumegroup 1.90 GiB
	rhel 19.0 GiB

6.4. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING LVM LOGICAL VOLUMES

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 supports the LVM logical volume manager. When you install a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8, it will be installed on LVM automatically created during the installation.



The screenshot shows you a clean installation of the RHEL 8 system with two logical volumes in the RHEL 8 web console automatically created during the installation.

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

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

6.4.1. Prerequisites

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

6.4.2. Logical Volume Manager in the web console

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

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

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

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

Main advantages of logical volumes are:

- Better flexibility than the partitioning system used on your physical drive.
- Ability to connect more physical drives into one volume.
- Possibility of expanding (growing) or reducing (shrinking) capacity of the volume on-line, without restart.
- Ability to create snapshots.

Additional resources

- For details, see [Configuring and managing logical volumes](#).

6.4.3. Creating volume groups in the web console

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

Each volume group can include multiple logical volumes.

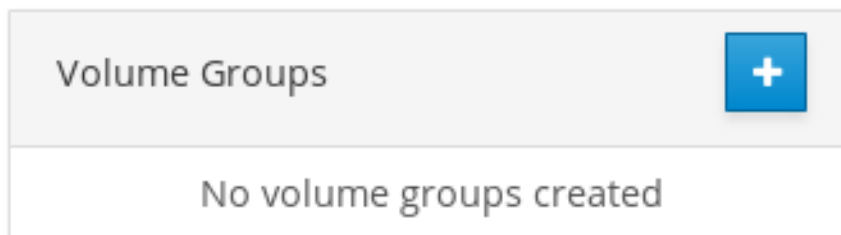
For details, see [Volume groups](#).

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the + icon in the **Volume Groups** box.



4. In the **Name** field, enter a name of a group without spaces.
5. Select the drives you want to combine to create the volume group.

Create Volume Group

Name

Disks

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.0 GiB Partition of QEMU QEMU HARDDISK (DISK1)	/dev/sda1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20.0 GiB RAID Device 127	/dev/md/127

Cancel

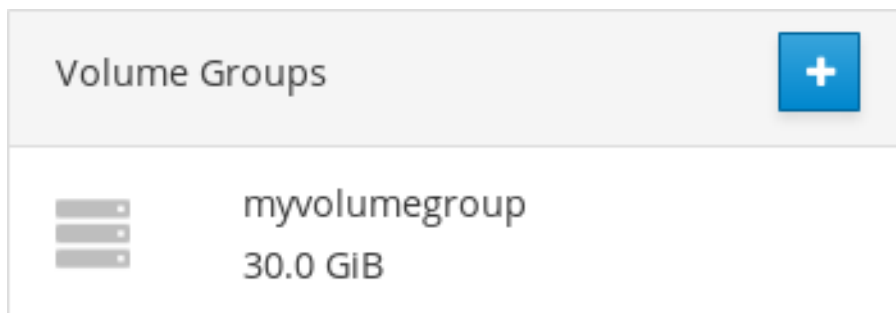
Create

It might happen that you cannot see devices as you expected. The RHEL web console displays only unused block devices. Used devices means, for example:

- Devices formatted with a file system
 - Physical volumes in another volume group
 - Physical volumes being a member of another software RAID device
- If you do not see the device, format it to be empty and unused.

6. Click **Create**.

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



6.4.4. Creating logical volumes in the web console

The following steps describe how to create LVM logical volumes.

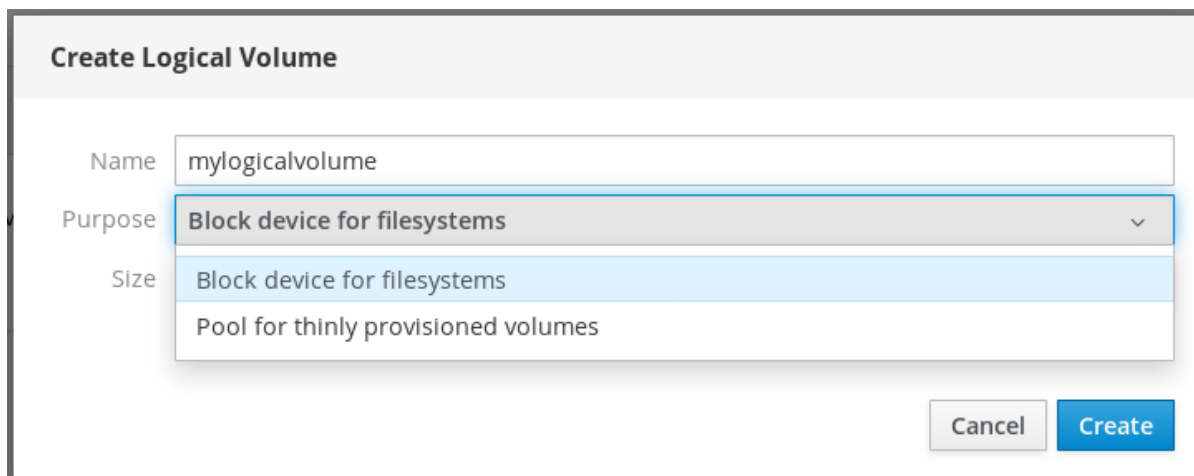
Prerequisites

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

Procedure

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

5. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the new logical volume without spaces.
6. In the **Purpose** drop down menu, select **Block device for filesystems**.
This configuration enables you to create a logical volume with the maximum volume size which is equal to the sum of the capacities of all drives included in the volume group.



Create Logical Volume

Name

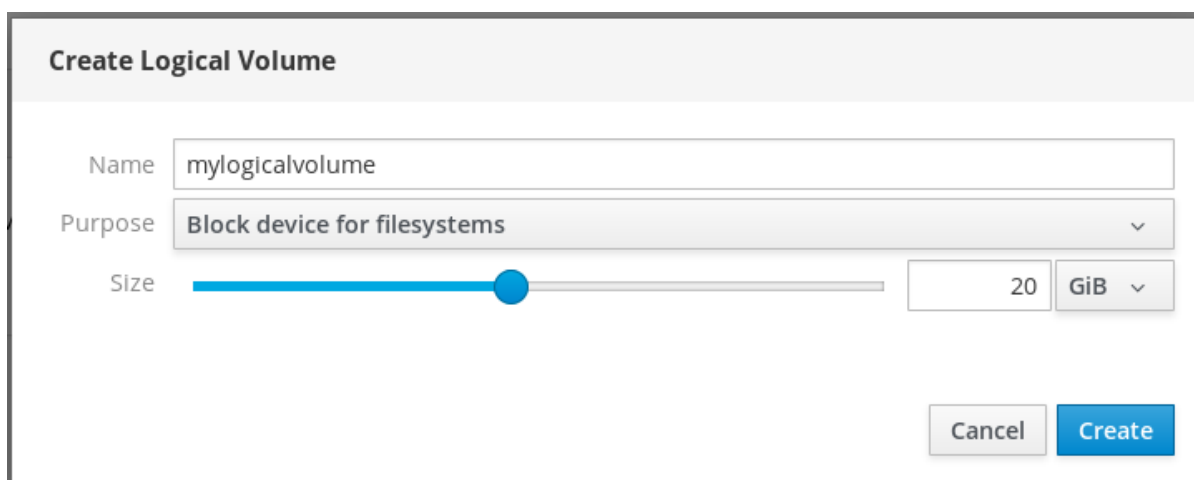
Purpose **Block device for filesystems** ▼

Size **Block device for filesystems**

Pool for thinly provisioned volumes

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

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



Create Logical Volume

Name

Purpose **Block device for filesystems** ▼

Size 20 GiB ▼

8. Click **Create**.

To verify the settings, click your logical volume and check the details.

[+ Create new Logical Volume](#)



Logical Volumes

[+ Create new Logical Volume](#)

30.0 GiB Unrecognized Data		/dev/myvolume group/mylogicalvolume	
Volume	Unrecognized Data	Deactivate	Delete
Usage	-	Format	
Type	-		

6. Click **Format**.

7. In the **Erase** drop down menu, select:

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

8. In the **Type** drop down menu, select a file system:

- **XFS** file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing an existing file system. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
XFS does not support reducing the size of a volume formatted with an XFS file system
- **ext4** file system supports:
 - Logical volumes
 - Switching physical drives online without outage
 - Growing a file system
 - Shrinking a file system

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

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

10. In the **Mounting** drop down menu, select **Custom**.

The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

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

12. Select **Mount at boot**.

Format /dev/volumegroup1/thinvolume1

Erase

Don't overwrite existing data

Type

XFS - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 default

Name

myfilesystem

Mounting

Custom

Mount Point

/media

Mount options

☒ Mount at boot
 ☐ Mount read only
 ☐ Custom mount options

Formatting a storage device will erase all data on it.

Cancel

Format

13. Click **Format**.

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

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

20 GiB xfs File System

/dev/myvolumegroup/mylogicalvolume

Volume

Filesystem

Deactivate

Delete

Name

myfilesystem

Mount Point

(default)

Mount

Used

-

Format

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

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

6.4.6. Resizing logical volumes in the web console

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

You can also reduce (shrink) the size of logical volumes, if the logical volume contains a file system which supports shrinking. It should be available, for example, in the ext3/ext4 file systems.

**WARNING**

You cannot reduce volumes that contains GFS2 or XFS filesystem.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

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

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

Grow Logical Volume

Size GiB ▼

7. Click **Grow**.

LVM grows the logical volume without system outage.

6.4.7. Related information

- For more details on creating logical volumes, see [Configuring and managing logical volumes](#).

6.5. USING THE WEB CONSOLE FOR CONFIGURING THIN LOGICAL VOLUMES

Thinly-provisioned logical volumes enables you to allocate more space for designated applications or servers than how much space logical volumes actually contain.

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

The following sections describe:

- [Creating pools for the thinly provisioned logical volumes.](#)
- [Creating thin logical volumes.](#)
- [Formatting thin logical volumes.](#)

6.5.1. Prerequisites

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

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

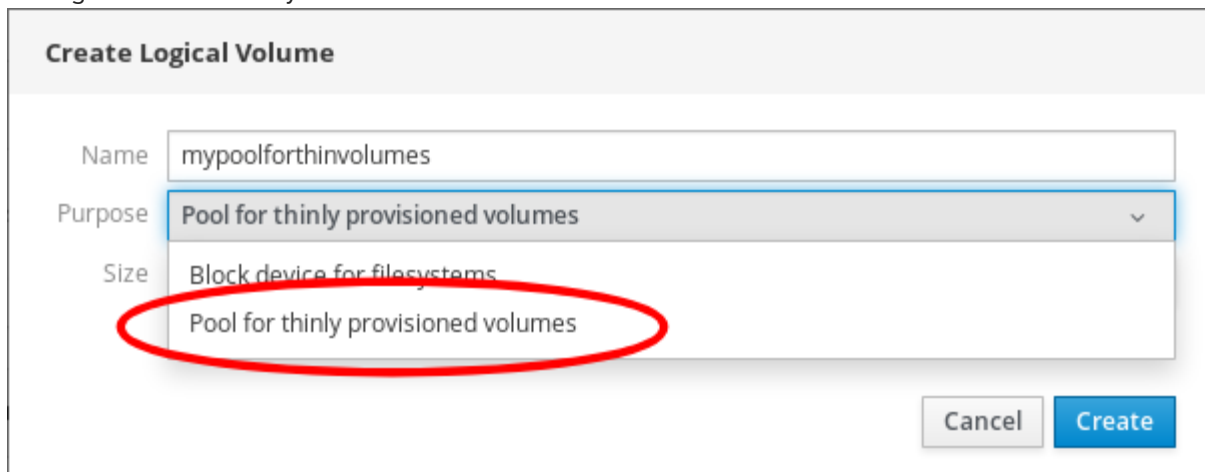
The following steps show you how to create a pool for thinly provisioned volumes:

Prerequisites

- [Volume group created.](#)

Procedure

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



Create Logical Volume

Name: mypoolforthinvolumes

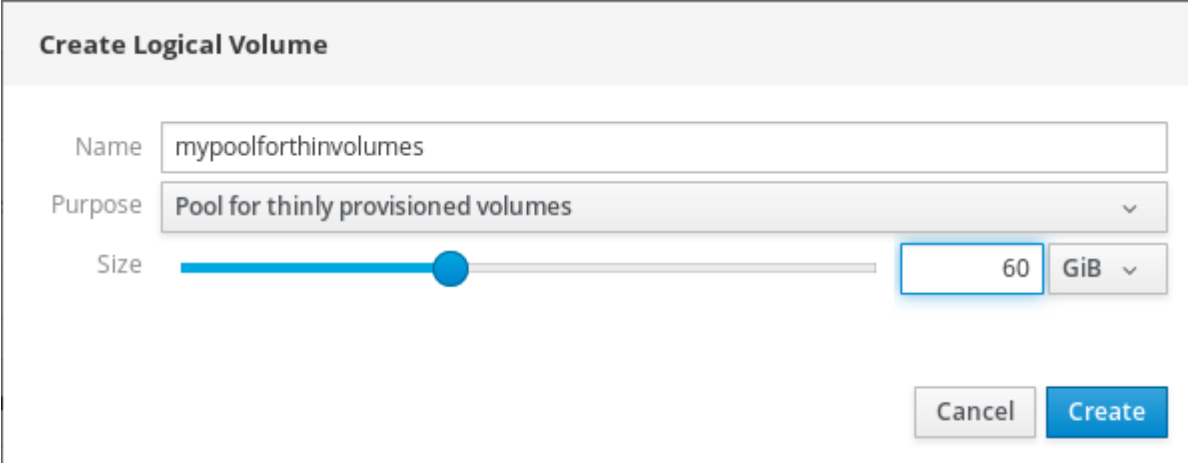
Purpose: Pool for thinly provisioned volumes

Size: Block device for filesystems
Pool for thinly provisioned volumes

Cancel Create

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

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



Create Logical Volume

Name:

Purpose: Pool for thinly provisioned volumes ▼

Size: GiB ▼

8. Click **Create**.

The pool for thin volumes has been created and you can add thin volumes.

6.5.3. Creating thin logical volumes in the web console

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



IMPORTANT

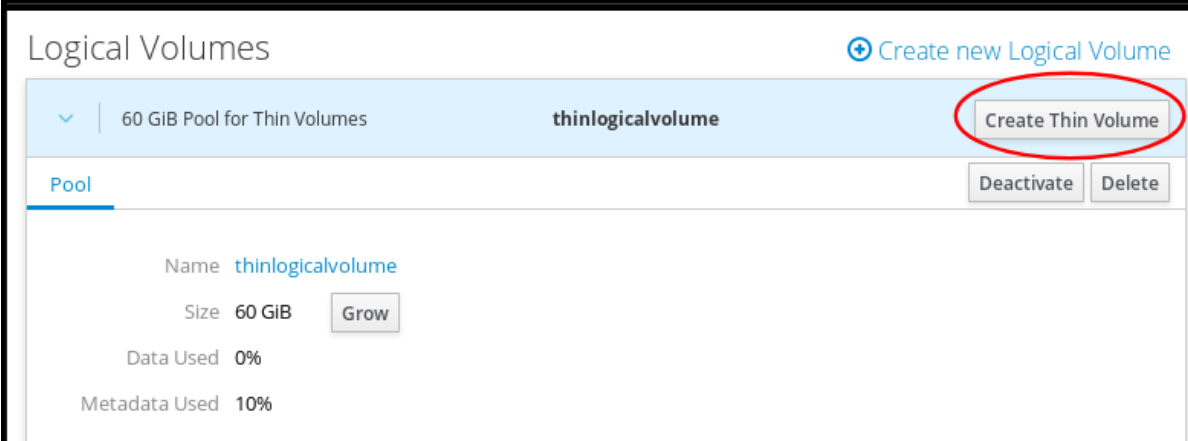
Using thin volumes requires regular checkup of actual free physical space of the logical volume.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

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



Logical Volumes ⊕ Create new Logical Volume

▼ | 60 GiB Pool for Thin Volumes **thinlogicalvolume** Create Thin Volume

Pool Deactivate Delete

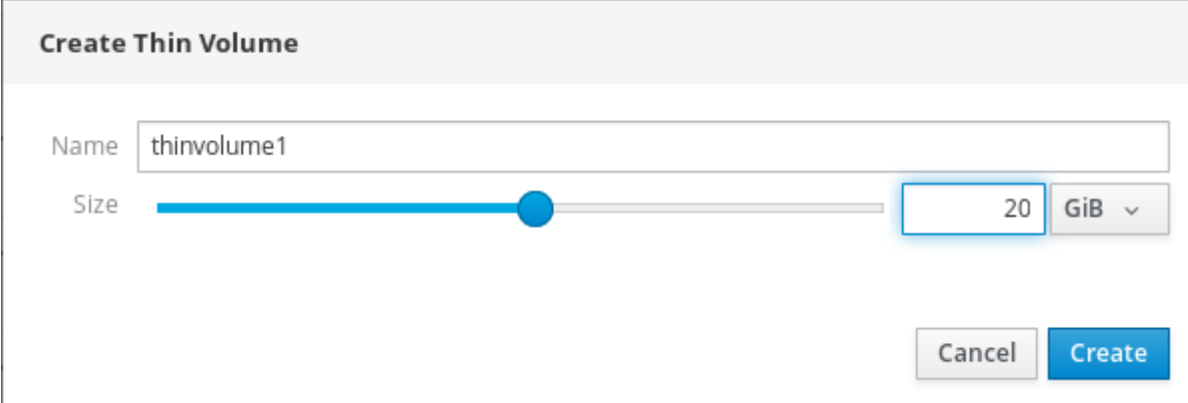
Name: **thinlogicalvolume**

Size: 60 GiB Grow

Data Used: 0%

Metadata Used: 10%

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



Create Thin Volume

Name

Size 20 GiB ▾

8. Click **Create**.

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

6.5.4. Formatting logical volumes in the web console

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



WARNING

Formatting logical volumes will erase all data on the volume.

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

The following steps describe the procedure to format logical volumes.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

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

Logical Volumes

[+ Create new Logical Volume](#)

30.0 GiB Unrecognized Data		/dev/myvolume group/mylogicalvolume	
Volume	Unrecognized Data	Deactivate	Delete
Usage	-	Format	
Type	-		

6. Click **Format**.

7. In the **Erase** drop down menu, select:

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

8. In the **Type** drop down menu, select a file system:

- **XFS** file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing an existing file system. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
XFS does not support reducing the size of a volume formatted with an XFS file system
- **ext4** file system supports:
 - Logical volumes
 - Switching physical drives online without outage
 - Growing a file system
 - Shrinking a file system

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

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

10. In the **Mounting** drop down menu, select **Custom**.

The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.

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

12. Select **Mount at boot**.

Format /dev/volumegroup1/thinvolume1

Erase

Don't overwrite existing data

Type

XFS - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 default

Name

myfilesystem

Mounting

Custom

Mount Point

/media

Mount options

☒ Mount at boot
☐ Mount read only
☐ Custom mount options

Formatting a storage device will erase all data on it.

Cancel

Format

13. Click **Format**.

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

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

20 GiB xfs File System

/dev/myvolumegroup/mylogicalvolume

Volume

Filesystem

Deactivate

Delete

Name

myfilesystem

Mount Point

(default)

Mount

Used

-

Format

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

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

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

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

The change of physical drives consists of the following procedures:

- [Adding physical drives from logical volumes.](#)
- [Removing physical drives from logical volumes.](#)

6.6.1. Prerequisites

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

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

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

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

Prerequisites

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




Procedure

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

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the volume group in which you have the logical volume.
4. In the **Physical Volumes** section, locate the preferred volume.

5. Click the - icon.

The RHEL 8 web console verifies, if the logical volume has enough free space for removing the disk. If not, you cannot remove the disk and it is necessary to add another disk first. For details, see [Adding physical drives to logical volumes in the web console](#).

Physical Volumes		+
	QEMU HARDDISK(DISK1) 20 GiB, 0 free	-
	QEMU HARDDISK(DISK2) 20 GiB, 20 GiB free	-
	QEMU HARDDISK(DISK3) 20 GiB, 20 GiB free	-

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

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

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

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

6.7.1. Prerequisites

- The RHEL 8 web console is installed and accessible.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).

6.7.2. VDO volumes in the web console

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 supports Virtual Data Optimizer (VDO). VDO is a block virtualization technology that combines:

Compression

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

Deduplication

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

Thin provisioning

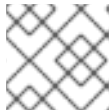
For details, see [Thinly-provisioned logical volumes \(thin volumes\)](#).

Using these technologies, VDO:

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

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

- LVM



NOTE

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

- Physical volume
- Software RAID

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

Additional resources

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

6.7.3. Creating VDO volumes in the web console

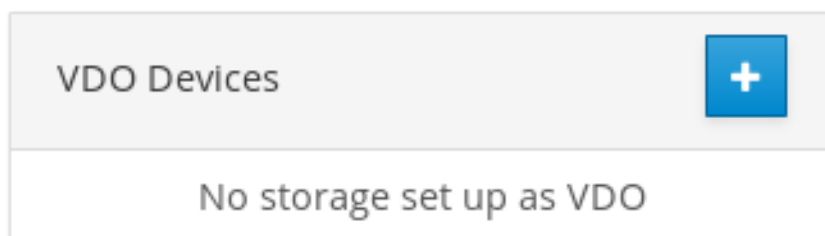
This section helps you to create a VDO volume in the RHEL web console.

Prerequisites

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

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the + icon in the **VDO Devices** box.



4. In the **Name** field, enter a name of a VDO volume without spaces.
5. Select the drive that you want to use.
6. In the **Logical Size** bar, set up the size of the VDO volume. You can extend it more than ten times, but consider for what purpose you are creating the VDO volume:
 - For active VMs or container storage, use logical size that is ten times the physical size of the volume.
 - For object storage, use logical size that is three times the physical size of the volume.

For details, see [Deploying VDO](#).

7. In the **Index Memory** bar, allocate memory for the VDO volume.
For details about VDO system requirements, see [System Requirements](#).
8. Select the **Compression** option. This option can efficiently reduce various file formats.
For details, see [Enabling or disabling compression in VDO](#).
9. Select the **Deduplication** option.
This option reduces the consumption of storage resources by eliminating multiple copies of duplicate blocks. For details, see [Enabling or disabling deduplication in VDO](#).
10. [Optional] If you want to use the VDO volume with applications that need a 512 bytes block size, select **Use 512 Byte emulation**. This reduces the performance of the VDO volume, but should be very rarely needed. If in doubt, leave it off.
11. Click **Create**.

Create VDO Device

Name

Disk

☒ 5.72 GiB RAID Device 127

/dev/md/127

Logical Size

5.76

GiB

Index Memory

256

MiB

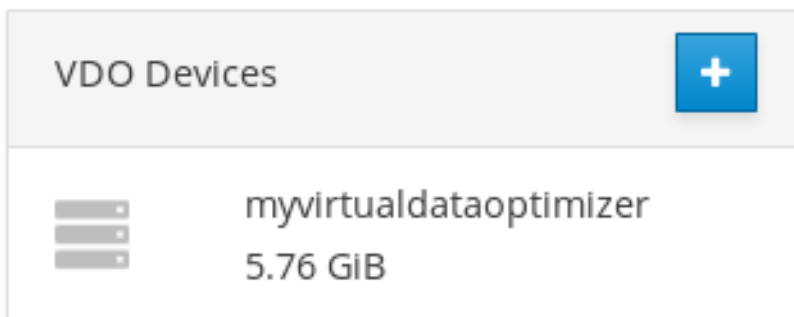
Options

☒ Compression
☒ Deduplication
☐ Use 512 Byte emulation

Cancel

Create

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



6.7.4. Formatting VDO volumes in the web console

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



WARNING

Formatting VDO will erase all data on the volume.

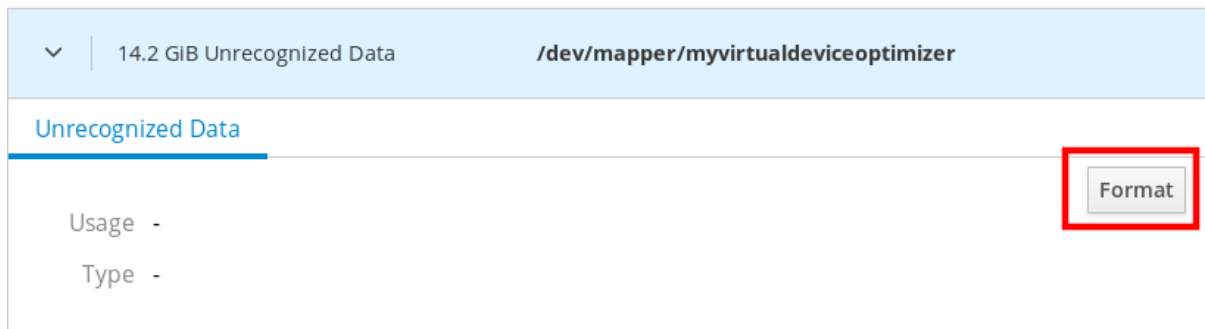
The following steps describe the procedure to format VDO volumes.

