



# Red Hat Update for System z

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**Lead, Linux on System z**

# Agenda

- **Red Hat Intro & Company Overview**
- **Red Hat Technology Update**
  - Enterprise Linux Update
  - Long Range Virtualization Plan
  - Security/MLS/Common Criteria
- **System z Specifics**
  - Hardware Exploitation
  - Roadmap
- **Summary & Close**

# Red Hat, Inc

- Headquarters: Raleigh, NC
- Founded 1993
- Public 1999 (NYSE: RHT)
- Operating in 27 countries
- Over 2800 Employees worldwide
- Over 50% are engineers
- 85% Government/Commercial Linux Market Share
- 40+% Year over Year Growth (For 24 straight quarters)



## 58 OFFICES IN 26 COUNTRIES

### NORTH AMERICA

Toronto  
Atlanta  
Austin  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Denver  
Huntsville  
Minneapolis  
Marlton  
Mountain View  
New York  
Raleigh  
St Louis  
Tulahoma  
Tysons Corner  
Westford

### LATIN AMERICA

Buenos Aires  
São Paulo  
Mexico City

### EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA

Turnhout	Milan
Brno	Amersfoort
Helsinki	Madrid
Nanterre	Stockholm
Berlin	Neuchâtel
Frankfurt	Cambridge
Munich	Farnborough
Stuttgart	London
Cork	Newcastle

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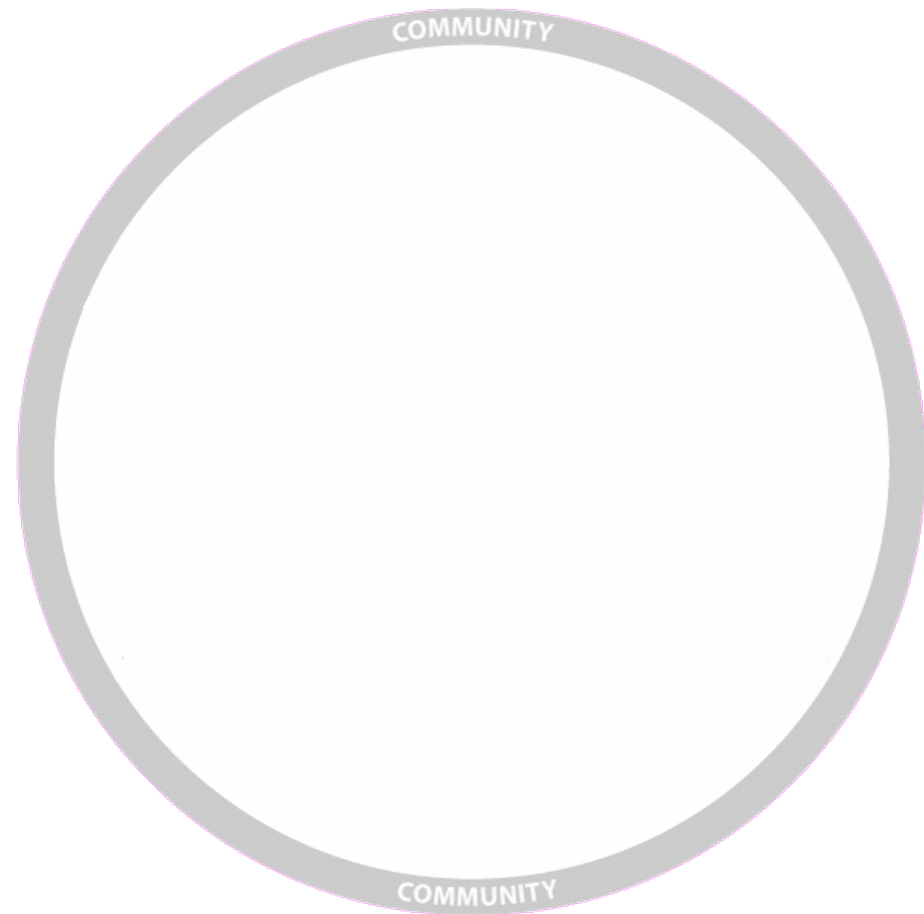
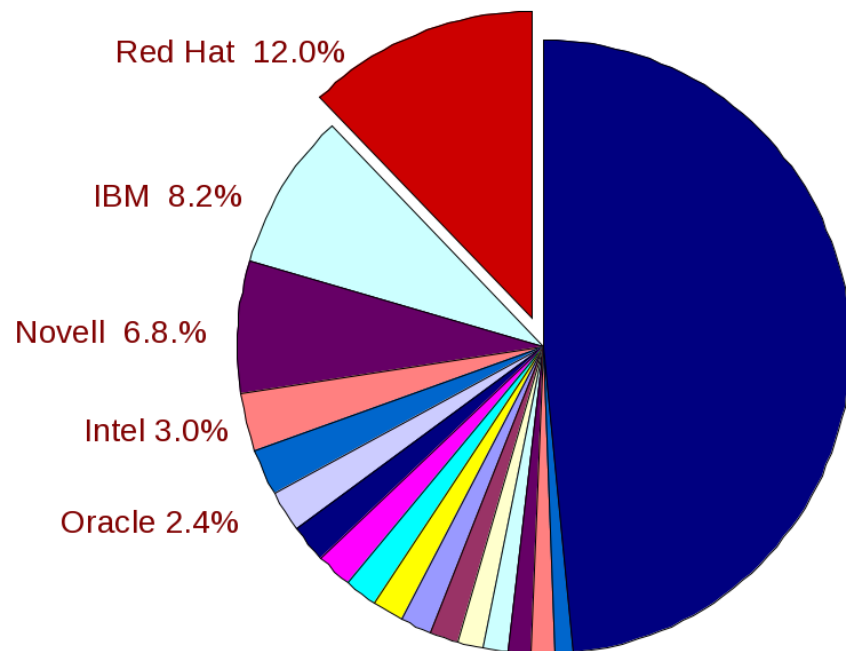
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# Red Hat Development Model