Prerequisites

- A VDO volume is created. For details, see [Section 6.7.3, "Creating VDO volumes in the web console"](#).

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).
2. Click **Storage**.
3. Click the VDO volume.
4. Click on the **Unrecognized Data** tab.
5. Click **Format**.



6. In the **Erase** drop down menu, select:

Don't overwrite existing data

The RHEL web console rewrites only the disk header. The advantage of this option is the speed of formatting.

Overwrite existing data with zeros

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

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

- The **XFS** file system supports large logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, and growing. Leave this file system selected if you do not have a different strong preference.
XFS does not support shrinking volumes. Therefore, you will not be able to reduce volume formatted with XFS.
- The **ext4** file system supports logical volumes, switching physical drives online without outage, growing, and shrinking.

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

8. In the **Name** field, enter the logical volume name.
9. In the **Mounting** drop down menu, select **Custom**.
The **Default** option does not ensure that the file system will be mounted on the next boot.
10. In the **Mount Point** field, add the mount path.
11. Select **Mount at boot**.

Format /dev/volumegroup1/thinvolume1

Erase: Don't overwrite existing data

Type: XFS - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 default

Name: myfilesystem

Mounting: Custom

Mount Point: /media

Mount options: ☒ Mount at boot, ☐ Mount read only, ☐ Custom mount options

Formatting a storage device will erase all data on it.

Cancel Format

- Click **Format**.

Formatting can take several minutes depending on the used formatting options and the volume size.

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

5.76 GiB xfs File System /dev/mapper/myvirtualdataoptimizer

Filesystem

Name: myfilesystem

Mount Point: (default) Mount

Used: -

Format

- To use the VDO volume, click **Mount**.

At this point, the system uses the mounted and formatted VDO volume.

6.7.5. Extending VDO volumes in the web console

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

Prerequisites

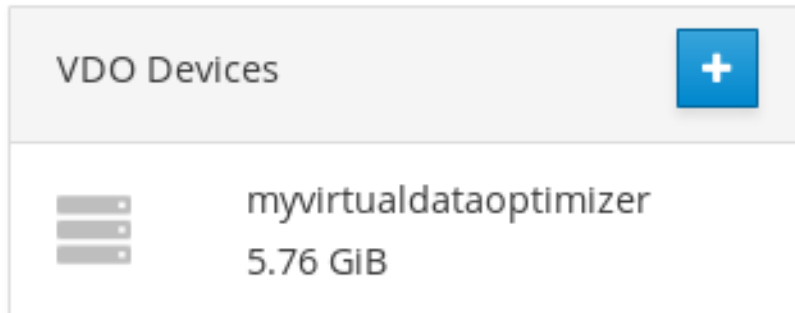
- The VDO volume created.

Procedure

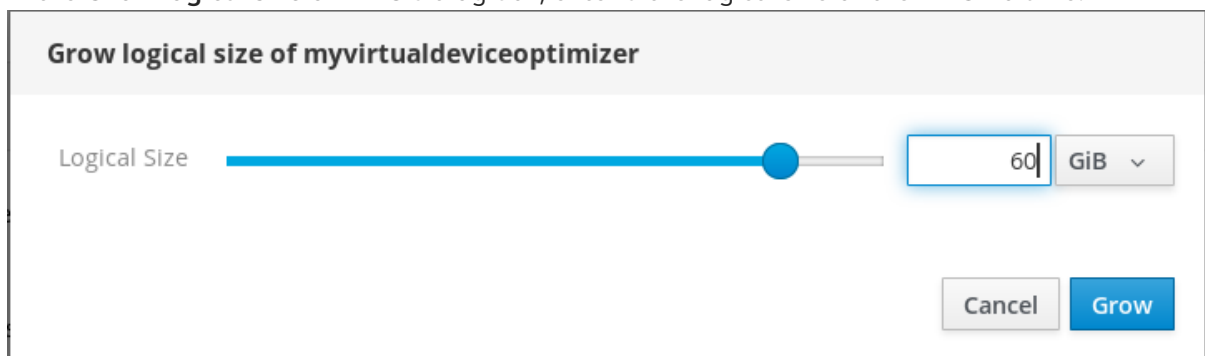
- Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.

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

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



4. In the VDO volume details, click the **Grow** button.
5. In the **Grow logical size of VDO** dialog box, extend the logical size of the VDO volume.



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

6. Click **Grow**.

If the process of growing VDO succeeds, you can see the new size in the VDO volume details.

VDO Device myvirtualdataoptimizer

Stop

Delete

Device File `/dev/mapper/myvirtualdataoptimizer`Backing Device `/dev/md/127`

Physical 1.11 MiB data + 3.72 GiB overhead used of 5.72 GiB (65%)

Logical 11.7 MiB used of 60 GiB (90% saved)

Grow

Index Memory 256 MiB

Compression

ON

Deduplication

ON

CHAPTER 7. MANAGING SUBSCRIPTIONS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

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

This chapter covers:

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

7.1. PREREQUISITES

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

7.2. SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

- Active subscriptions
- Expired subscriptions
- Renewed subscriptions

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

7.3. REGISTERING SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH CREDENTIALS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

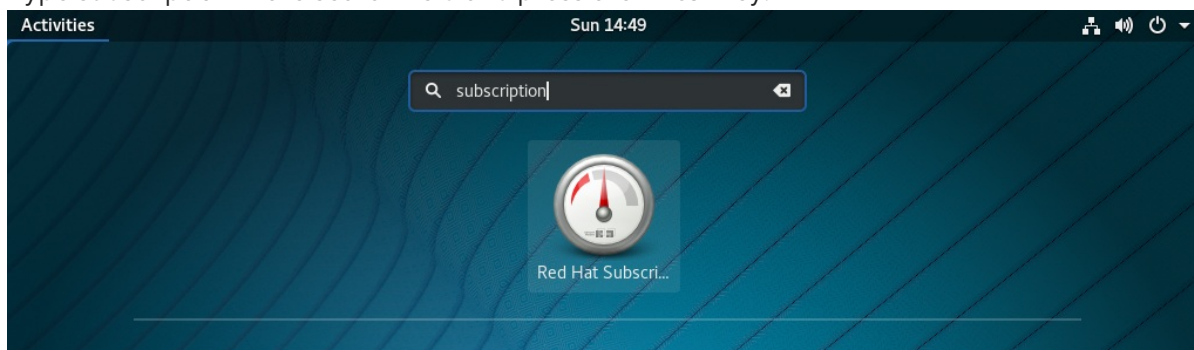
The following describes subscribing the newly installed Red Hat Enterprise Linux using the RHEL 8 web console.

Prerequisites

- Valid user account in the Red Hat Customer Portal.
See the [Create a Red Hat Login](#) page.
- Active subscription for the RHEL system.

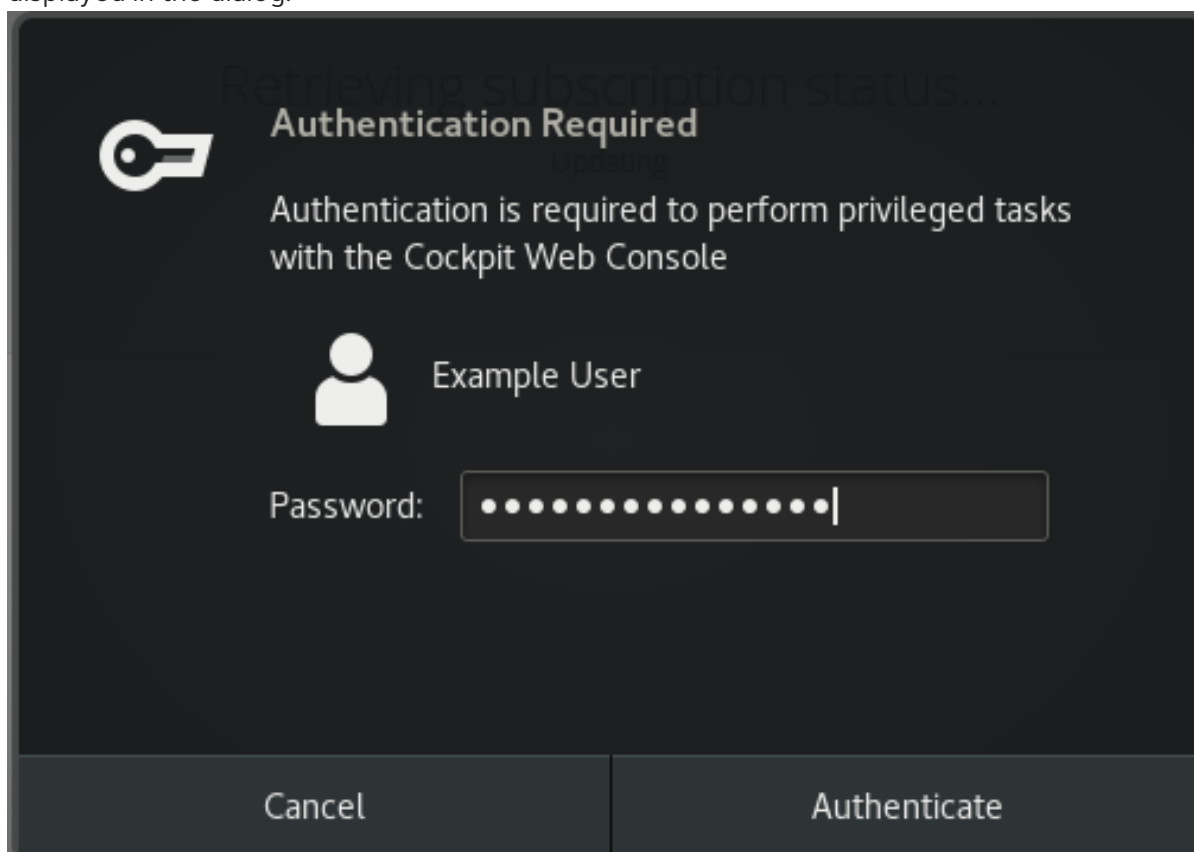
Procedure

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

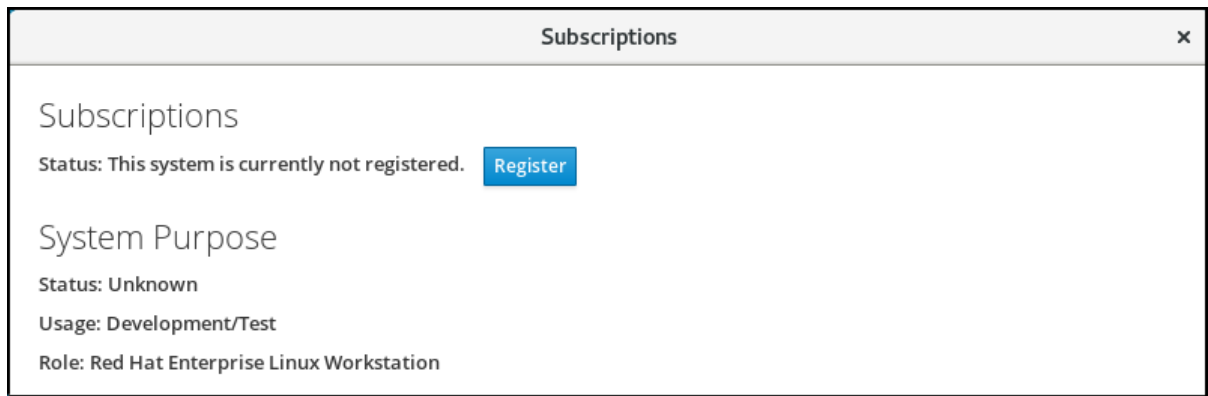


Alternatively, you can log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

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

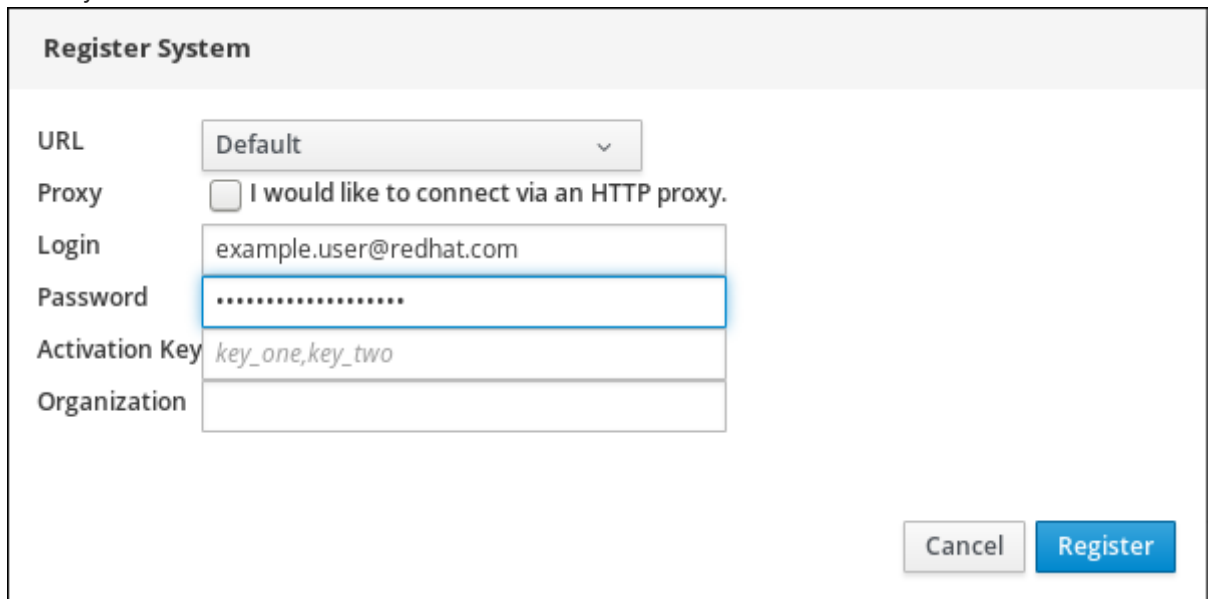


3. Click **Authenticate**.
4. In the **Subscriptions** dialog box, click **Register**.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Subscriptions" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the window, the text "Subscriptions" is displayed at the top. Below it, the status is "Status: This system is currently not registered." followed by a blue "Register" button. Underneath, the "System Purpose" section shows "Status: Unknown", "Usage: Development/Test", and "Role: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Workstation".

5. Enter your Customer Portal credentials.



The screenshot shows a "Register System" dialog box. It contains the following fields and controls:

- URL:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Default".
- Proxy:** A checkbox labeled "I would like to connect via an HTTP proxy." which is currently unchecked.
- Login:** A text input field containing "example.user@redhat.com".
- Password:** A text input field filled with dots, representing a masked password.
- Activation Key:** A text input field containing "key_one,key_two".
- Organization:** An empty text input field.

 At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: a grey "Cancel" button and a blue "Register" button.

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

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

Subscriptions

Status: Current [Unregister](#)



System Purpose

Status: Unknown

Usage: Development/Test

Role: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Workstation

Installed products

Red Hat Enterprise Linux for x86_64 High Touch Beta

Product Name	Red Hat Enterprise Linux for x86_64 High Touch Beta
Product ID	230
Version	8.0 HTB
Arch	x86_64
Status	Subscribed
Starts	10/07/2018
Ends	10/06/2019

7.4. REGISTERING SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH ACTIVATION KEYS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

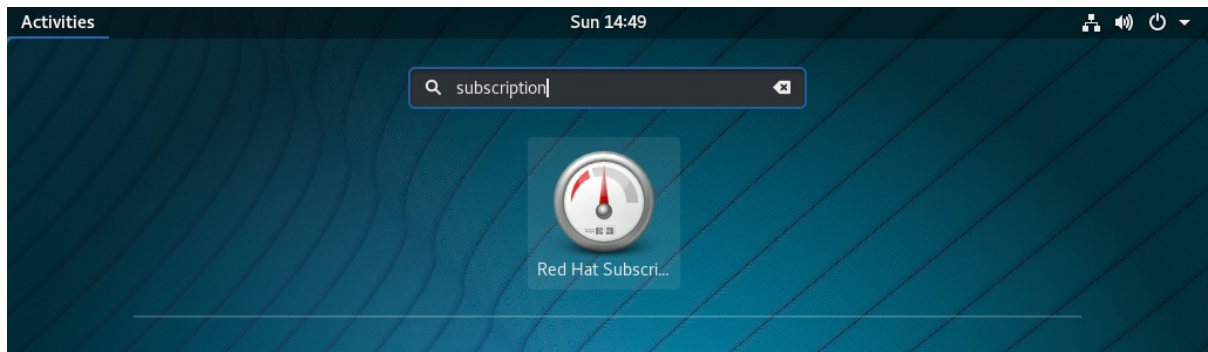
To register a subscription for Red Hat Enterprise Linux,

Prerequisites

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

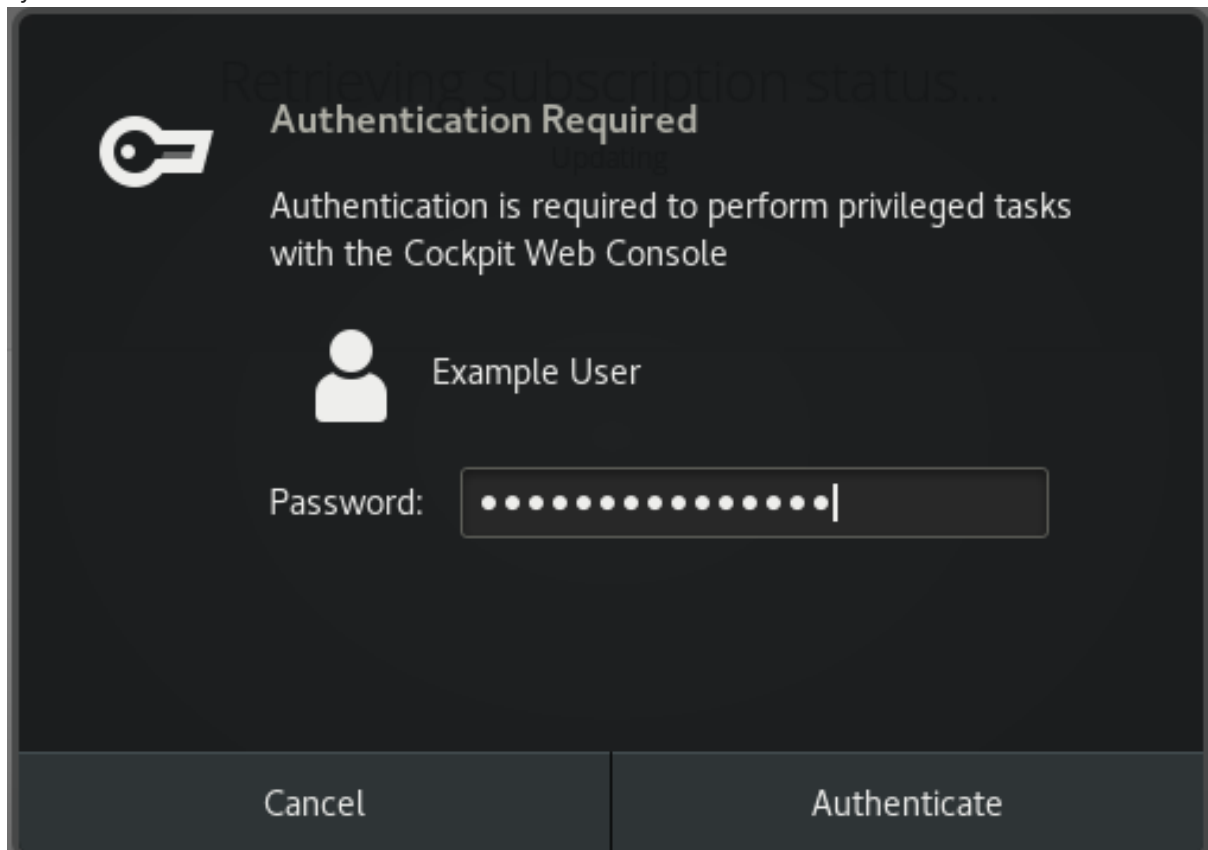
Procedure

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

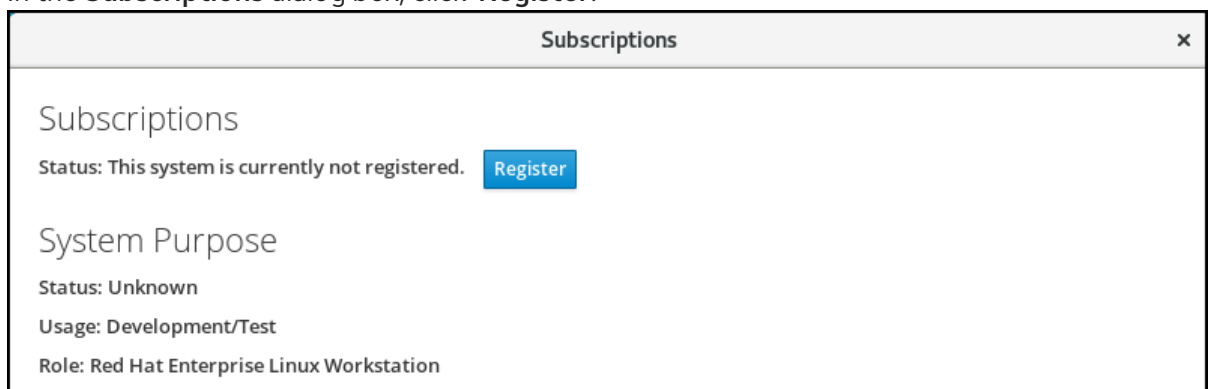


Alternatively, you can log in to the RHEL 8 web console. For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

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



3. Click **Authenticate**.
4. In the **Subscriptions** dialog box, click **Register**.

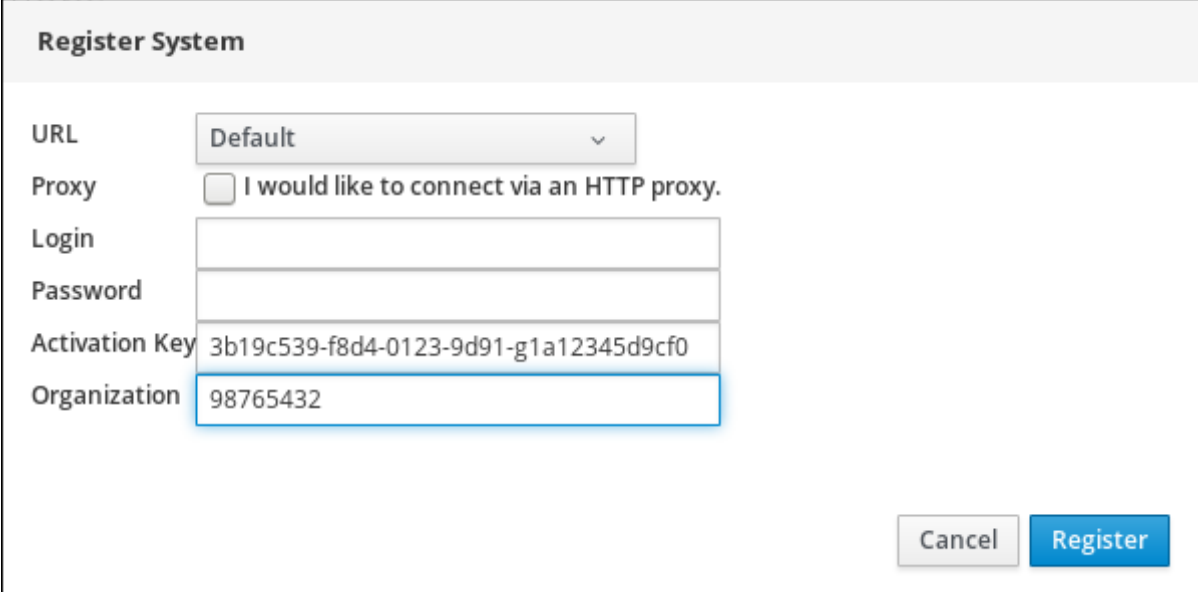


5. Enter the activation key in the registration form.

6. Enter the name of your organization.

You need to add the organization name or organization ID, if you have more than one account in the Red Hat Customer Portal.

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

A screenshot of a 'Register System' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar 'Register System'. It contains several input fields: 'URL' with a dropdown menu showing 'Default'; 'Proxy' with a checkbox and the text 'I would like to connect via an HTTP proxy.'; 'Login' with an empty text box; 'Password' with an empty text box; 'Activation Key' with the value '3b19c539-f8d4-0123-9d91-g1a12345d9cf0'; and 'Organization' with the value '98765432'. The 'Organization' field is highlighted with a blue border. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Register'.

7. Click the **Register** button.

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

Subscriptions

Status: Current [Unregister](#)


System Purpose

Status: Unknown

Usage: Development/Test

Role: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Workstation

Installed products

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CHAPTER 8. CONFIGURING KDUMP IN THE WEB CONSOLE

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

Prerequisites

- See [Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console](#) for further details.

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

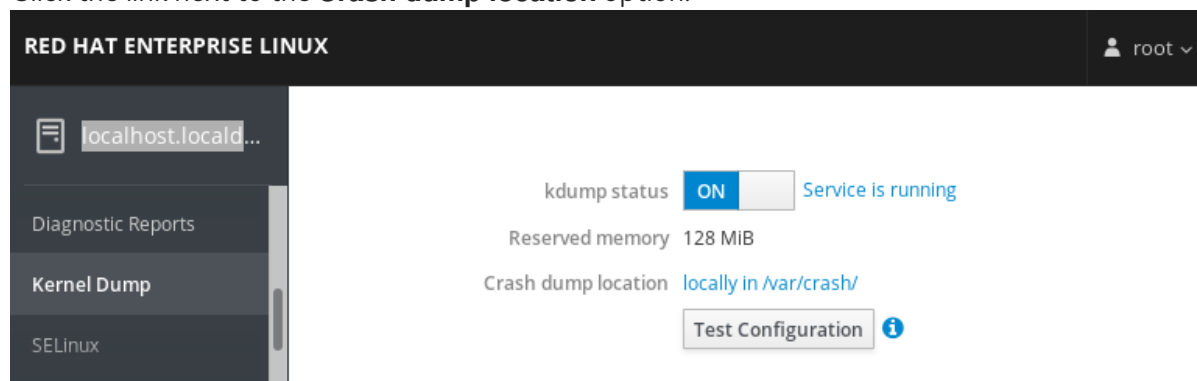
The procedure below shows you how to use the **Kernel Dump** tab in the Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console interface to configure the amount of memory that is reserved for the **kdump** kernel. The procedure also describes how to specify the target location of the *vmcore* dump file and how to test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

Prerequisites

- Introduction to operating the [web console](#).

Procedure

1. Open the **Kernel Dump** tab and start the **kdump** service.
2. Configure the **kdump** memory usage through the [command line](#).
3. Click the link next to the **Crash dump location** option.



4. Select the **Local Filesystem** option from the drop-down and specify the directory you want to save the dump in.

Crash dump locationLocation **Local Filesystem** ▾Directory **/var/crash/**Compression ☒ Compress crash dumps to save space

Cancel

Apply

- Alternatively, select the **Remote over SSH** option from the drop-down to send the vmcore to a remote machine using the SSH protocol.
Fill the **Server**, **ssh key**, and **Directory** fields with the remote machine address, ssh key location, and a target directory.
- Another choice is to select the **Remote over NFS** option from the drop-down and fill the **Mount** field to send the vmcore to a remote machine using the NFS protocol.

**NOTE**

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

5. Test your configuration by crashing the kernel.

kdump status **ON** Service is running

Reserved memory 128 MiB

Crash dump location **locally in /var/crash/****Test Configuration****WARNING**

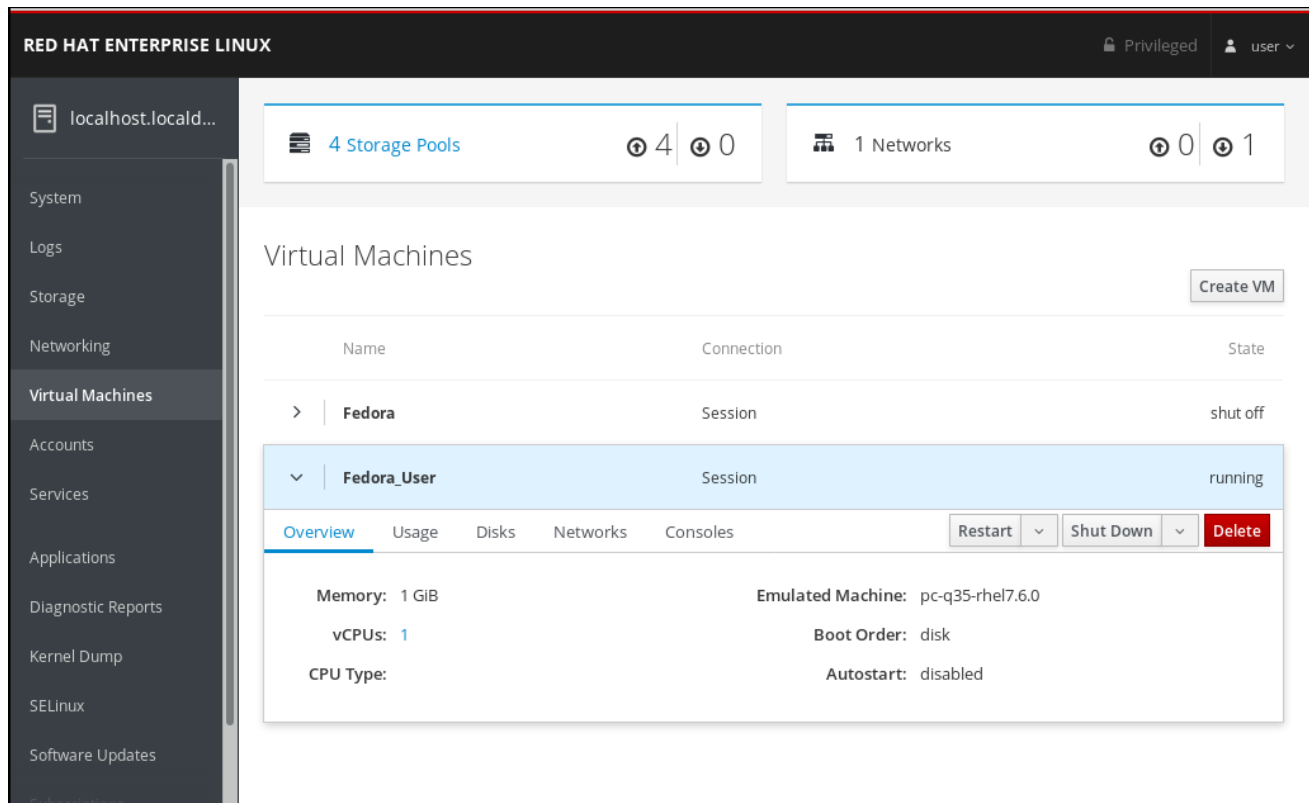
This step disrupts execution of the kernel and results in a system crash and loss of data.

Additional resources

- For a complete list of currently supported targets for **kdump**, see [Supported kdump targets](#).
- For information on how to configure an SSH server and set up a key-based authentication, see [Configuring basic system settings](#) in Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

CHAPTER 9. USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINES

To manage virtual machines in a graphical interface, you can use the **Virtual Machines** pane in the [RHEL 8 web console](#).



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

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

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

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

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

- Manage virtual network interfaces
- Interact with VMs using VM consoles



NOTE

The Virtual Machine Manager (**virt-manager**) application is still supported in RHEL 8 but has been deprecated. The RHEL 8 web console is intended to become its replacement in a subsequent release. It is, therefore, recommended that you get familiar with the web console for managing virtualization in a GUI. However, in RHEL 8, some features may only be accessible from either **virt-manager** or the command line.

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

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

Prerequisites

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

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

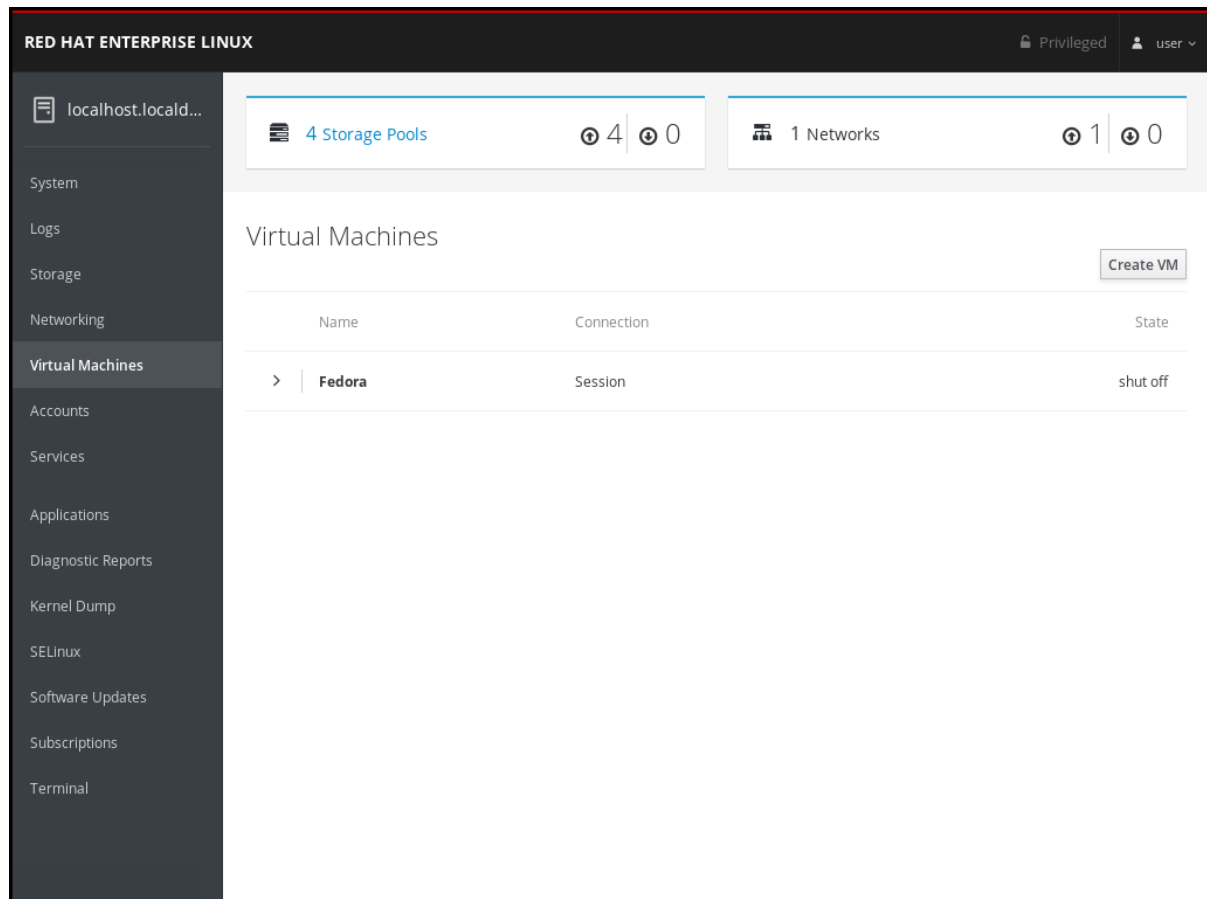
If the web console is not installed, see the [Managing systems using the RHEL 8 web console](#) guide for more information about installing the web console.

Procedure

- Install the **cockpit-machines** plug-in.

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

If the installation is successful, **Virtual Machines** appears in the web console side menu.



9.3. CREATING VIRTUAL MACHINES AND INSTALLING GUEST OPERATING SYSTEMS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

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

9.3.1. Creating virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

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

Prerequisites

- To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.
- Before creating VMs, consider the amount of system resources you need to allocate to your VMs, such as disk space, RAM, or CPUs. The recommended values may vary significantly depending on the intended tasks and workload of the VMs.
- A locally available operating system (OS) installation source, which can be one of the following:
 - An ISO image of an installation medium
 - A disk image of an existing guest installation

Procedure

1. Click **Create VM** in the Virtual Machines interface of the RHEL 8 web console.
The Create New Virtual Machine dialog appears.

Create New Virtual Machine [X]

Connection: QEMU/KVM System connection

Name: Unique name

Installation Source Type: Filesystem

Installation Source: Path to ISO file on host's file system

OS Vendor: Unspecified

Operating System: Other OS

Memory: 1 GiB

Storage Size: 10 GiB

☐ Immediately Start VM

Cancel Create

2. Enter the basic configuration of the virtual machine you want to create.
 - **Connection** - The connection to the host to be used by the virtual machine.
 - **Name** - The name of the virtual machine.
 - **Installation Source Type** - The type of the installation source: Filesystem, URL
 - **Installation Source** - The path or URL that points to the installation source.
 - **OS Vendor** - The vendor of the virtual machine's operating system.
 - **Operating System** - The virtual machine's operating system.
 - **Memory** - The amount of memory with which to configure the virtual machine.
 - **Storage Size** - The amount of storage space with which to configure the virtual machine.
 - **Immediately Start VM** - Whether or not the virtual machine will start immediately after it is created.
3. Click **Create**.
The virtual machine is created. If the **Immediately Start VM** checkbox is selected, the VM will immediately start and begin installing the guest operating system.

You must install the operating system the first time the virtual machine is run.

Additional resources

- For information on installing an operating system on a virtual machine, see [Section 9.3.2, “Installing operating systems using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.3.2. Installing operating systems using the RHEL 8 web console

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

Prerequisites

- Before using the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.
- A VM on which to install an operating system.

Procedure

- Click **Install**.
The installation routine of the operating system runs in the virtual machine console.



NOTE

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



NOTE

If the installation routine fails, the virtual machine must be deleted and recreated.

9.4. DELETING VIRTUAL MACHINES USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

You can delete a virtual machine and its associated storage files from the host to which the RHEL 8 web console is connected.

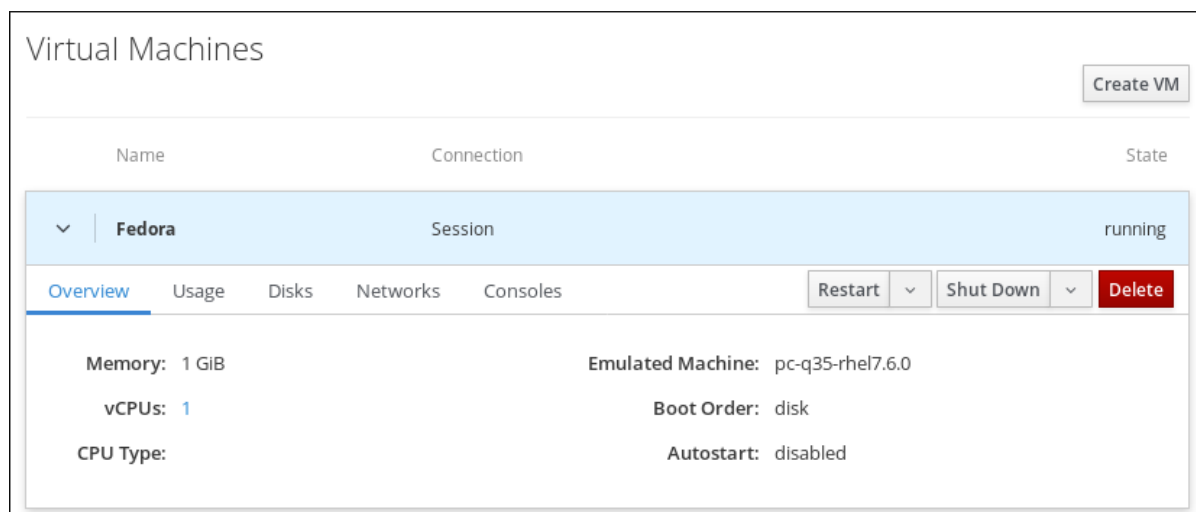
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

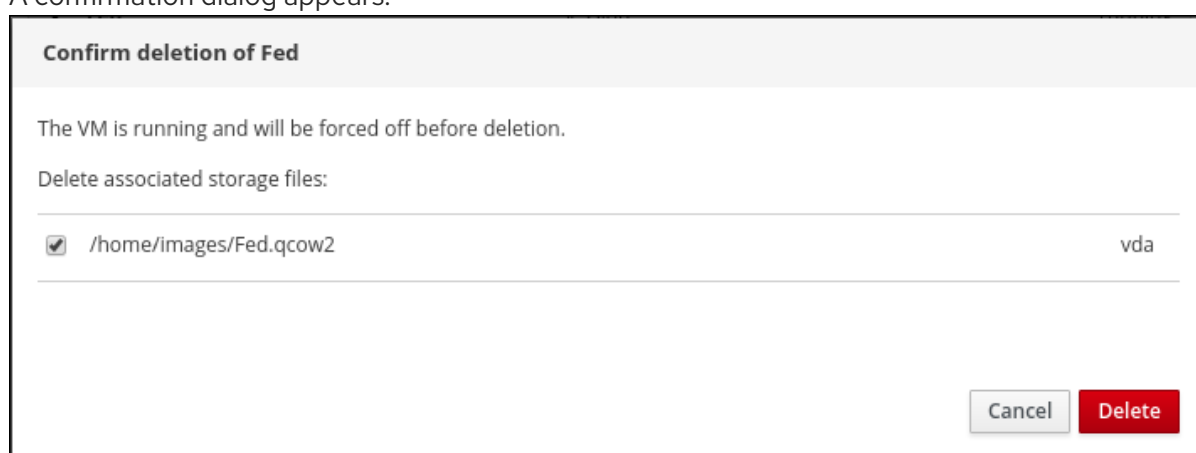
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. In the Virtual Machines interface of the RHEL 8 web console, click the name of the VM you want to delete.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.



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



3. [Optional] To delete all or some of the storage files associated with the virtual machine, select the checkboxes next to the storage files you want to delete.
4. Click **Delete**.
The virtual machine and any selected associated storage files are deleted.

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

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can [run](#), [shut down](#), and [restart](#) virtual machines. You can also send a non-maskable interrupt to a virtual machine that is unresponsive.

9.5.1. Powering up virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console

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

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, "Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines"](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine you want to start.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Run**.
The virtual machine starts.

Additional resources

- For information on shutting down a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on restarting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on sending a non-maskable interrupt to a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

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

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine you want to shut down.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Shut Down**.
The virtual machine shuts down.



NOTE

If the virtual machine does not shut down, click the arrow next to the **Shut Down** button and select **Force Shut Down**.

Additional resources

- For information on starting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on restarting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on sending a non-maskable interrupt to a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.5.3. Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console

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

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine you want to restart.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Restart**.
The virtual machine shuts down and restarts.



NOTE

If the virtual machine does not restart, click the arrow next to the **Restart** button and select **Force Restart**.

Additional resources

- For information on starting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on shutting down a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on sending a non-maskable interrupt to a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.4, “Sending non-maskable interrupts to VMs using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

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

Prerequisites

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

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine to which you want to send an NMI.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click the arrow next to the **Shut Down** button and select **Send Non-Maskable Interrupt**.
An NMI is sent to the virtual machine.

Additional resources

- For information on starting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.1, “Powering up virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on restarting a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.3, “Restarting virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on shutting down a virtual machine, see [Section 9.5.2, “Powering down virtual machines in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.6. VIEWING VIRTUAL MACHINE INFORMATION USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

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

9.6.1. Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console

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

Prerequisites

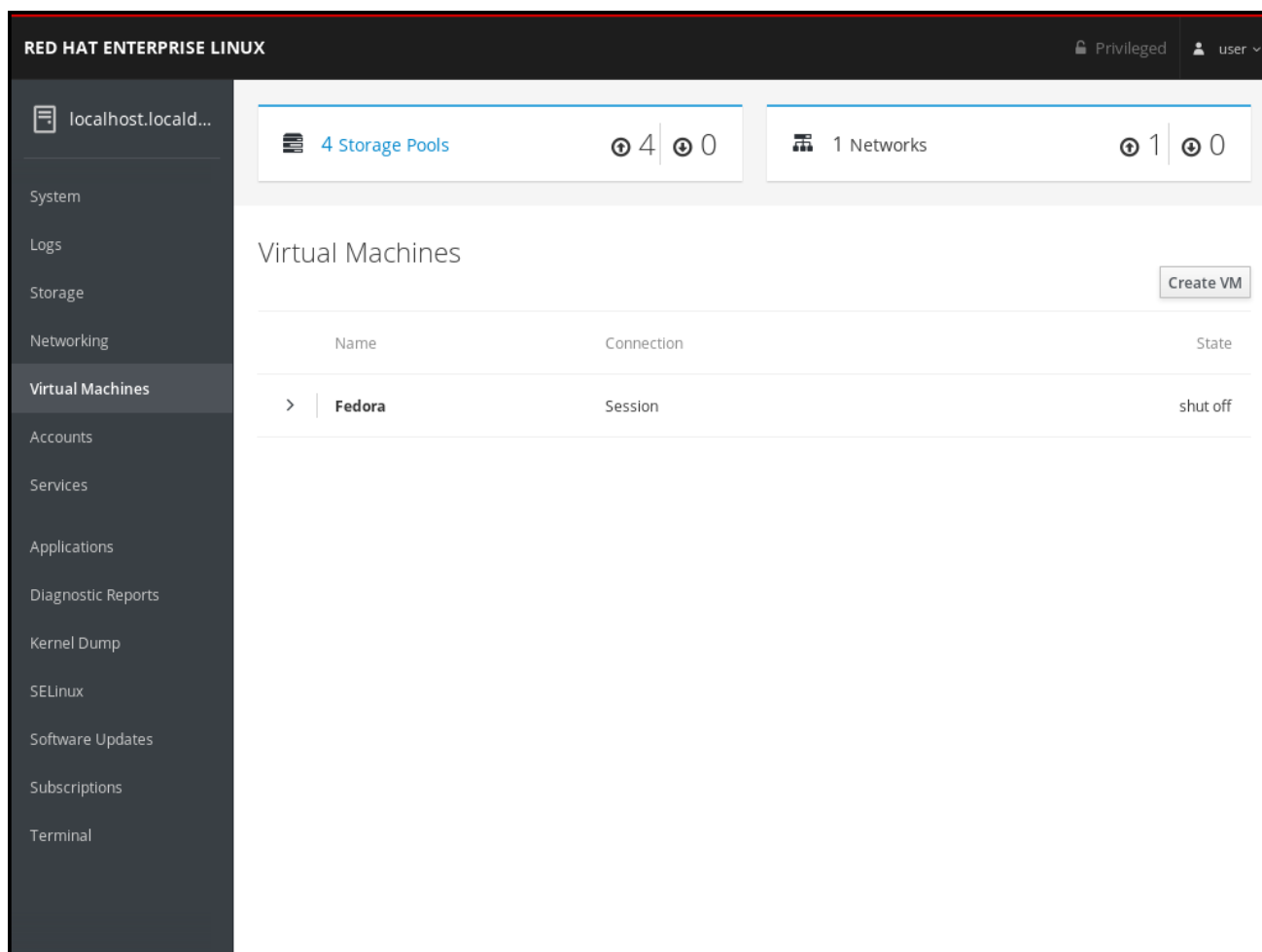
To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view information about the available storage and the virtual machines to which the web console is attached.

- Click **Virtual Machines** in the web console’s side menu.
Information about the available storage and the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected appears.



The information includes the following:

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

Additional resources

- For information on viewing detailed information about the storage pools the web console session can access, see [Section 9.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.6.2. Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console

The following describes how to view detailed storage pool information about the storage pools that the web console session can access.

Prerequisites

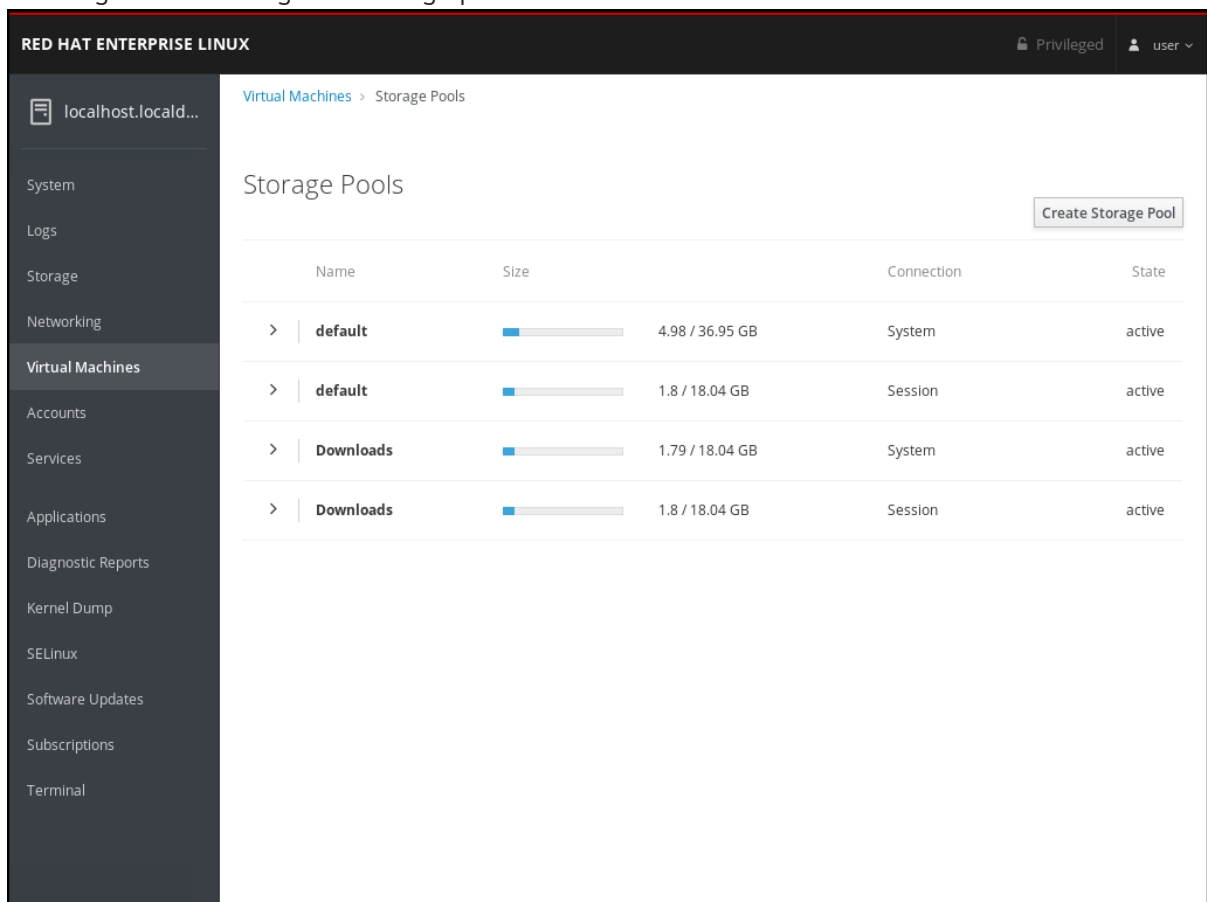
To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view storage pool information:

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



The information includes the following:

- **Name** - The name of the storage pool.
- **Size** - The size of the storage pool.

- **Connection** - The connection used to access the storage pool.
 - **State** - The state of the storage pool.
2. Click a row with the name of the storage whose information you want to see. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with following information about the selected storage pool:
- **Path** - The path to the storage pool.
 - **Persistent** - Whether or not the storage pool is persistent.
 - **Autostart** - Whether or not the storage pool starts automatically.
 - **Type** - The storage pool type.

▼	default	<div><div></div></div>	1.8 / 18.04 GB	Session	active
<div> <div>Overview</div> <div>Storage Volumes</div> </div>					
<div> <div>Path: /home/user/.local/share/libvirt</div> <div>/images</div> <div>Persistent: yes</div> <div>Autostart: yes</div> <div>Type: dir</div> </div>					

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

▼	default	<div><div></div></div>	1.8 / 18.04 GB	Session	active
Overview	Storage Volumes				
Name		Size			
Test vol		0 / 0.95 GB			
Fedora.qcow2		0 / 10 GB			

Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

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

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

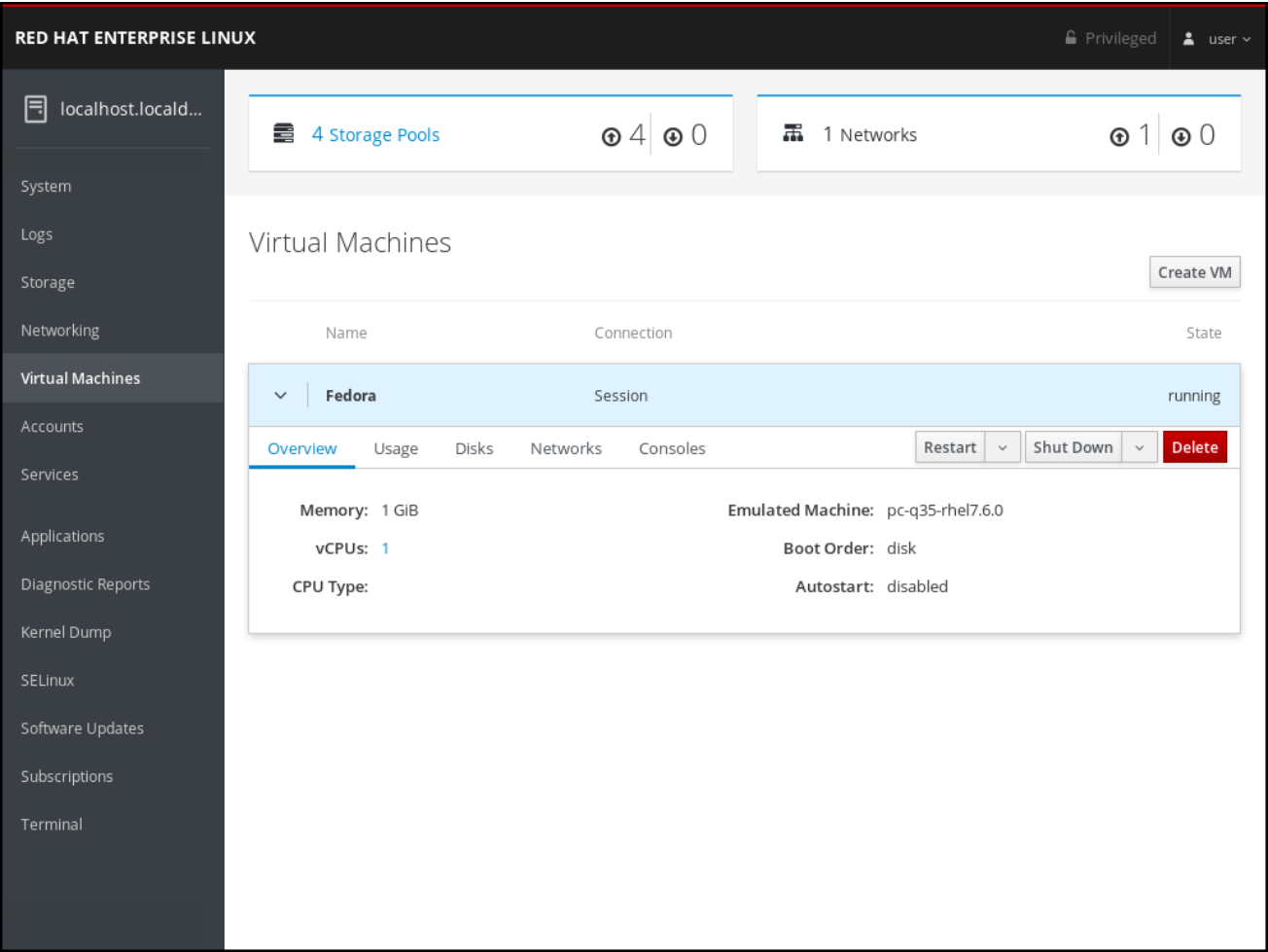
To view basic information about a selected virtual machine.

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



NOTE

If another tab is selected, click **Overview**.



The information includes the following:

- **Memory** – The amount of memory assigned to the virtual machine.
- **Emulated Machine** – The machine type emulated by the virtual machine.
- **vCPUs** – The number of virtual CPUs configured for the virtual machine.



NOTE

To see more detailed virtual CPU information and configure the virtual CPUs configured for a virtual machine, see [Section 9.7, “Managing virtual CPUs using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- **Boot Order** – The boot order configured for the virtual machine.
- **CPU Type** – The architecture of the virtual CPUs configured for the virtual machine.
- **Autostart** – Whether or not autostart is enabled for the virtual machine.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

The following describes how to view resource usage information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites

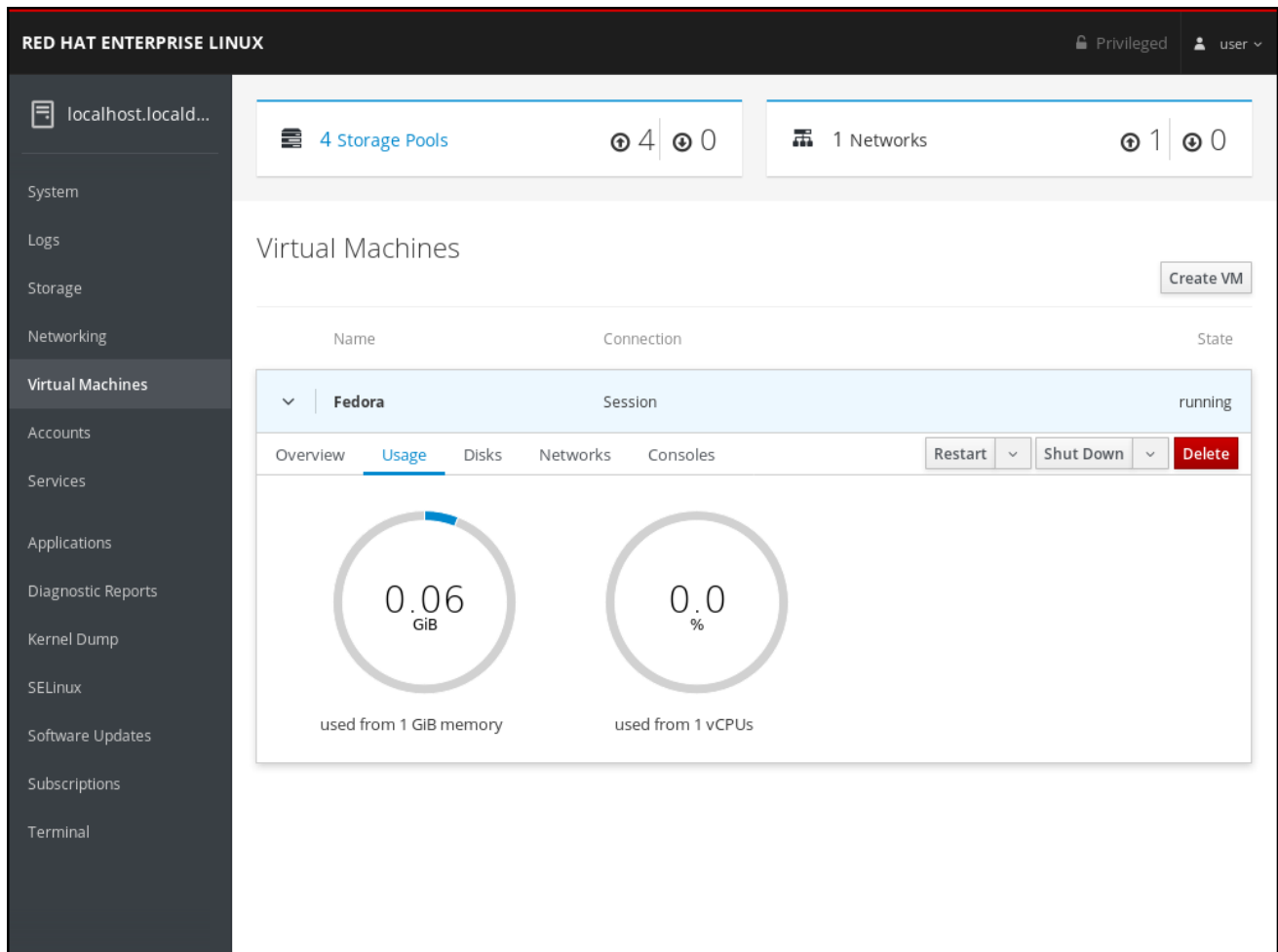
To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view information about the memory and virtual CPU usage of a selected virtual machine.

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose information you want to see.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Usage**.
The Usage pane appears with information about the memory and virtual CPU usage of the virtual machine.



Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

The following describes how to view disk information about a virtual machine to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view disk information about a selected virtual machine.

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose information you want to see.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Disks**.
The Disks pane appears with information about the disks assigned to the virtual machine.

The screenshot shows the Red Hat Enterprise Linux web console interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: localhost.locald..., System, Logs, Storage, Networking, Virtual Machines (selected), Accounts, Services, Applications, Diagnostic Reports, Kernel Dump, SELinux, Software Updates, Subscriptions, and Terminal. The main content area is titled 'Virtual Machines' and shows a table with columns for Name, Connection, and State. A row for 'Fedora' is selected, and its details are expanded. The 'Disks' tab is active, showing a table of disks. The table has columns: Device, Target, Used, Capacity, Bus, Readonly, and Source. Two disks are listed: 'cdrom' (sda, 0.00 GiB used, sata bus, readonly) and 'disk' (vda, 0.00 GiB used, 10 GiB capacity, virtio bus, not readonly, source: File /home/user/.local/share/libvirt/images/Fedora.qcow2). There are buttons for 'Add Disk', 'Restart', 'Shut Down', and 'Delete'.

Device	Target	Used	Capacity	Bus	Readonly	Source
cdrom	sda	0.00 GiB		sata	yes	
disk	vda	0.00 GiB	10 GiB	virtio	no	File /home/user/.local/share/libvirt/images/Fedora.qcow2

The information includes the following:

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

- **Source** – The disk device or file.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.6.6. Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following describes how to view information about the virtual network interface cards (vNICs) on a selected virtual machine:

Prerequisites

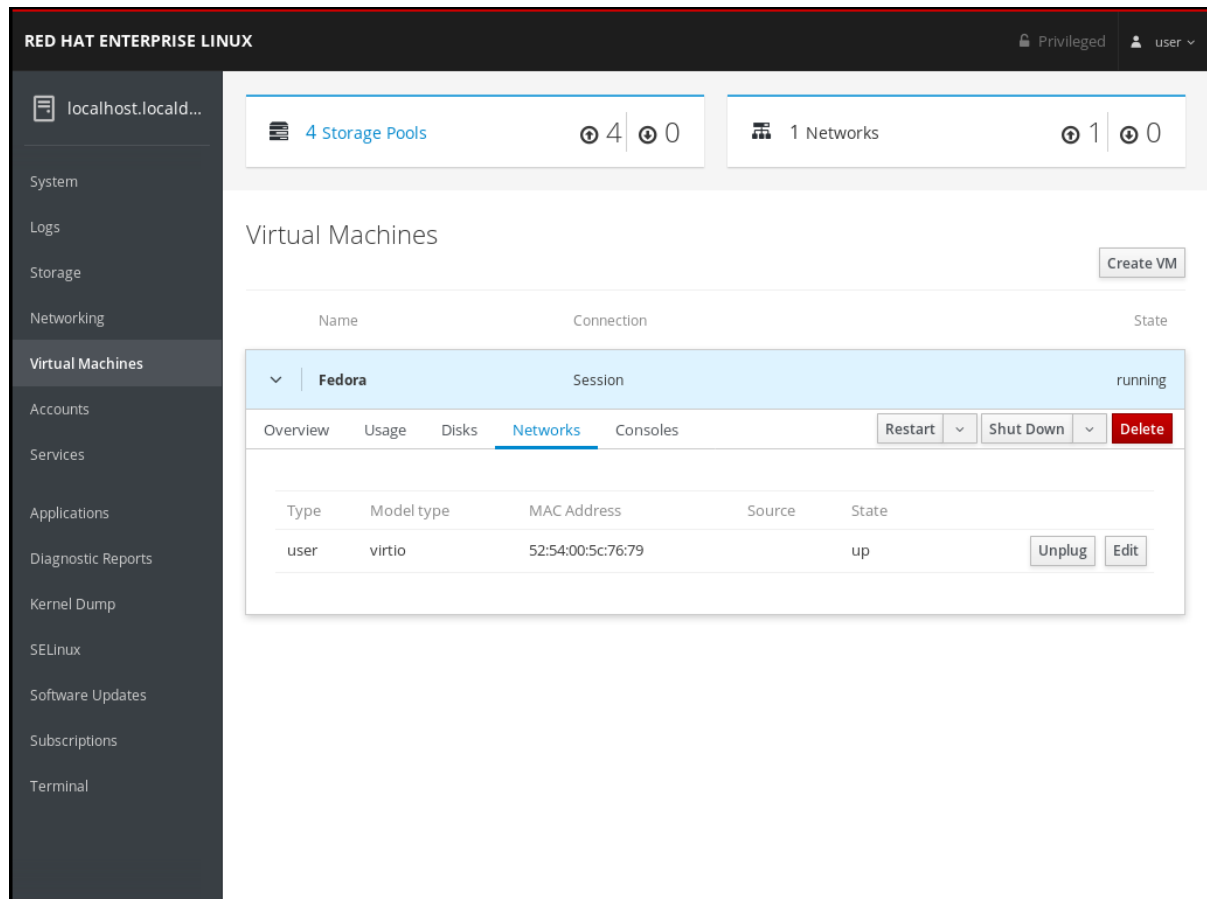
To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view information about the virtual network interface cards (NICs) on a selected virtual machine.

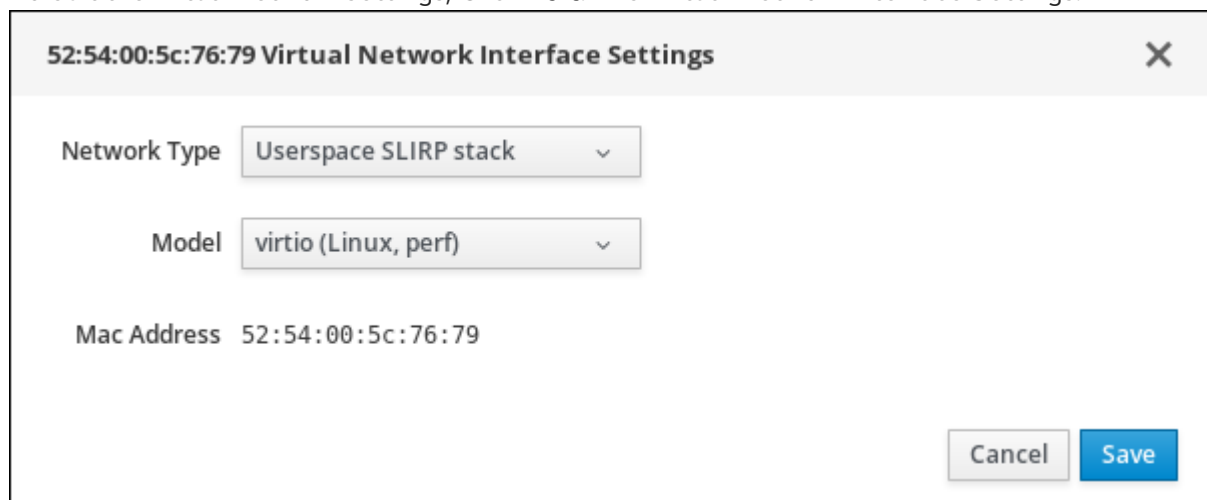
1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose information you want to see.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Networks**.
The Networks pane appears with information about the virtual NICs configured for the virtual machine.



The information includes the following:

- **Type** - The type of network interface for the virtual machine. Types include direct, network, bridge, ethernet, hostdev, mcast, user, and server.
- **Model type** - The model of the virtual NIC.
- **MAC Address** - The MAC address of the virtual NIC.
- **Source** - The source of the network interface. This is dependent on the network type.
- **State** - The state of the virtual NIC.

- To edit the virtual network settings, Click **Edit**. The Virtual Network Interface Settings.



- Change the Network Type and Model.

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

**NOTE**

When the virtual machine is running, changes to the virtual network interface settings only take effect after the virtual machine is stopped and restarted.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, “Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, “Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, “Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.7. MANAGING VIRTUAL CPUS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can manage the virtual CPUs configured for the virtual machines to which the web console is connected. You can view information about the virtual machines. You can also configure the virtual CPUs for virtual machines.

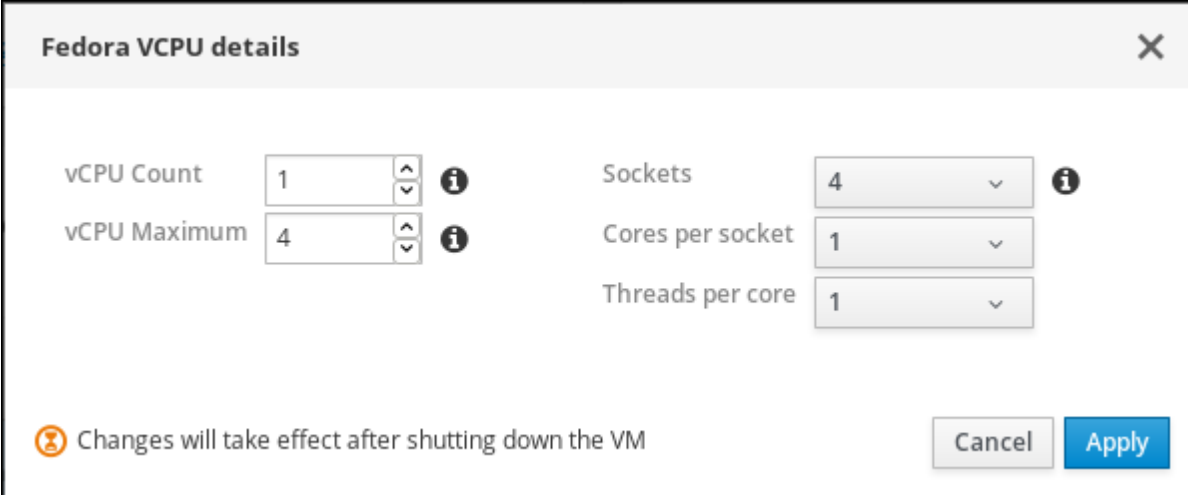
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine for which you want to view and configure virtual CPU parameters.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine, including the number of virtual CPUs, and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click the number of vCPUs in the Overview pane.
The vCPU Details dialog appears.



Fedora VCPU details

vCPU Count: 1

vCPU Maximum: 4

Sockets: 4

Cores per socket: 1

Threads per core: 1

Changes will take effect after shutting down the VM

Cancel Apply



NOTE

The warning in the vCPU Details dialog only appears after the virtual CPU settings are changed.

3. Configure the virtual CPUs for the selected virtual machine.

- **vCPU Count** - Enter the number of virtual CPUs for the virtual machine.



NOTE

The vCPU count cannot be greater than the vCPU Maximum.

- **vCPU Maximum** - Enter the maximum number of virtual CPUs that can be configured for the virtual machine.
- **Sockets** - Select the number of sockets to expose to the virtual machine.
- **Cores per socket** - Select the number of cores for each socket to expose to the virtual machine.
- **Threads per core** - Select the number of threads for each core to expose to the virtual machine.

4. Click **Apply**.

The virtual CPUs for the virtual machine are configured.



NOTE

When the virtual machine is running, changes to the virtual CPU settings only take effect after the virtual machine is stopped and restarted.

9.8. MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINE DISKS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

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

You can:

- [View information about disks.](#)
- [Create and attach new virtual disks to virtual machines.](#)
- [Attach existing virtual disks to virtual machines.](#)
- [Detach virtual disks from virtual machines.](#)

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

The following describes how to view disk information about a virtual machine to which the web console session is connected.

Prerequisites

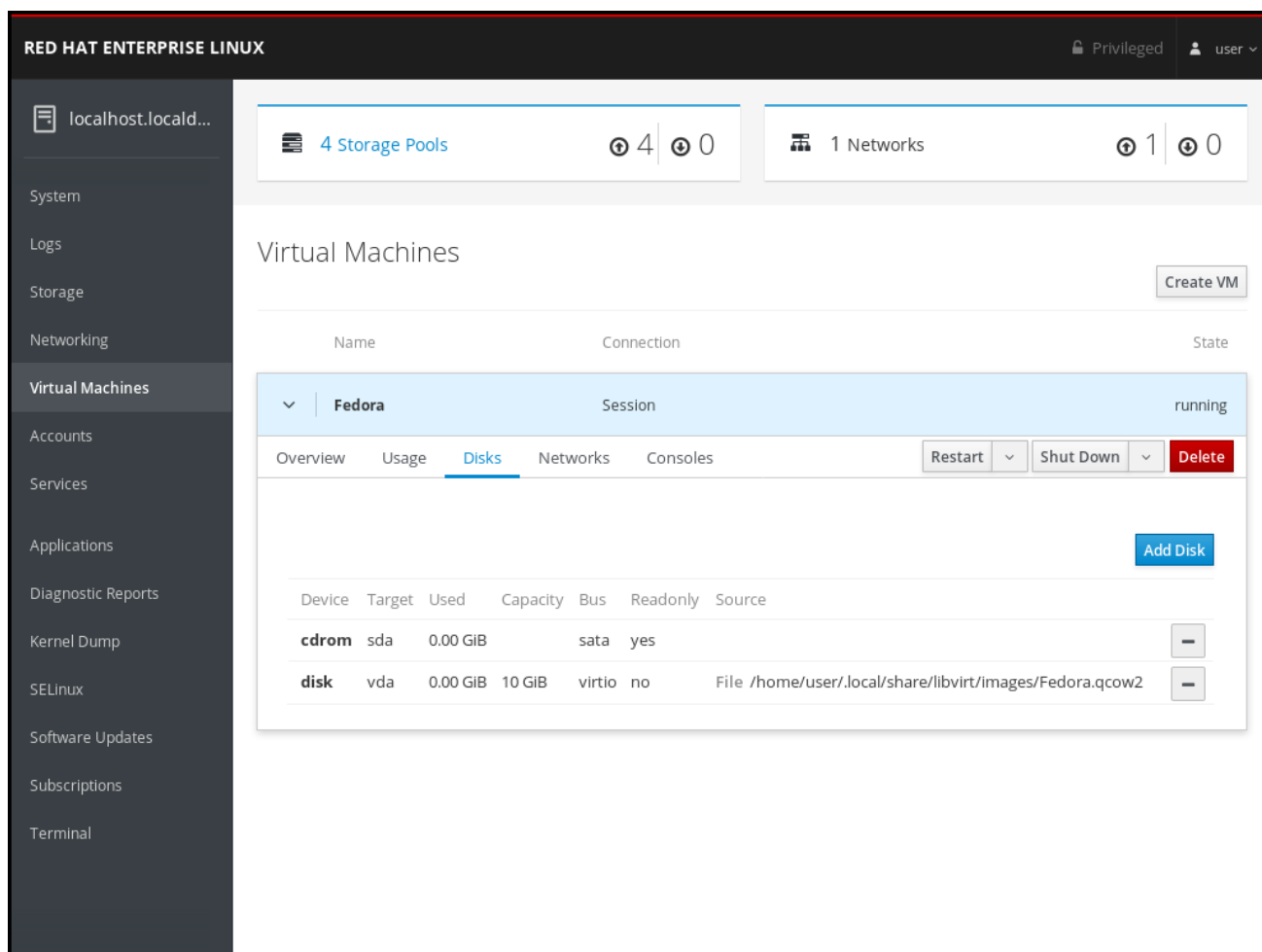
To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view disk information about a selected virtual machine.

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose information you want to see.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Disks**.
The Disks pane appears with information about the disks assigned to the virtual machine.



The information includes the following:

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

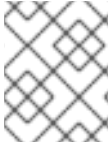
Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, "Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console"](#).
- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, "Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console"](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, "Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console"](#).

- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, “Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on viewing virtual network interface card information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.6, “Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

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

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



NOTE

You can only use directory-type storage pools when creating new disks for virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console.

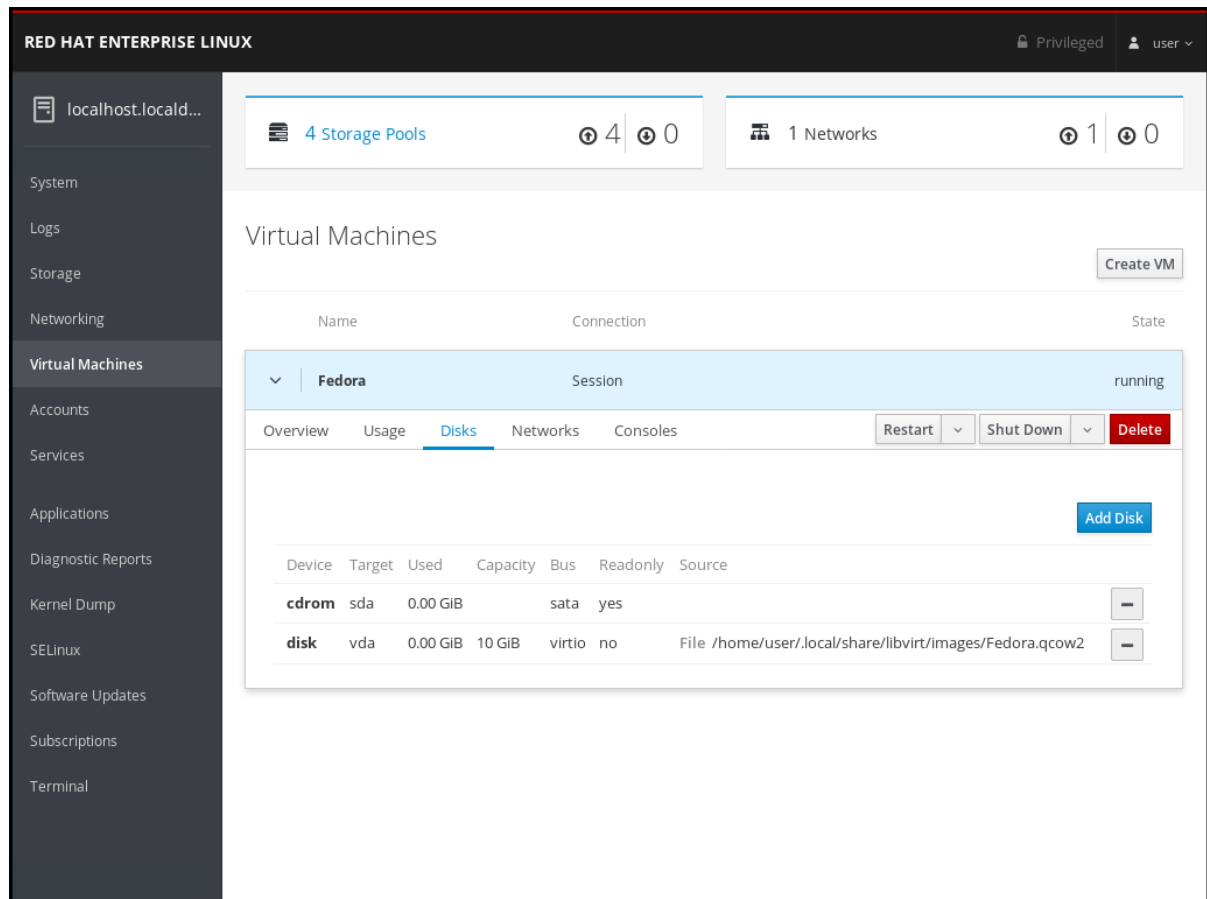
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

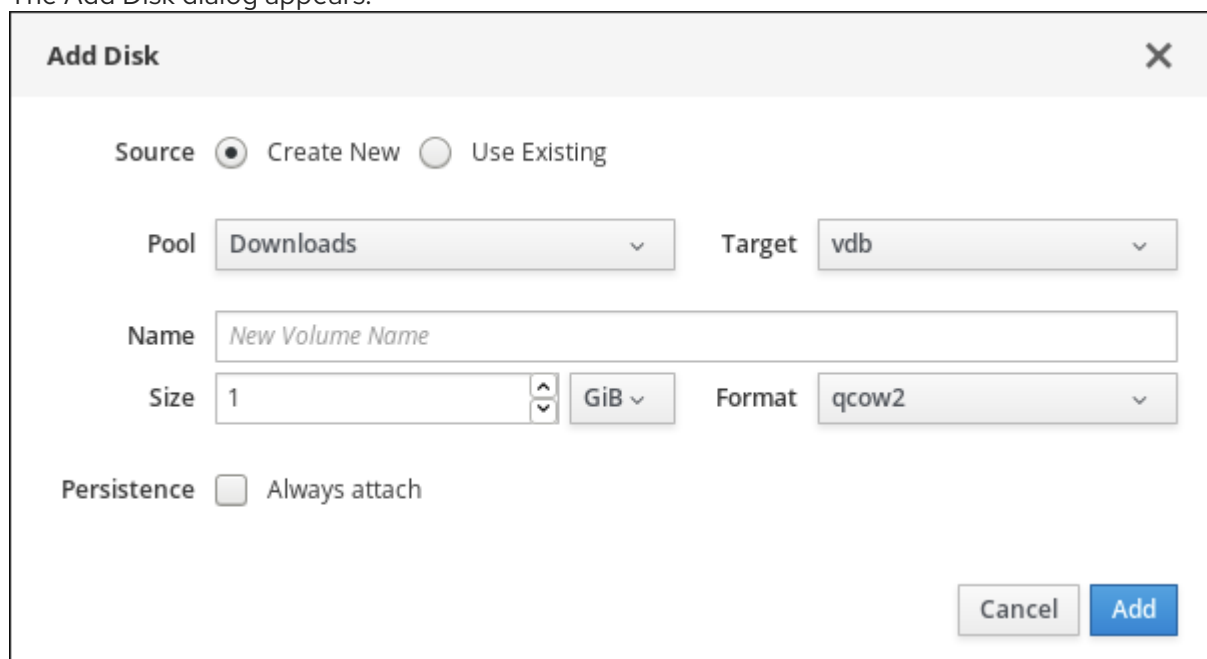
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine for which you want to create and attach a new disk.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Disks**.
The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the virtual machine.



3. Click **Add Disk**.
The Add Disk dialog appears.



4. Ensure that the *Create New* option button is selected.
5. Configure the new disk.
 - **Pool** - Select the storage pool from which the virtual disk will be created.
 - **Target** - Select a target for the virtual disk that will be created.
 - **Name** - Enter a name for the virtual disk that will be created.

- **Size** - Enter the size and select the unit (MiB or GiB) of the virtual disk that will be created.
- **Format** - Select the format for the virtual disk that will be created. Supported types: qcow2, raw
- **Persistence** - Whether or not the virtual disk will be persistent. If checked, the virtual disk is persistent. If not checked, the virtual disk is not persistent.

**NOTE**

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

6. Click **Add**.

The virtual disk is created and connected to the virtual machine.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.8.1, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on attaching existing disks to virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.3, “Attaching existing disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on detaching disks from virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.4, “Detaching disks from virtual machines”](#).

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

The following describes how to attach existing disks to a virtual machine using the RHEL 8 web console.

**NOTE**

You can only attach directory-type storage pools to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console.

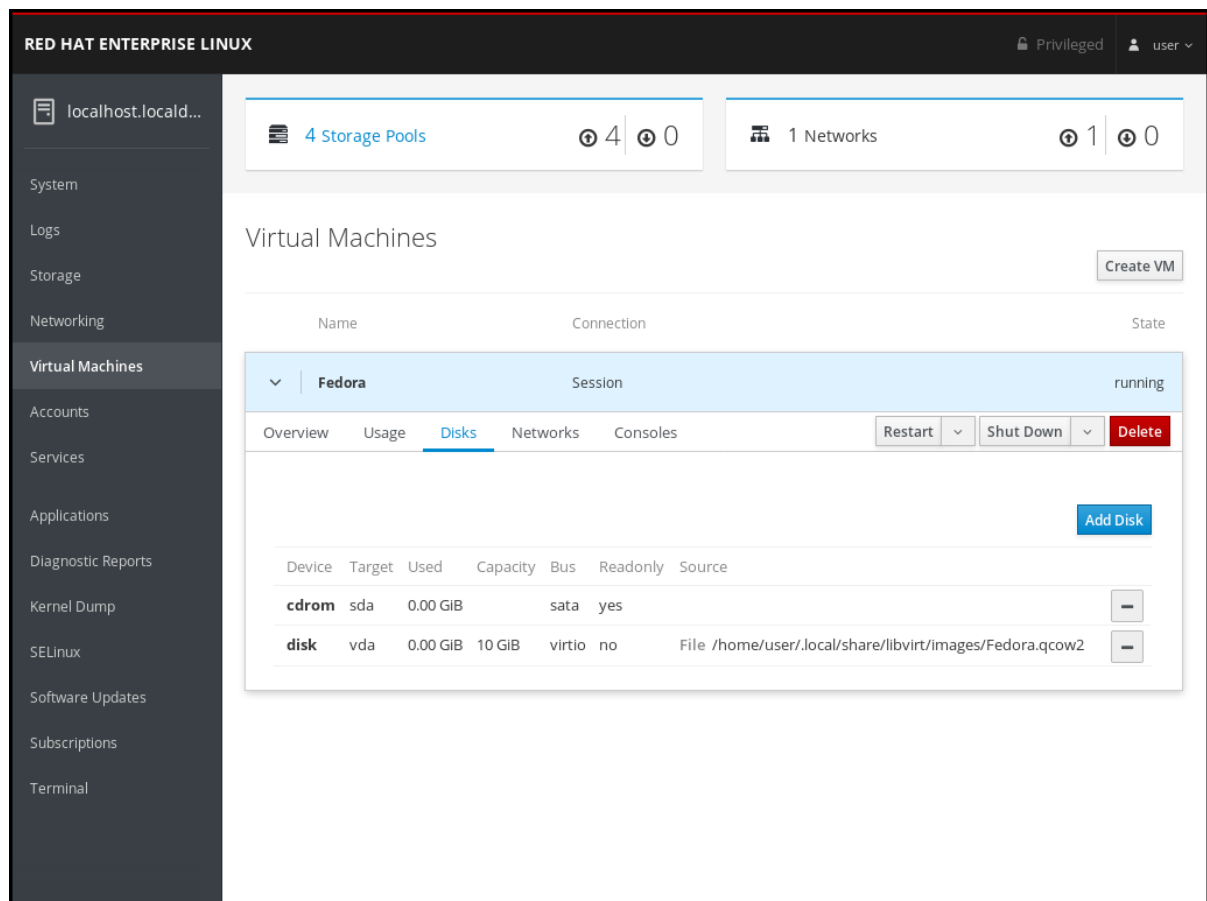
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

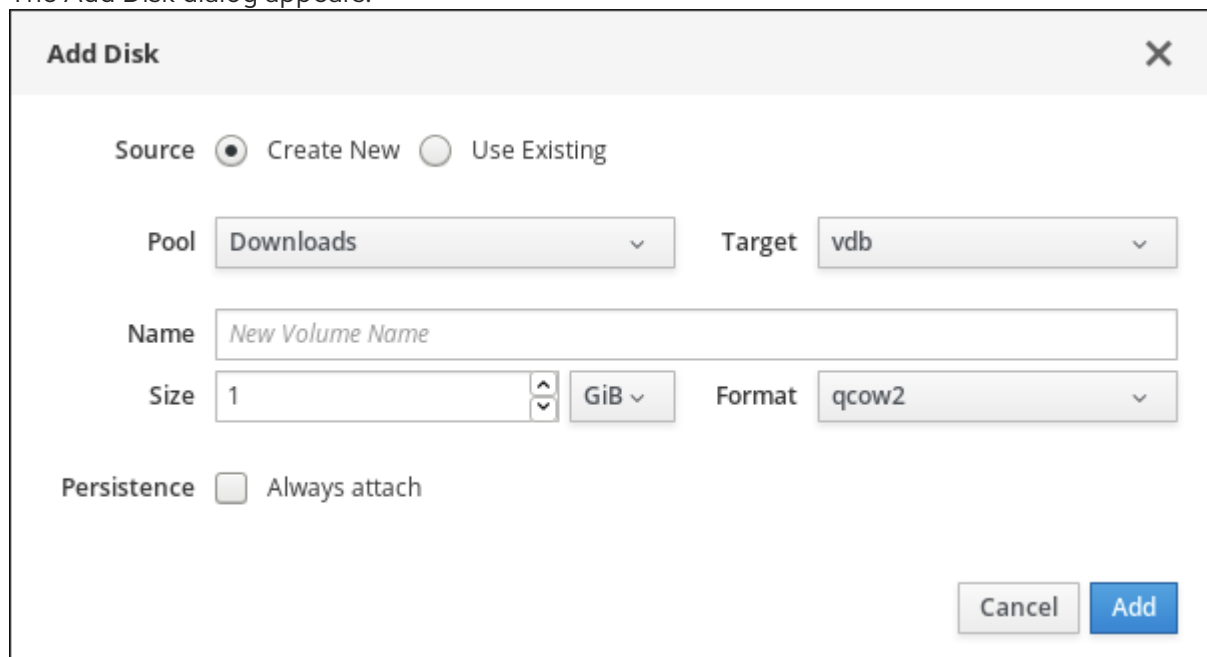
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine to which you want to attach an existing disk. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Disks**. The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the virtual machine.



- Click **Add Disk**.
The Add Disk dialog appears.



- Click the **Use Existing** option button.

The appropriate configuration fields appear in the Add Disk dialog.

- Configure the disk for the virtual machine.

- **Pool** - Select the storage pool from which the virtual disk will be attached.
- **Target** - Select a target for the virtual disk that will be attached.
- **Volume** - Select the storage volume that will be attached.
- **Persistence** - Check to make the virtual disk persistent. Clear to make the virtual disk transient.

- Click **Add**

The selected virtual disk is attached to the virtual machine.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.8.1, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on creating new disks and attaching them to virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.2, “Adding new disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on detaching disks from virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.4, “Detaching disks from virtual machines”](#).

9.8.4. Detaching disks from virtual machines

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

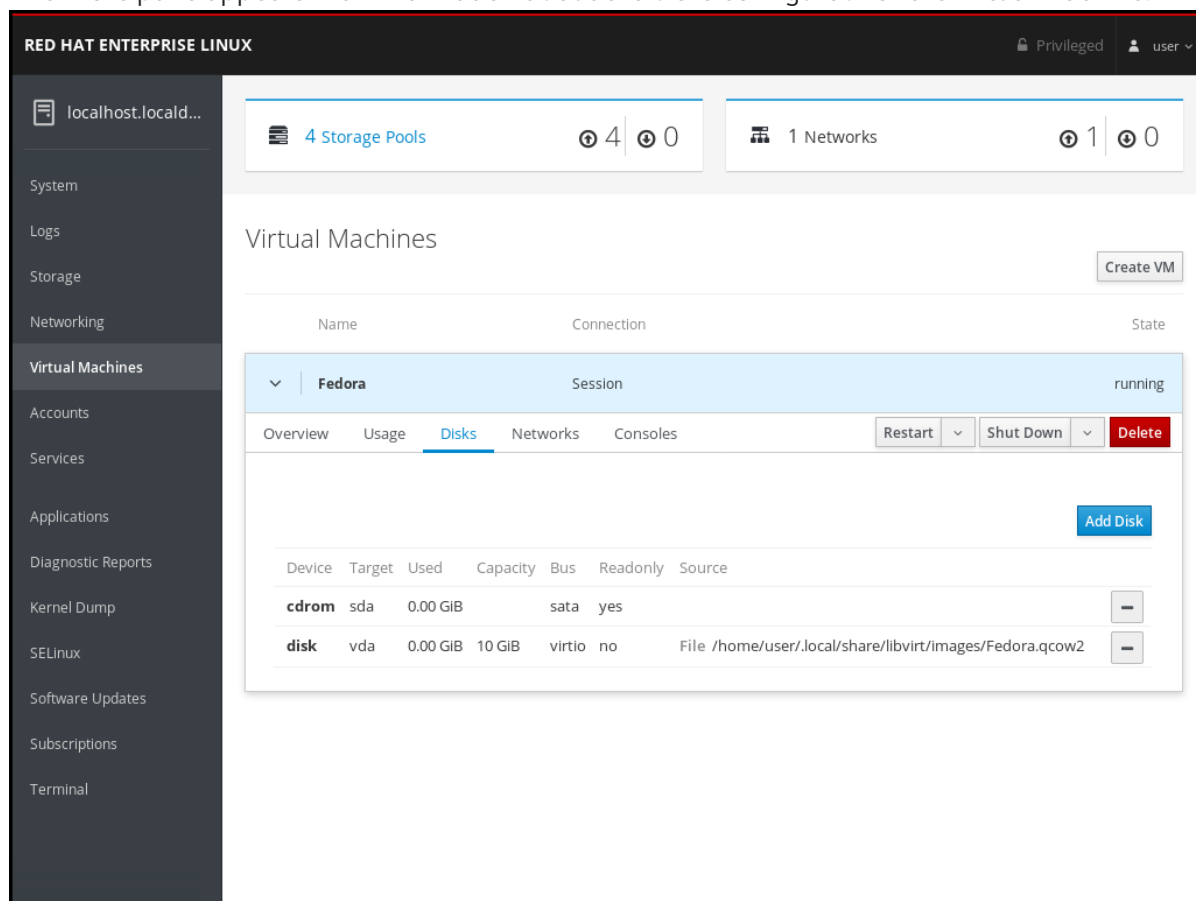
Prerequisites


To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine from which you want to detach an existing disk. The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Disks**.
The Disks pane appears with information about the disks configured for the virtual machine.



3. Click  next to the disk you want to detach from the virtual machine. The virtual disk is detached from the virtual machine.

CAUTION

There is no confirmation before detaching the disk from the virtual machine.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.8.1, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on creating new disks and attaching them to virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.2, “Adding new disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For information on attaching existing disks to virtual machines, see [Section 9.8.3, “Attaching existing disks to virtual machines using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.9. USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL MACHINE VNICS

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can manage the virtual network interface cards (vNICs) configured for the virtual machines to which the web console is connected. You can view information about vNICs. You can also connect and disconnect vNICs from virtual machines.

9.9.1. Viewing virtual NIC information in the RHEL 8 web console

The following describes how to view information about the virtual network interface cards (vNICs) on a selected virtual machine:

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

To view information about the virtual network interface cards (NICs) on a selected virtual machine.

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose information you want to see.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Networks**.
The Networks pane appears with information about the virtual NICs configured for the virtual machine.

The screenshot shows the RHEL 8 Web Console interface. The top bar displays 'RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX' and user information. The left sidebar contains navigation links: localhost.locald..., System, Logs, Storage, Networking, Virtual Machines (selected), Accounts, Services, Applications, Diagnostic Reports, Kernel Dump, SELinux, Software Updates, Subscriptions, and Terminal. The main content area shows 'Virtual Machines' with a 'Create VM' button. A table lists virtual machines, with 'Fedora' selected. The 'Fedora' row is expanded, showing tabs for Overview, Usage, Disks, Networks (selected), and Consoles. The 'Networks' tab displays a table of virtual NICs:

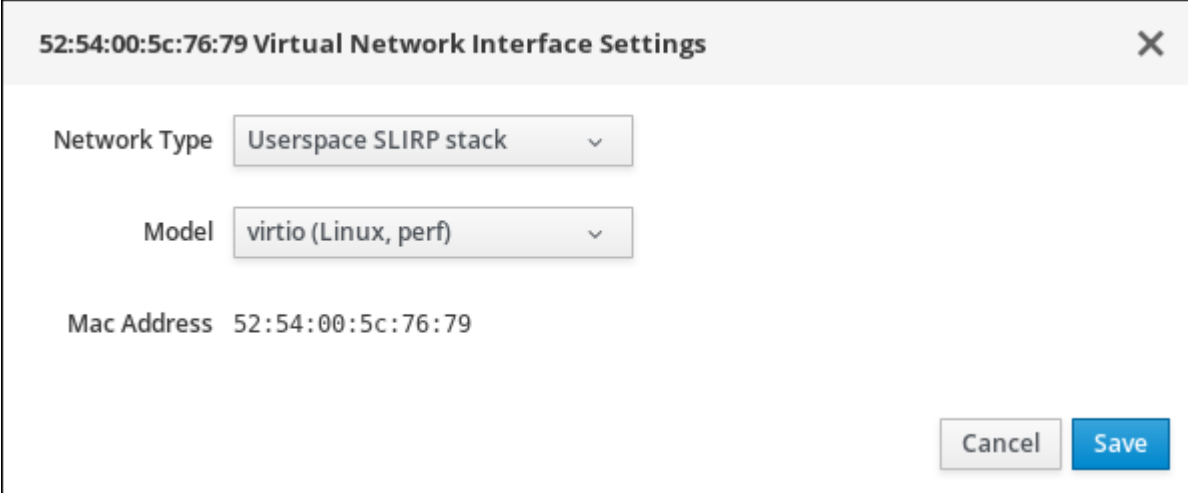
Type	Model type	MAC Address	Source	State	
user	virtio	52:54:00:5c:76:79		up	Unplug Edit

Additional controls for the selected VM include 'Restart', 'Shut Down', and 'Delete' buttons.

The information includes the following:

- **Type** - The type of network interface for the virtual machine. Types include direct, network, bridge, ethernet, hostdev, mcast, user, and server.
- **Model type** - The model of the virtual NIC.
- **MAC Address** - The MAC address of the virtual NIC.
- **Source** - The source of the network interface. This is dependent on the network type.
- **State** - The state of the virtual NIC.

3. To edit the virtual network settings, Click **Edit**. The Virtual Network Interface Settings.



52:54:00:5c:76:79 Virtual Network Interface Settings

Network Type: Userspace SLIRP stack

Model: virtio (Linux, perf)

Mac Address: 52:54:00:5c:76:79

Cancel Save

4. Change the Network Type and Model.

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



NOTE

When the virtual machine is running, changes to the virtual network interface settings only take effect after the virtual machine is stopped and restarted.

Additional resources

- For information on viewing information about all of the virtual machines to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.1, "Viewing a virtualization overview in the RHEL 8 web console"](#).
- For information on viewing information about the storage pools to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.2, "Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console"](#).
- For information on viewing basic information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.3, "Viewing basic virtual machine information in the RHEL 8 web console"](#).
- For information on viewing resource usage for a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.4, "Viewing virtual machine resource usage in the RHEL 8 web console"](#).

- For information on viewing disk information about a selected virtual machine to which the web console session is connected, see [Section 9.6.5, “Viewing virtual machine disk information in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.9.2. Connecting virtual NICs in the RHEL 8 web console

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can reconnect disconnected virtual network interface cards (NICs) configured for a selected virtual machine.

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose virtual NIC you want to connect.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Networks**.
The Networks pane appears with information about the virtual NICs configured for the virtual machine.

Name	Connection	State
▼ Fedora	Session	running
Overview	Usage	Disks
Networks	Consoles	
Restart ▼ Shut Down ▼ Delete		
Type	Model type	MAC Address
user	virtio	52:54:00:5c:76:79
		down
		Plug Edit

3. Click **Plug** in the row of the virtual NIC you want to connect.
The selected virtual NIC connects to the virtual machine.

9.9.3. Disconnecting virtual NICs in the RHEL 8 web console

Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can disconnect the virtual network interface cards (NICs) connected to a selected virtual machine.

Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

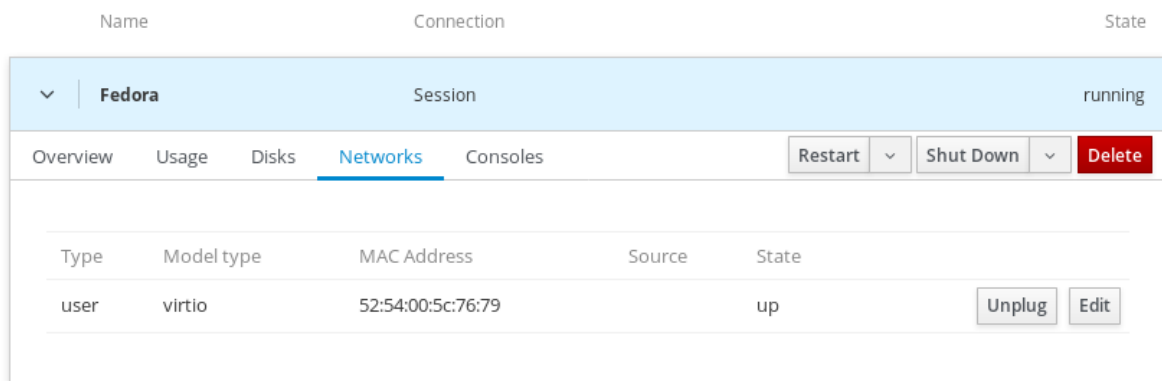
Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose virtual NIC you want to disconnect.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual

machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.

2. Click **Networks**.

The Networks pane appears with information about the virtual NICs configured for the virtual machine.



3. Click **Unplug** in the row of the virtual NIC you want to disconnect.

The selected virtual NIC disconnects from the virtual machine.

9.10. INTERACTING WITH VIRTUAL MACHINES USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

To interact with a VM in the RHEL 8 web console, you need to connect to the VM's console. Using the RHEL 8 web console, you can view the virtual machine's consoles. These include both graphical and serial consoles.

- To interact with the VM's graphical interface in the RHEL 8 web console, use [the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console](#).
- To interact with the VM's graphical interface in a remote viewer, use [the graphical console in remote viewers](#).
- To interact with the VM's CLI in the RHEL 8 web console, use [the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console](#).

9.10.1. Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console

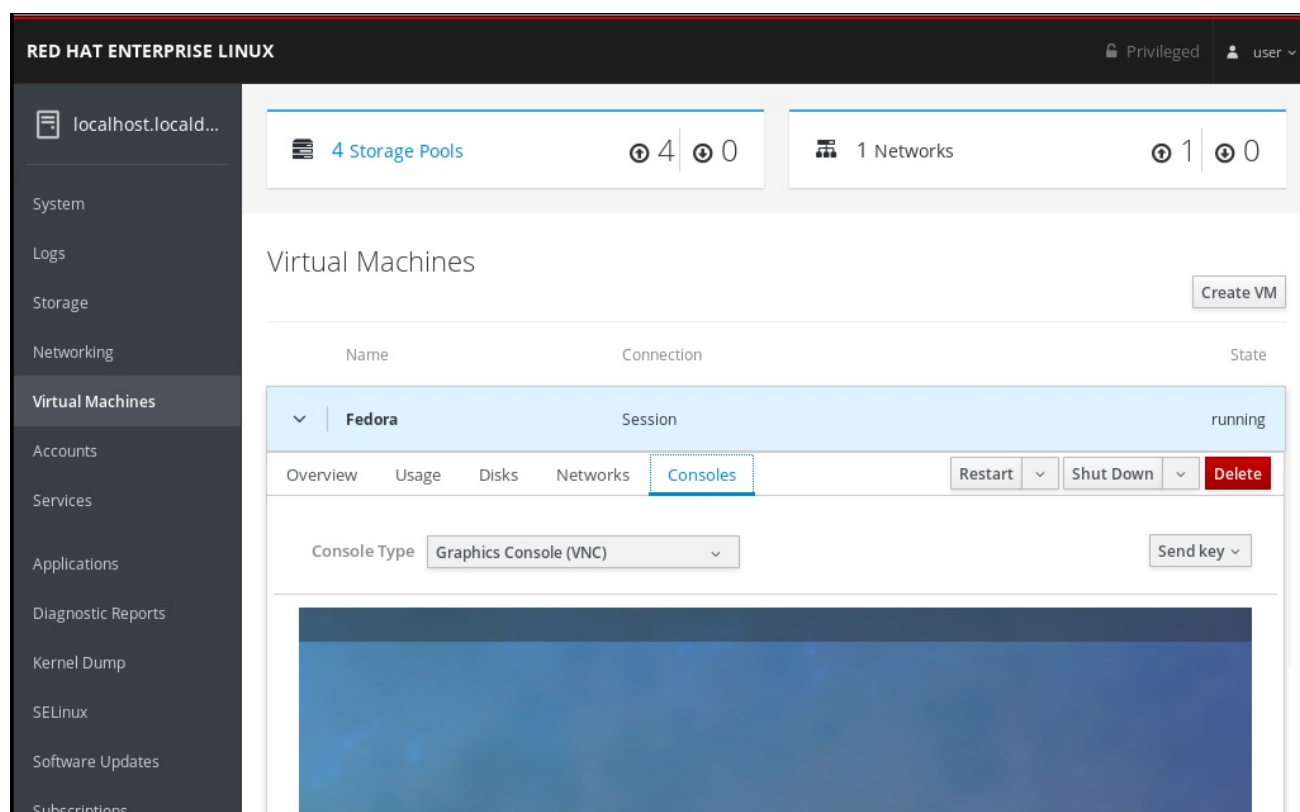
You can view the graphical console of a selected virtual machine in the RHEL 8 web console. The virtual machine console shows the graphical output of the virtual machine.

Prerequisites

- To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, "Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines"](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.
- Ensure that both the host and the VM support a graphical interface.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose graphical console you want to view.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Consoles**.
The graphical console appears in the web interface.



You can interact with the virtual machine console using the mouse and keyboard in the same manner you interact with a real machine. The display in the virtual machine console reflects the activities being performed on the virtual machine.



NOTE

The server on which the RHEL 8 web console is running can intercept specific key combinations, such as **Ctrl+Alt+F1**, preventing them from being sent to the virtual machine.

To send such key combinations, click the **Send key** menu and select the key sequence to send.

For example, to send the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** combination to the virtual machine, click the **Send key** menu and select the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** menu entry.

Additional Resources

- For details on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer, see [Section 9.10.2, “Viewing virtual machine consoles in remote viewers using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For details on viewing the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.3, “Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.10.2. Viewing virtual machine consoles in remote viewers using the RHEL 8 web console

You can view the virtual machine's consoles in a remote viewer. The connection can be made by the web console or manually.

9.10.2.1. Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer

You can view the graphical console of a selected virtual machine in a remote viewer. The virtual machine console shows the graphical output of the virtual machine.



NOTE

You can launch Virt Viewer from within the RHEL 8 web console. Other VNC and SPICE remote viewers can be launched manually.

Prerequisites

- To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, "Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines"](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.
- Ensure that both the host and the VM support a graphical interface.
- Before you can view the graphical console in Virt Viewer, Virt Viewer must be installed on the machine to which the web console is connected.
To view information on installing Virt Viewer, select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type and click **More Information** in the Consoles window.

▼ More Information

Clicking "Launch Remote Viewer" will download a .vv file and launch *Remote Viewer*.

Remote Viewer is available for most operating systems. To install it, search for it in GNOME Software or run the following:

- **RHEL, CentOS:** `sudo yum install virt-viewer`
- **Fedora:** `sudo dnf install virt-viewer`
- **Ubuntu, Debian:** `sudo apt-get install virt-viewer`
- **Windows:** Download the MSI from virt-manager.org

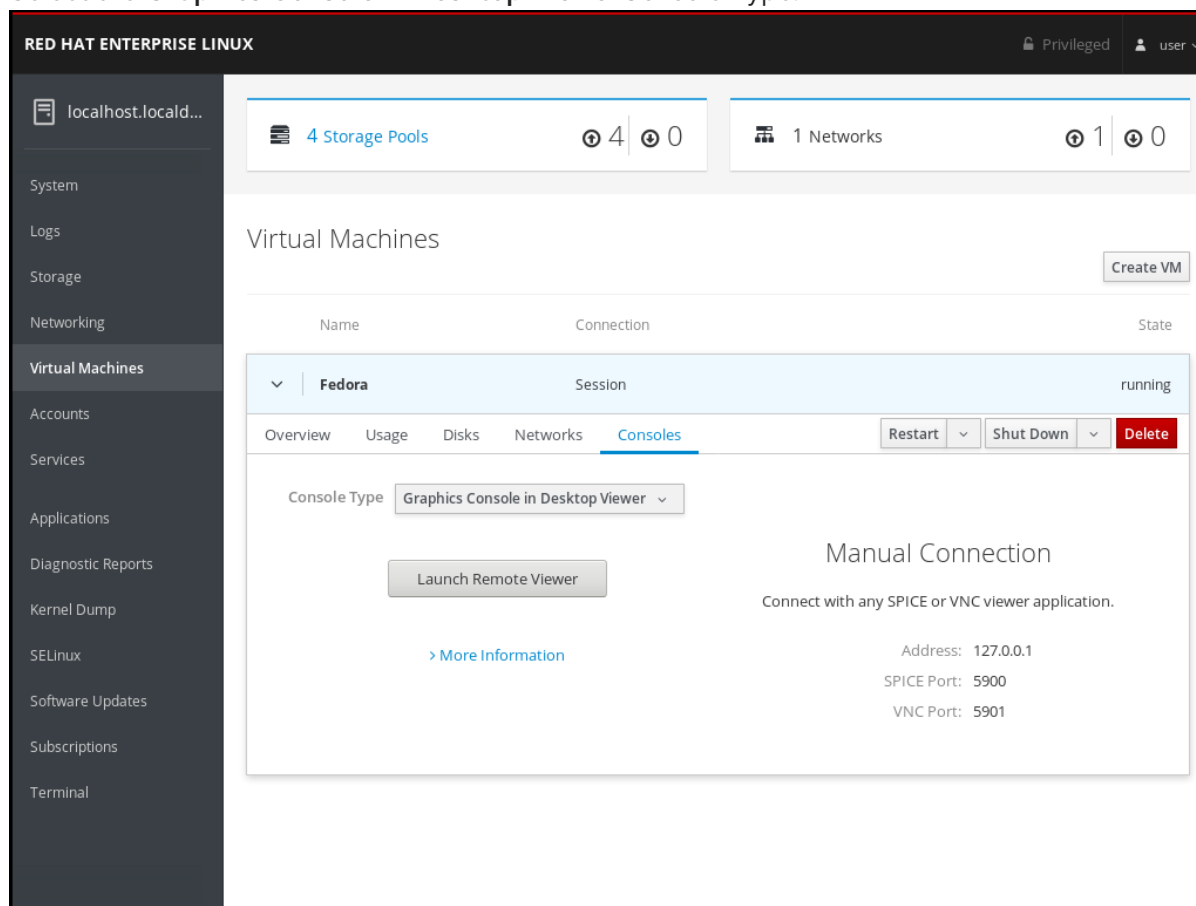


NOTE

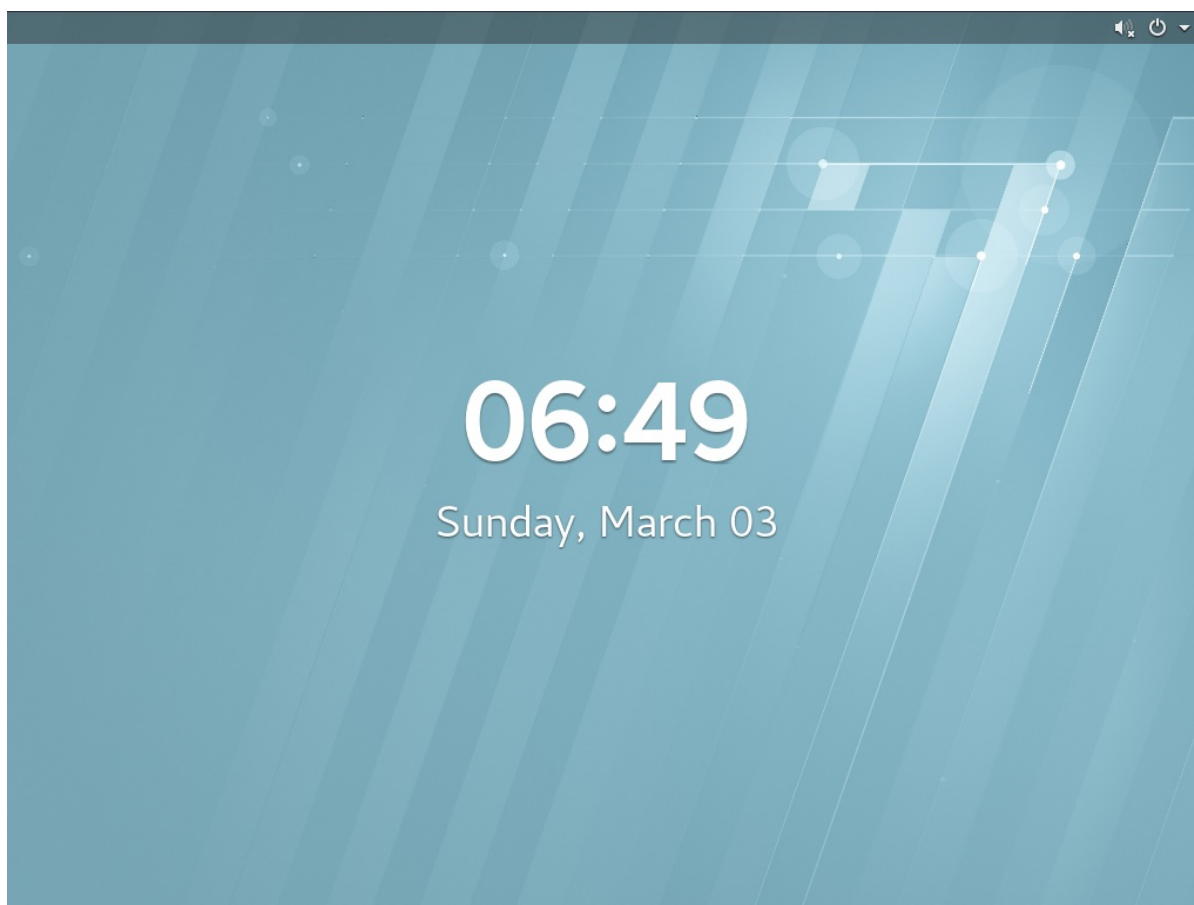
Some browser extensions and plug-ins do not allow the web console to open Virt Viewer.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose graphical console you want to view.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Consoles**.
The graphical console appears in the web interface.
3. Select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type.



4. Click **Launch Remote Viewer**.
The graphical console appears in Virt Viewer.



You can interact with the virtual machine console using the mouse and keyboard in the same manner you interact with a real machine. The display in the virtual machine console reflects the activities being performed on the virtual machine.



NOTE

The server on which the RHEL 8 web console is running can intercept specific key combinations, such as **Ctrl+Alt+F1**, preventing them from being sent to the virtual machine.

To send such key combinations, click the **Send key** menu and select the key sequence to send.

For example, to send the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** combination to the virtual machine, click the **Send key** menu and select the **Ctrl+Alt+F1** menu entry.

Additional Resources

- For details on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer using a manual connection, see [Section 9.10.2.2, “Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer connecting manually”](#).
- For details on viewing the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.1, “Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For details on viewing the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.3, “Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.10.2.2. Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer connecting manually

You can view the graphical console of a selected virtual machine in a remote viewer. The virtual machine console shows the graphical output of the virtual machine.

The web interface provides the information necessary to launch any SPICE or VNC viewer to view the virtual machine console. w

Prerequisites

- To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.
If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.
- Before you can view the graphical console in a remote viewer, ensure that a SPICE or VNC viewer application is installed on the machine to which the web console is connected.
To view information on installing Virt Viewer, select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type and click **More Information** in the Consoles window.

▼ More Information

Clicking "Launch Remote Viewer" will download a .wv file and launch *Remote Viewer*.

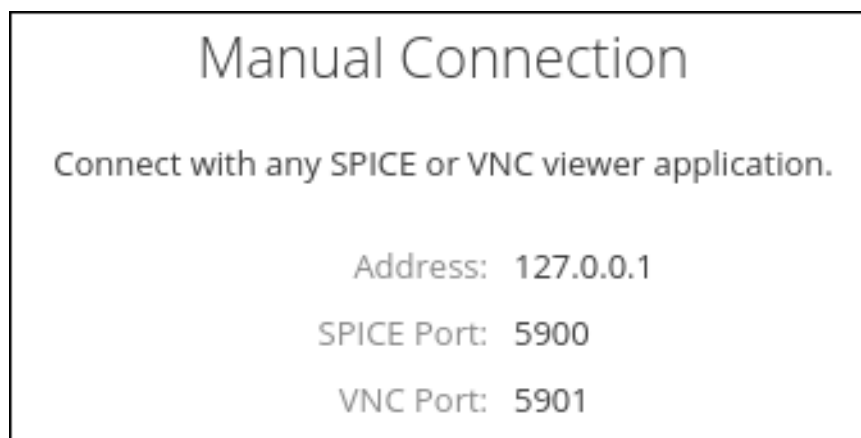
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- **RHEL, CentOS:** `sudo yum install virt-viewer`
- **Fedora:** `sudo dnf install virt-viewer`
- **Ubuntu, Debian:** `sudo apt-get install virt-viewer`
- **Windows:** Download the MSI from virt-manager.org

Procedure

You can view the virtual machine graphics console in any SPICE or VNC viewer application.

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose graphical console you want to view.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Consoles**.
The graphical console appears in the web interface.
3. Select the **Graphics Console in Desktop Viewer** Console Type.
The following Manual Connection information appears on the right side of the pane.



4. Enter the information in the SPICE or VNC viewer.

For more information, see the documentation for the SPICE or VNC viewer.

Additional Resources

- For details on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer using the RHEL 8 web console to make the connection, see [Section 9.10.2.1, “Viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer”](#).
- For details on viewing the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.1, “Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For details on viewing the serial console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.3, “Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.10.3. Viewing the virtual machine serial console in the RHEL 8 web console

You can view the serial console of a selected virtual machine in the RHEL 8 web console. This is useful when the host machine or the VM is not configured with a graphical interface.

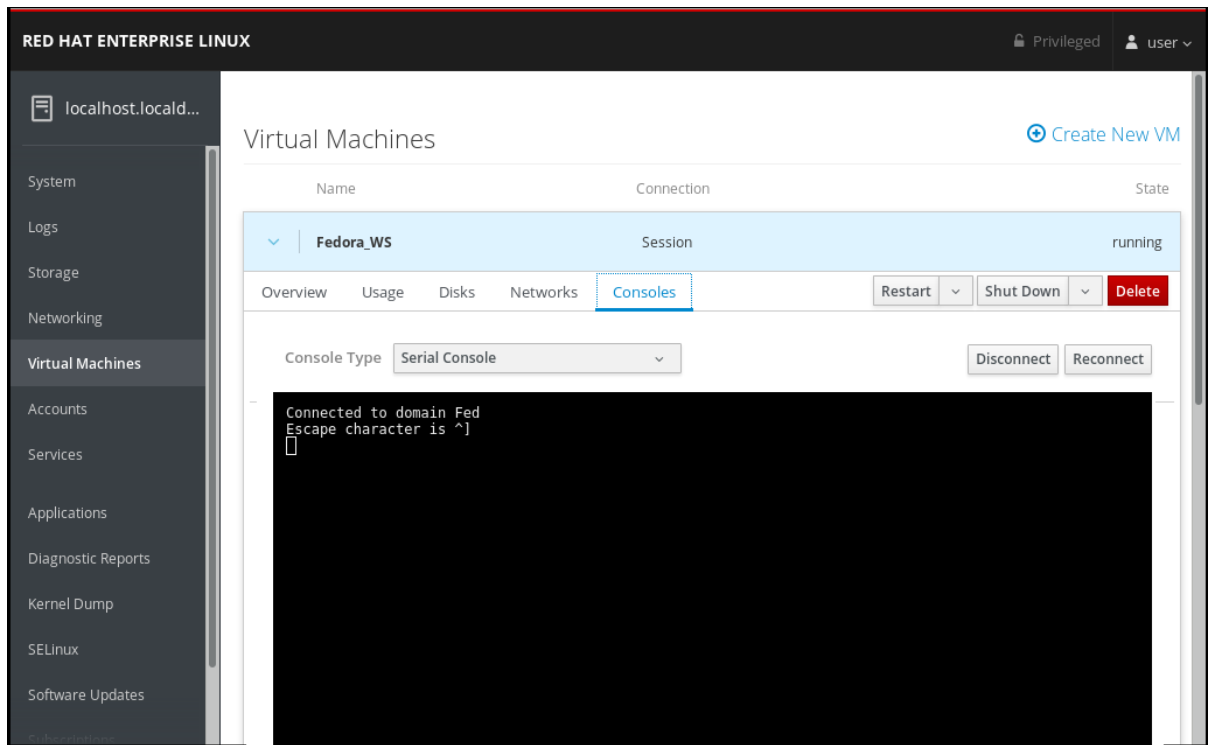
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

1. Click a row with the name of the virtual machine whose serial console you want to view.
The row expands to reveal the Overview pane with basic information about the selected virtual machine and controls for shutting down and deleting the virtual machine.
2. Click **Consoles**.
The graphical console appears in the web interface.
3. Select the **Serial Console** Console Type.
The serial console appears in the web interface.



You can disconnect and reconnect the serial console from the virtual machine.

- To disconnect the serial console from the virtual machine, click **Disconnect**.
- To reconnect the serial console to the virtual machine, click **Reconnect**.

Additional Resources

- For details on viewing the graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.10.1, “Viewing the virtual machine graphical console in the RHEL 8 web console”](#).
- For details on viewing the graphical console in a remote viewer, see [Section 9.10.2, “Viewing virtual machine consoles in remote viewers using the RHEL 8 web console”](#).

9.11. CREATING STORAGE POOLS USING THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE

You can create storage pools using the RHEL 8 web console.

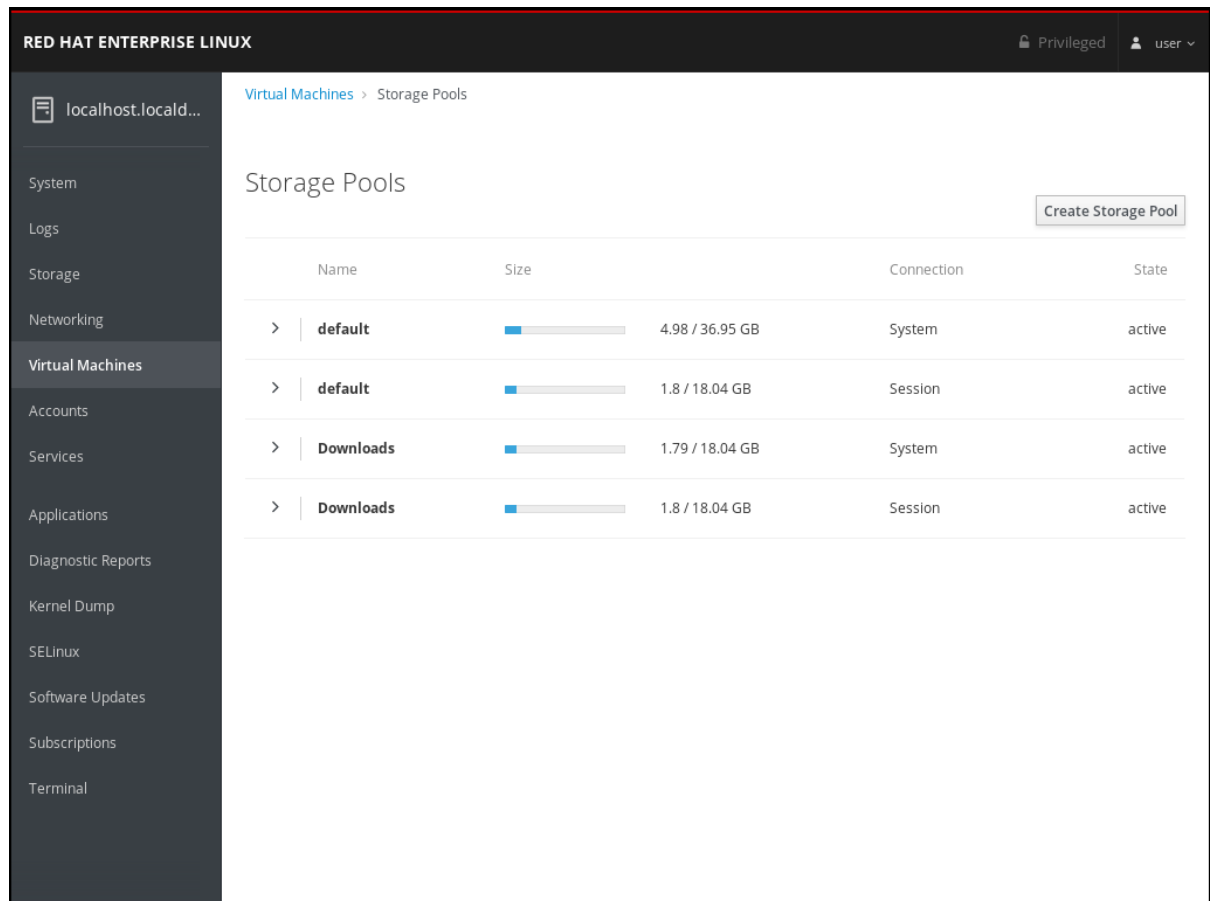
Prerequisites

To be able to use the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines, you must install the web console virtual machine plug-in.

If the web console plug-in is not installed, see [Section 9.2, “Setting up the RHEL 8 web console to manage virtual machines”](#) for information about installing the web console virtual machine plug-in.

Procedure

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



- Click **Create Storage Pool**. The Create Storage Pool dialog appears.

Create Storage Pool [X]

Connection: QEMU/KVM System connection

Name: Storage Pool Name

Type: Filesystem Directory

Target Path: Path on host's filesystem

Startup: ☒ Start pool when host boots

[Cancel] [Create]

- Enter the following information in the Create Storage Pool dialog:

- **Connection** - The connection to the host to be used by the storage pool.
- **Name** - The name of the storage pool.

- **Type** - The type of the storage pool: Filesystem Directory, Network File System
 - **Target Path** - The storage pool path on the host's file system.
 - **Startup** - Whether or not the storage pool starts when the host boots.
4. Click **Create**. The storage pool is created, the Create Storage Pool dialog closes, and the new storage pool appears in the list of storage pools.

Related information

- For information on viewing information about storage pools using the RHEL 8 web console, see [Section 9.6.2, "Viewing storage pool information using the RHEL 8 web console"](#) .

CHAPTER 10. MANAGING REMOTE SYSTEMS IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console can connect to remote systems and manage them through the user-friendly web interface. The following chapter describes:

- The optimal topology of connected systems.
- What is the Dashboard.
- How to add and remove remote systems.
- When, why and how to use SSH keys to for remote system authentication.

10.1. PREREQUISITES

- Opened the SSH service on remote systems.

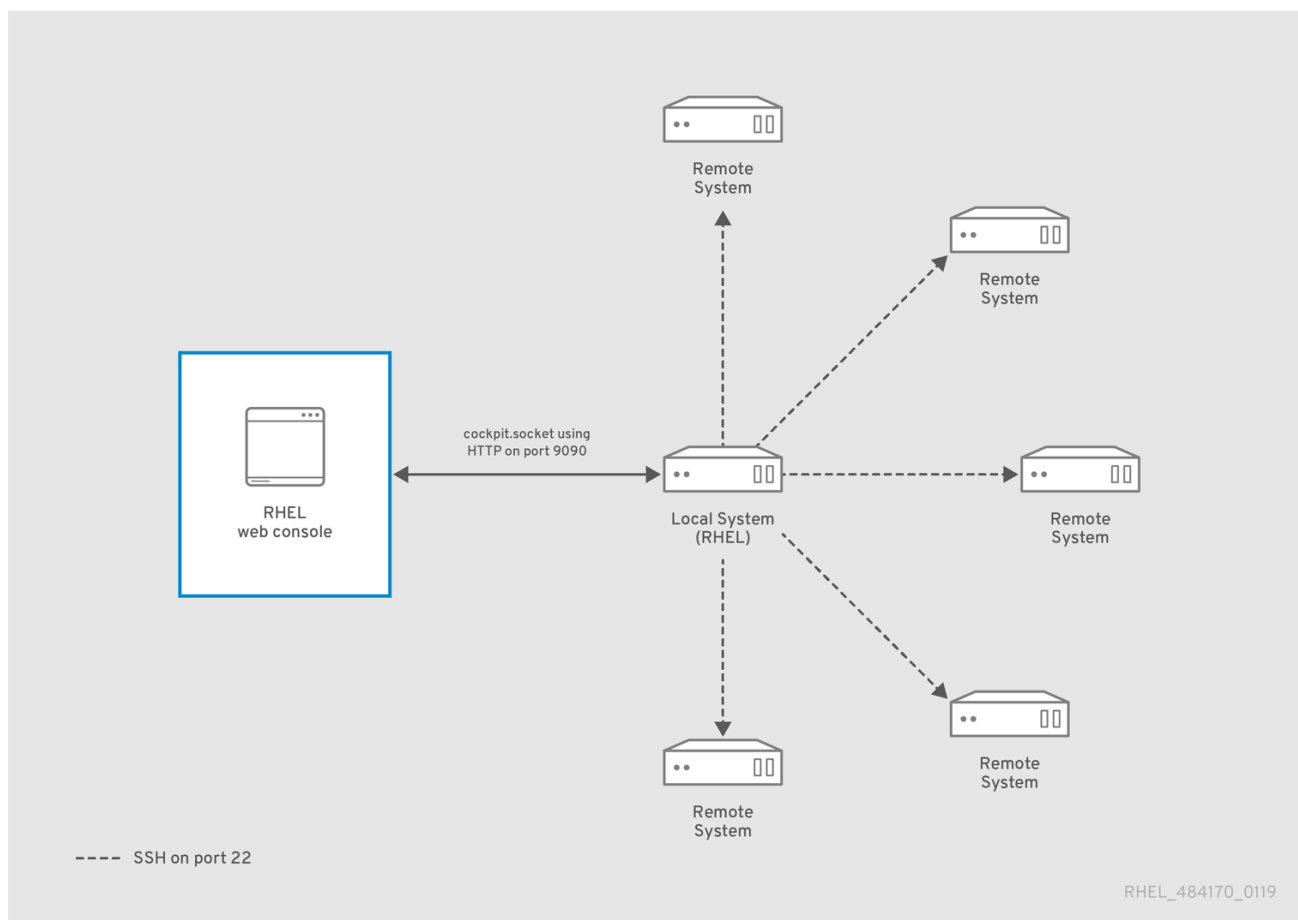
10.2. REMOTE SYSTEM MANAGER IN THE WEB CONSOLE

Using the RHEL 8 web console to manage remote systems in the network requires considering the topology of connected servers.

For optimal security, Red Hat recommends the following connection setup:

- Use one system with the web console as a bastion host. The bastion host is a system with opened HTTPS port.
- All other systems communicate through SSH.

With the web interface running on the bastion host, you can reach all other systems through the SSH protocol using port 22 in the default configuration.



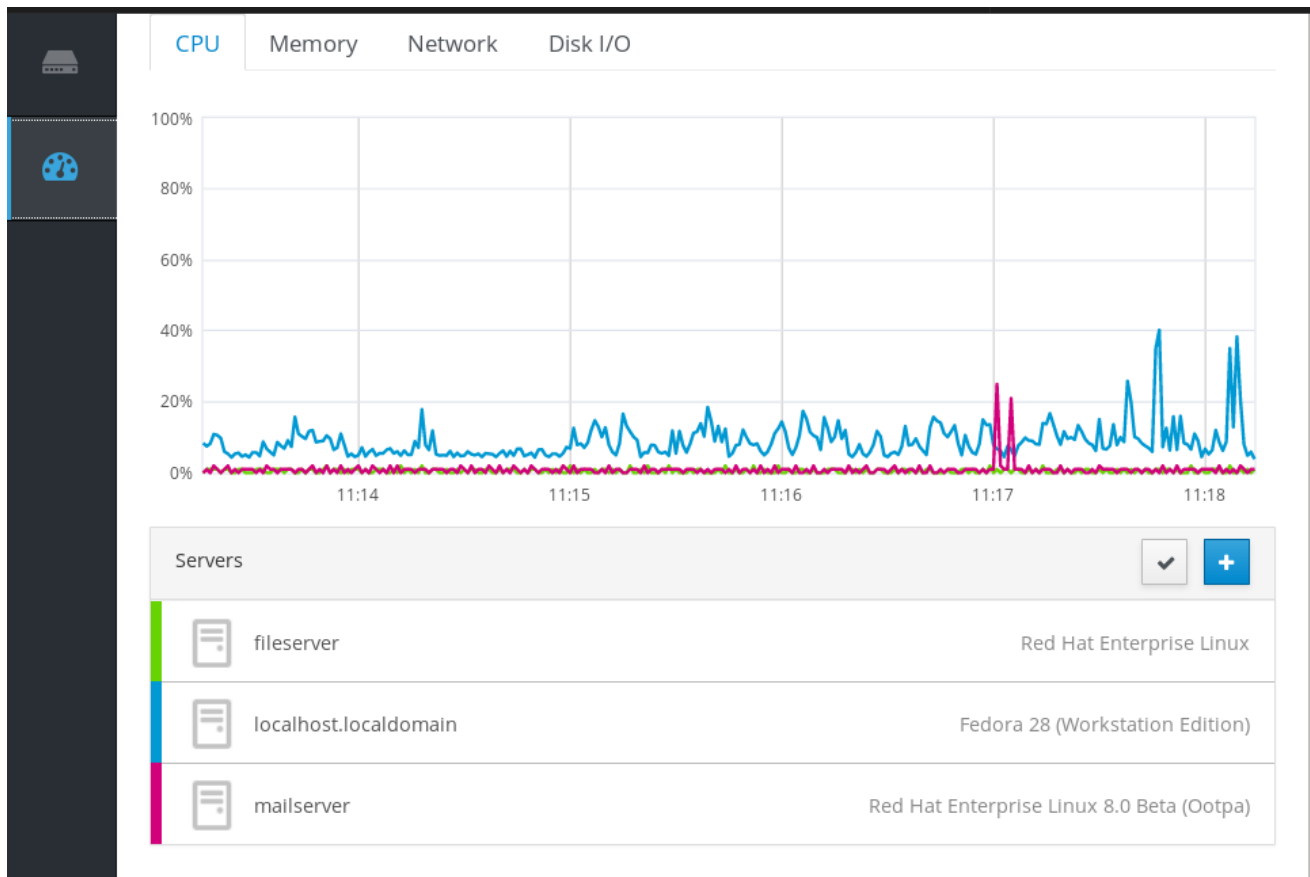
10.3. ADDING REMOTE HOSTS TO THE WEB CONSOLE

This section helps you to connect other systems with a user name and password to the Dashboard located in the web console.

The Dashboard is a tool designed for remote server management, where you can add, connect, or remove remote systems.

The Dashboard displays graphs and status for each of the remote systems.

You can add up to 20 remote systems in the Dashboard.



Prerequisites

- The **cockpit-dashboard** package installed in the system where the web interface is running:

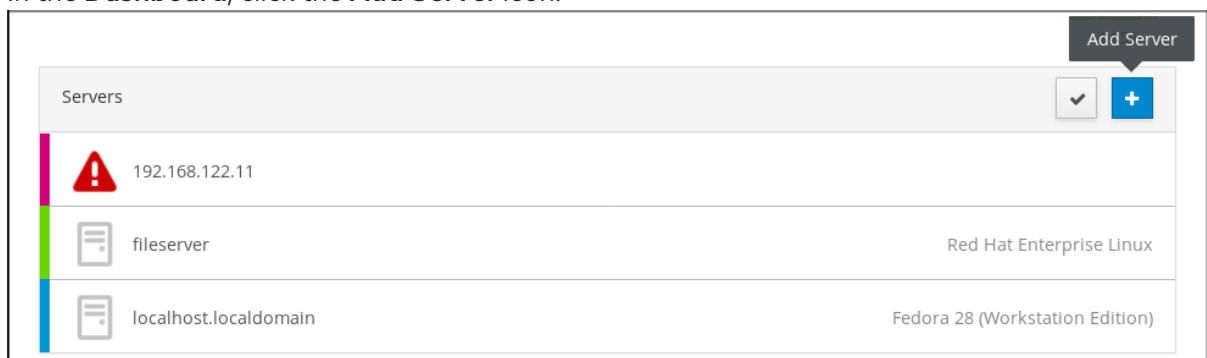
```
$ sudo yum install cockpit-dashboard
```

The **cockpit-dashboard** package extends the RHEL 8 web console with the remote system management.

- You need to be logged into the web console with administration privileges.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

Procedure

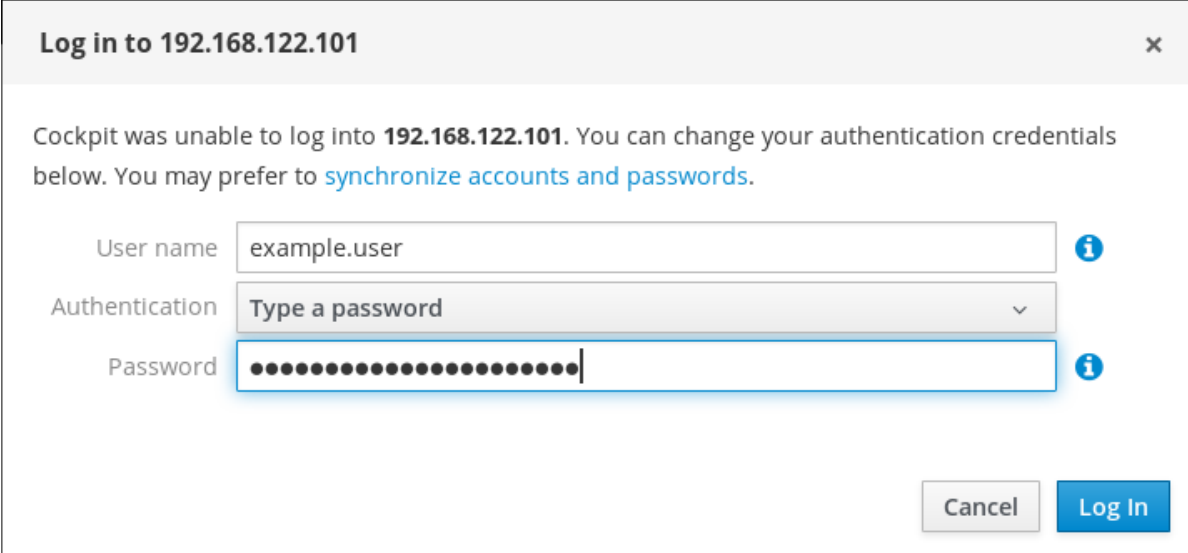
- In the RHEL 8 web console, go to **Dashboard**.
- In the **Dashboard**, click the **Add Server** icon.



- In the **Add Machine to Dashboard** dialog box, enter the host name or IP address of the remote system.

4. (Optional) Click the **Color** field to change the color of the system in Dashboard.
5. Click **Add**.
6. In the **Log in to <servername>** dialog box, enter the credentials for the remote system.
You can use any user account of the remote system. However, if you use credentials of a user account without administration privileges, you will not be able to perform administration tasks.

If you use the same credentials as for your local system, the web console will authenticate remote systems automatically every time you log in. However, using the same credentials on more machines could be a potential security risk.

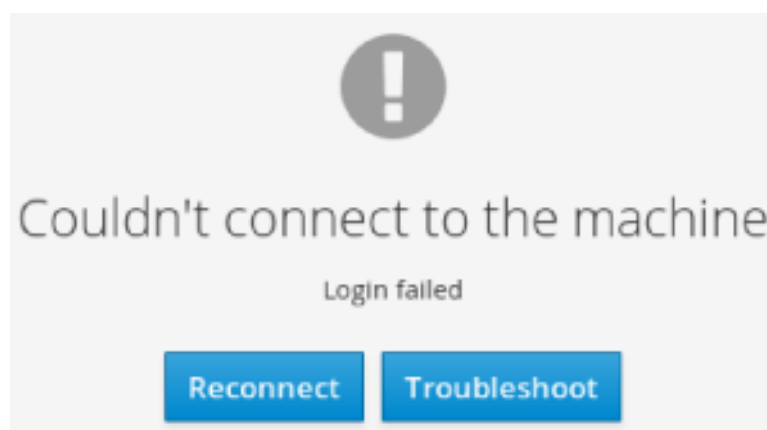


7. Click **Log In**.

If the login succeeds the Dashboard adds a new item in the list. To verify the connection, click the system to see all the details in the web console.

NOTE

The web console does not save passwords used to log in to remote systems which means that you have to log in again after each system restart. To open the login dialog, click the **Troubleshoot** button placed on the main screen of the disconnected remote system.



10.4. REMOVING REMOTE HOSTS FROM THE WEB CONSOLE

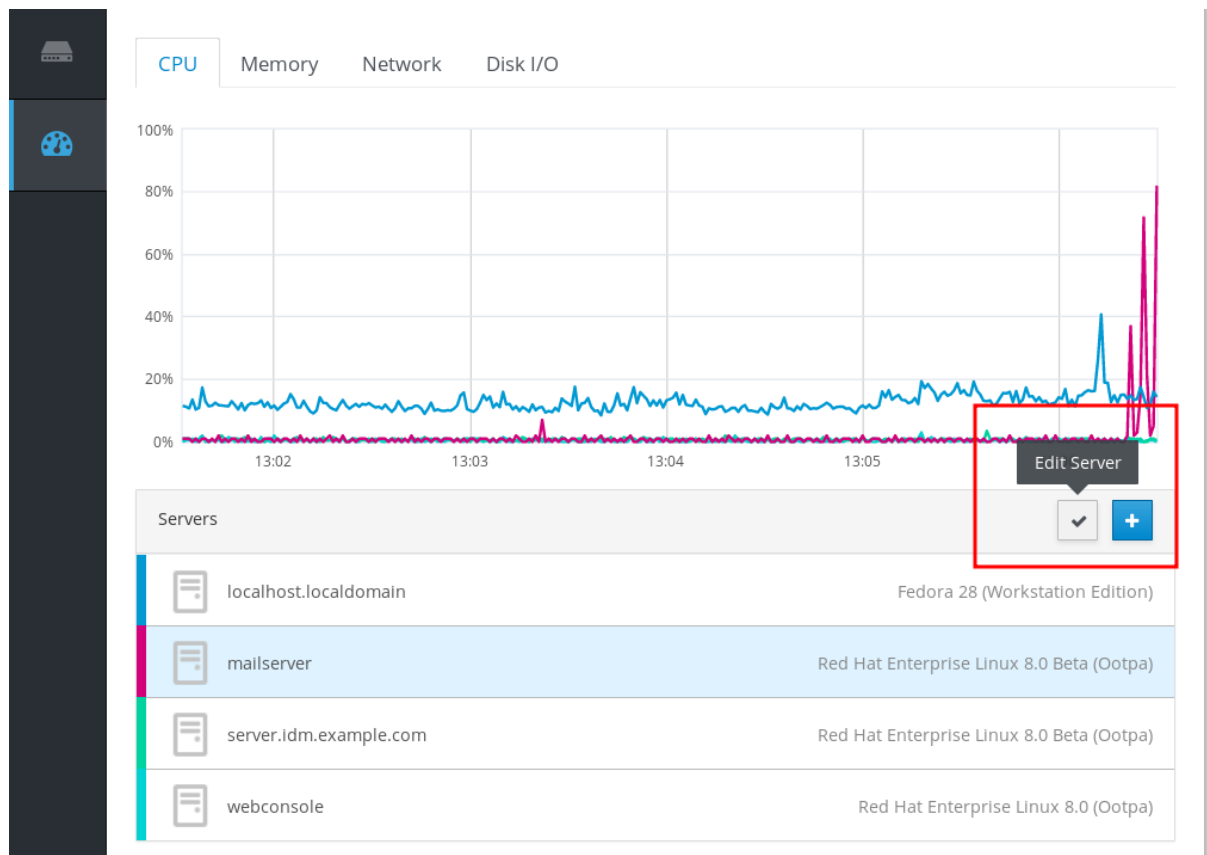
This section guides you on removing other systems from a dashboard located in the web console.

Prerequisites

- The **cockpit-dashboard** package installed in the system where the web interface is running.
- Remote systems added.
For details, see [Using the web console to add remote systems](#).
- You must be logged into the web console with administrator privileges.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console](#).

Procedure

1. Log in to the RHEL 8 web console.
2. Click **Dashboard**.
3. Click the **Edit Server** icon.



4. To remove the server from the **Dashboard**, click the red **Remove** icon.



As a result, the server is removed from **Dashboard**.

10.5. SETTING UP SSH FOR REMOTE MANAGEMENT IN THE WEB CONSOLE

The RHEL 8 web console supports authentication with SSH keys. This has the following advantages:

- Increasing security of the communication between servers.

- Avoiding entering credentials repeatedly.



IMPORTANT

Using SSH keys works only for read only access or for password-less sudo because the authentication happens without a password. To perform administrative tasks, use your system account credentials with administrative privileges.

To configure authentication with SSH keys in the web console:

- Copy the public key into the connected remote system.
- Set the path to the private key in the system, on which the RHEL 8 web console is running.
- Log out from the web console and log in again to ensure the authentication change.

Prerequisites

- SSH key stored in the system with running web console. If you do not have any, use the following command:

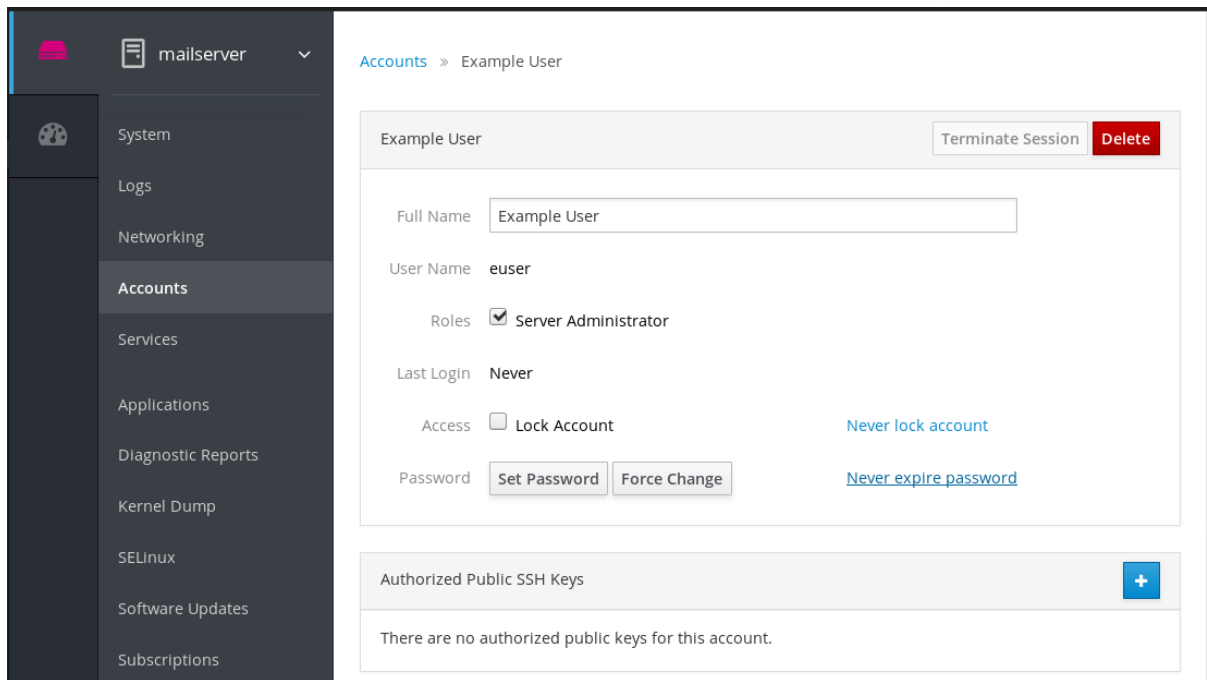
```
$ ssh-keygen
```

- Password to the generated SSH key.
- The contents of the `~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` file copied in the clipboard.

Procedure

To copy the public SSH key into a remote system:

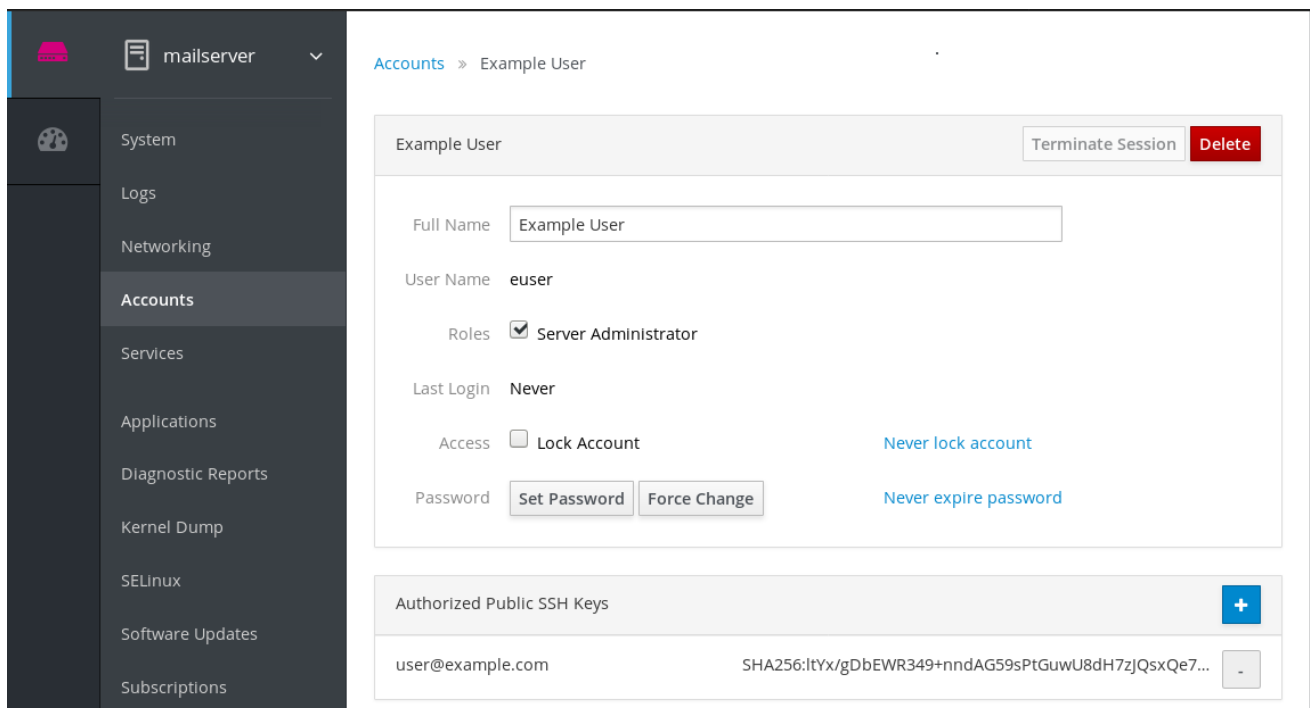
1. Open the web console.
2. Click **Dashboard**.
3. Select the remote system where you want to add the public key.
4. In the system settings, go to **Accounts**.
5. Select the user account to which you want to assign the public key.
6. In the **Authorized Public SSH Keys** settings, click the **+** button.



7. In the **Add public key** dialog box, paste the public key you have in the clipboard.

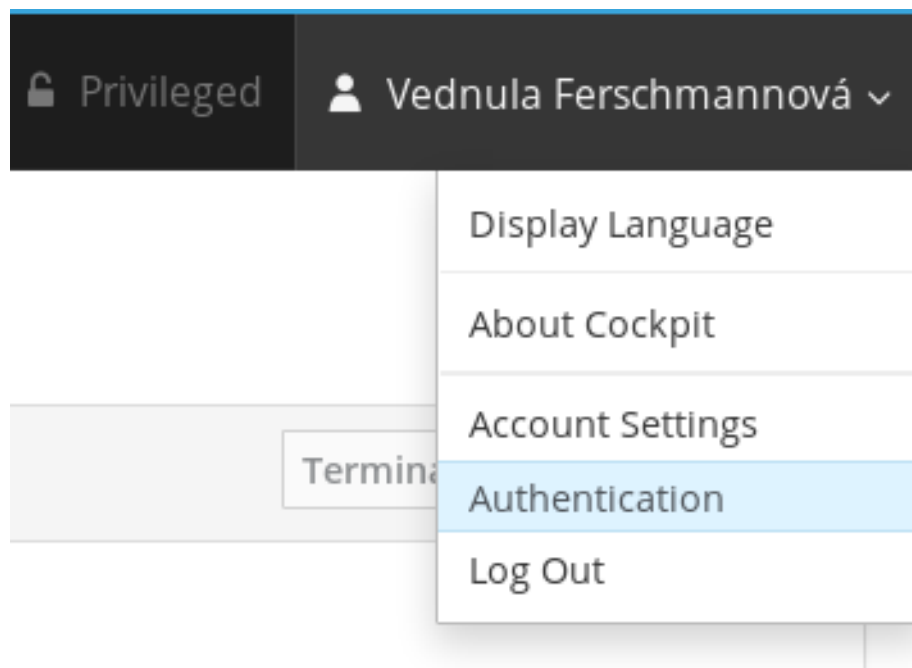
8. Click **Add key**.

At this point, you can see the new public key assigned to the user account.



To set the path to the private SSH key:

1. Go to upper right corner settings.
2. In the drop down menu, select **Authentication**.

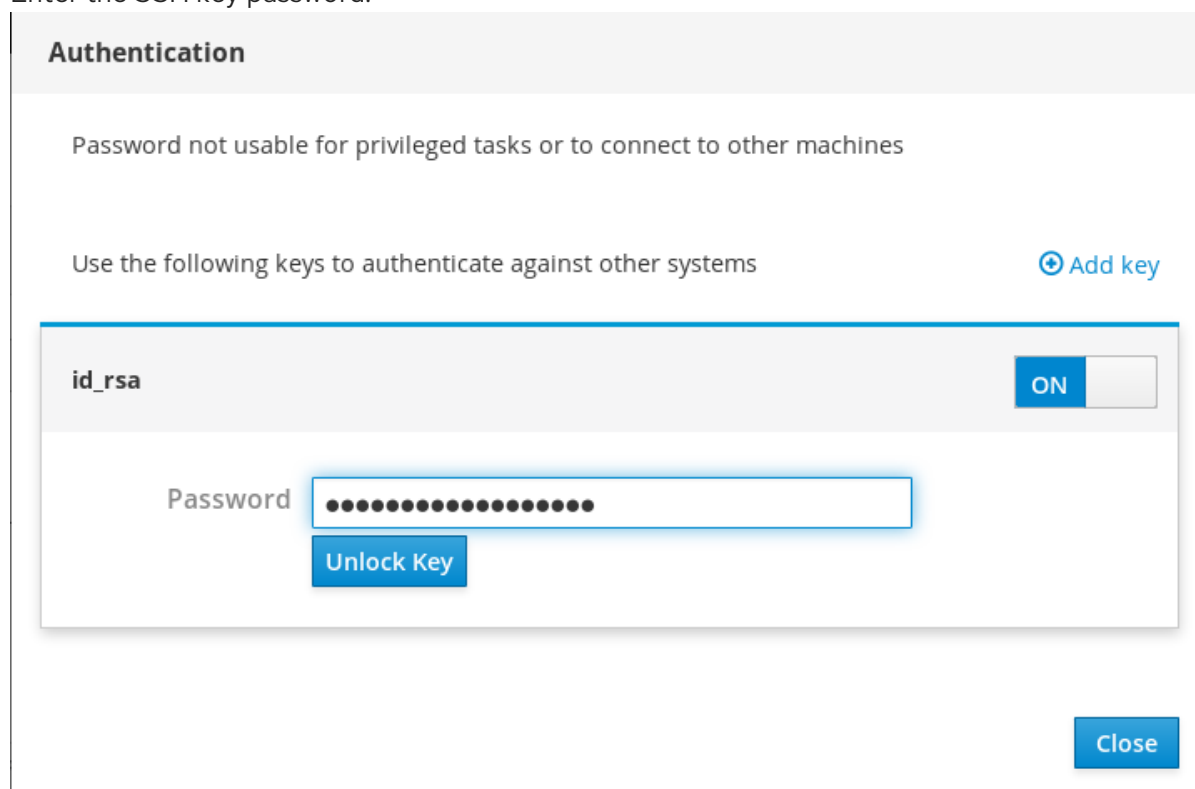


3. Verify that the web console uses the correct path to the private key you want to use. By default, the web console uses the following paths for private keys:

```
~/.ssh/id_rsa  
~/.ssh/id_dsa  
~/.ssh/id_ed25519  
~/.ssh/id_ecdsa
```

To use a different key, add the path manually.

4. Enable the key with the **On/Off** button. Enabling the key opens a password dialog.
5. Enter the SSH key password.



6. Click **Unlock Key**.

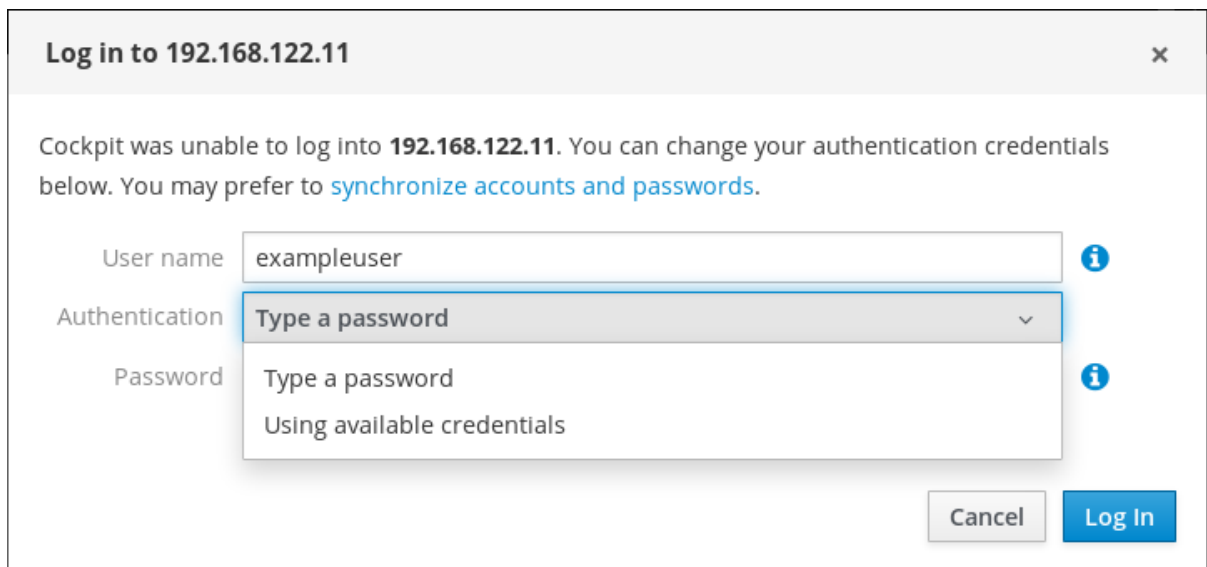
On **Details** tab, you can verify the certificate owner and the fingerprint.

7. Click **Close**.

The RHEL 8 web console uses now SSH keys on both sides. However, systems still use the original credentials.

To change the authentication settings:

1. Log out yourself from the web console.
After the logging back in the web console, red triangle icon appears before the remote system.
2. Click the system trying to connect to the web console.
You can see two buttons in the screen. **Reconnect** and **Troubleshoot**.
3. Click the **Troubleshoot** button.
Login dialog appears.



Log in to 192.168.122.11 ×

Cockpit was unable to log into **192.168.122.11**. You can change your authentication credentials below. You may prefer to [synchronize accounts and passwords](#).

User name ⓘ

Authentication ⓘ

Password ⓘ

4. In the **Authentication** drop down menu, select **Using available credentials**

The web console creates a new connection secured with SSH keys. It works for the web console login as well as for a terminal access.

CHAPTER 11. CONFIGURING SINGLE SIGN-ON FOR THE RHEL 8 WEB CONSOLE IN THE IDM DOMAIN

The RHEL 8 web console supports Single Sign-on (SSO) authentication provided by Identity Management (IdM).

Advantages:

- IdM domain administrators can use the RHEL 8 web console to manage local machines.
- Users with a Kerberos ticket in the IdM domain do not need to provide login credentials to access the web console.
- All hosts known to the IdM domain are accessible via SSH from the local instance of the RHEL 8 web console.
- Certificate configuration is not necessary. The console's web server automatically switches to a certificate issued by the IdM certificate authority and accepted by browsers.

This chapter covers the following steps to configure SSO for logging into the the RHEL web console:

1. Add machines to the IdM domain using the RHEL 8 web console.
For details, see [Joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain using the web console](#)
2. If you want to use Kerberos for authentication, you need to obtain a Kerberos ticket on your machine.
For details, see [Logging in to the web console using a Kerberos ticket](#)
3. Allow administrators on the IdM master server to run any command on any host.
For details, see [Enabling admin sudo access on the IdM server](#).

11.1. PREREQUISITES

- The RHEL web console installed on RHEL 8 systems.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).
- IdM client installed on systems with the RHEL web console.
For details, see [IdM client installation](#).

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

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

Prerequisites

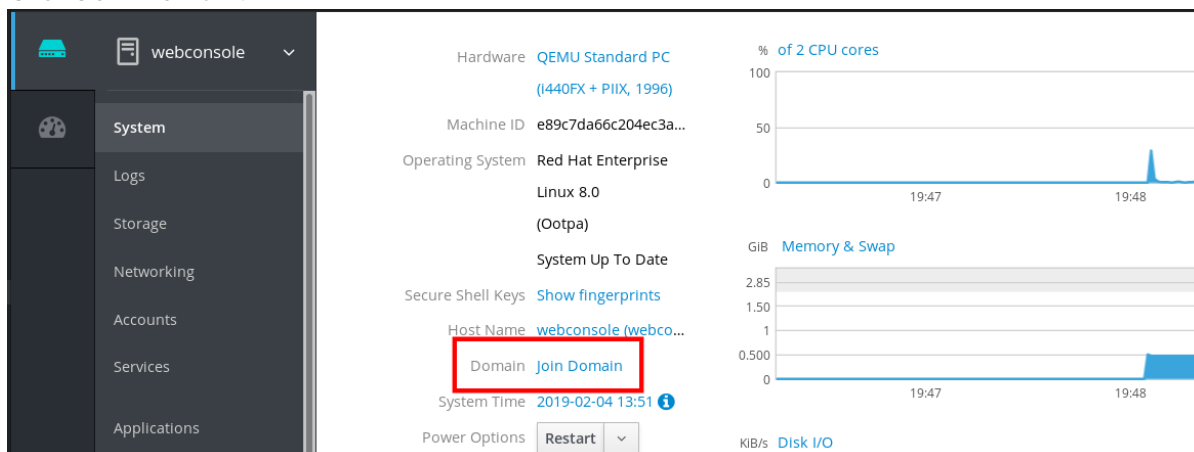
- IdM domain running and reachable from the client you want to join.
- IdM domain administrator credentials.

Procedure

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

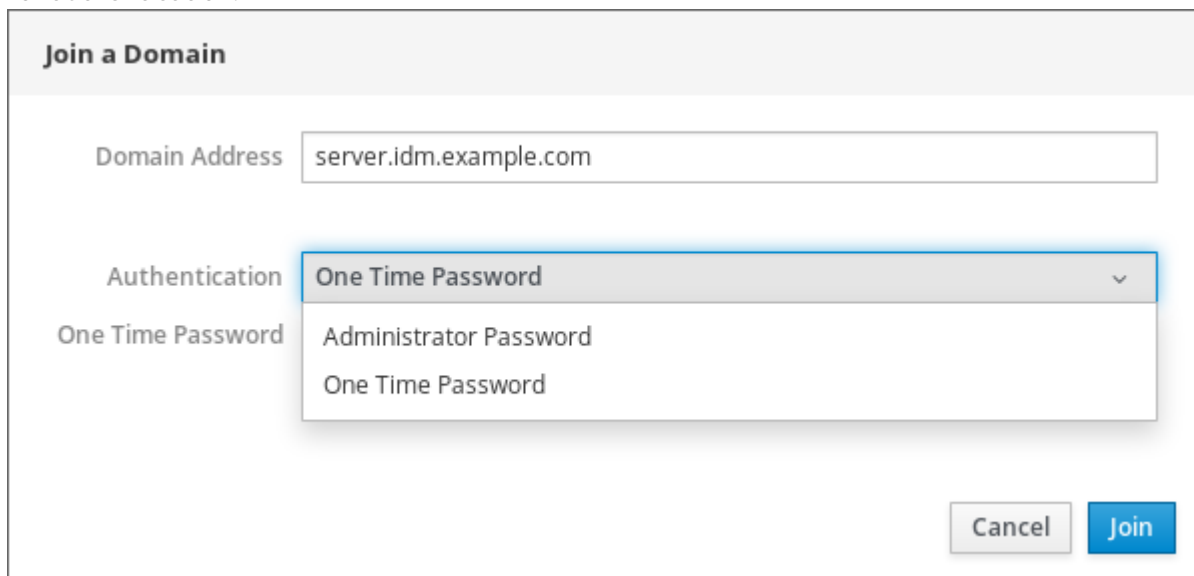
2. Open the **System** tab.

3. Click **Join Domain**.



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

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



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

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

8. Click **Join**.

Join a Domain

Domain Address

Authentication

Administrator Password ▾

Domain Administrator Name

Domain Administrator Password

Cancel

Join

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

webconsole

System
Logs
Storage
Networking
Accounts
Services
Applications

Hardware [QEMU Standard PC \(i440FX + PIIX, 1996\)](#)
Machine ID [e89c7da66c204ec3a76255c7ee39b864](#)
Operating System [Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 Beta \(Ootpa\)](#)
System Up To Date
Secure Shell Keys [Show fingerprints](#)
Host Name [webconsole \(webconsole.idm.example.com\)](#)

Domain [idm.example.com](#)

System Time [2019-02-07 06:18](#) ⓘ
Power Options

Restart ▾

Performance Profile [virtual-guest](#)

ⓘ Enable stored metrics...



WARNING

If you click to the joined domain in the **System** screen, the system will display a warning dialog with the information about leaving the domain. If you click **Leave**, the system will leave the domain.

Leave Domain

Are you sure you want to leave the 'idm.example.com' domain? Only users with local credentials will be able to log into this machine. This may also effect other services as DNS resolution settings and the list of trusted CAs may change.

Cancel

Leave

11.3. LOGGING IN TO THE WEB CONSOLE USING KERBEROS AUTHENTICATION

The following procedure describes steps on how to set up the RHEL 8 system to use Kerberos authentication.



IMPORTANT

With SSO you usually do not have any administrative privileges in the web console. This only works if you configured passwordless sudo. The web console does not interactively ask for a sudo password.

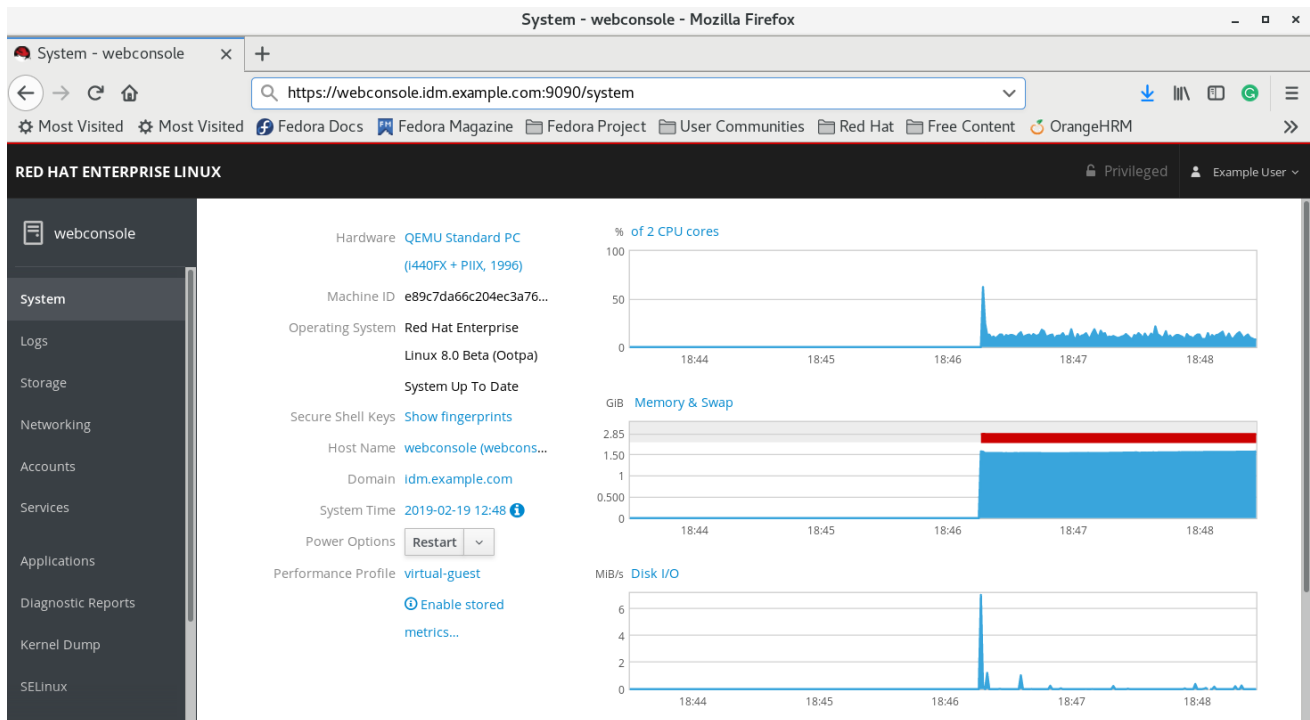
Prerequisites

- IdM domain running and reachable in your company environment.
For details, see: [Section 11.2, "Joining the RHEL 8 system to the IdM domain using the web console"](#)
- Enable the **cockpit.socket** service on remote systems to which you want to connect and manage them with the RHEL web console.
For details, see [Installing the web console](#).
- If the system does not use a Kerberos ticket managed by the SSSD client, try to request the ticket with the **kinit** utility manually.

Procedure

Log in to the RHEL web console with the following address: **https://dns_name:9090**.

At this point, you are successfully connected to the RHEL web console and you can start with configuration.



11.4. ENABLING ADMIN SUDO ACCESS TO DOMAIN ADMINISTRATORS ON THE IDM SERVER

The following procedure describes steps on how to allow domain administrators to run any command on any host in the Identity Management (IdM) domain.

To accomplish this, enable sudo access to the **admins** user group created automatically during the IdM server installation.

All users added to the **admins** group will have sudo access if you run **ipa-adviser** script on the group.

Prerequisites

- The server runs IdM 4.7.1 or later.

Procedure

1. Connect to the IdM server.
2. Run the ipa-adviser script:

```
$ ipa-adviser enable-admins-sudo | sh -ex
```

If the console did not display an error, the **admins** group have admin permissions on all machines in the IdM domain.