## Community

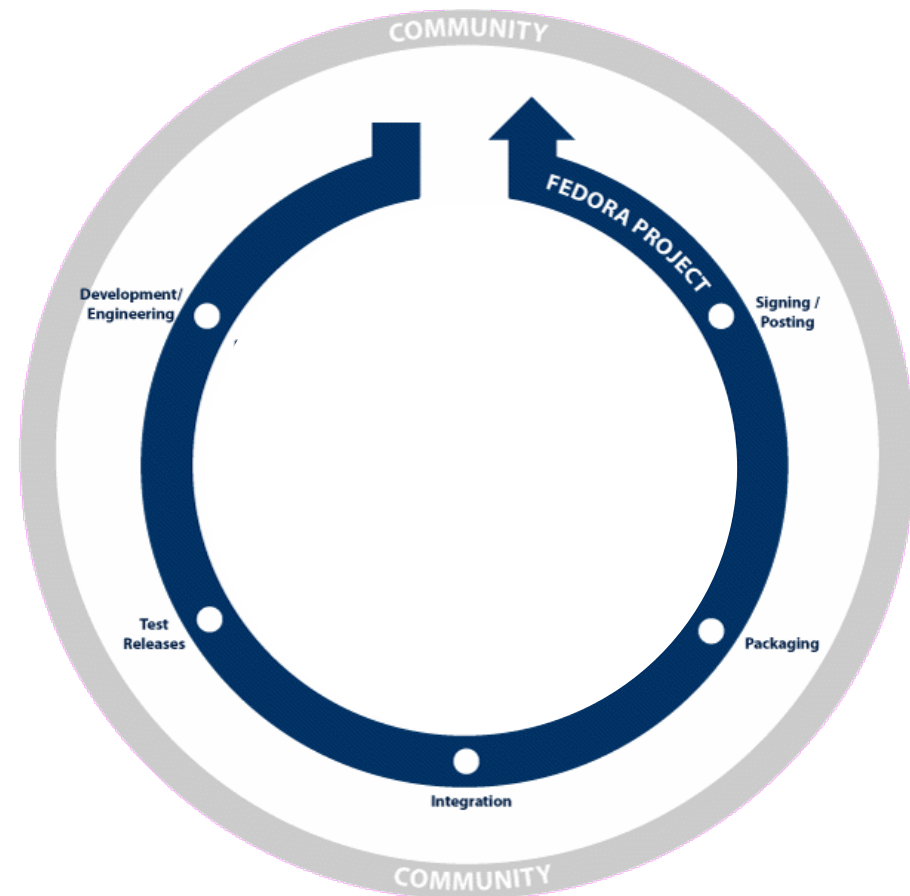
- Development with “upstream” communities
- Kernel, glibc, etc
- Collaboration with partners, IBM, open source contributors



# Red Hat Development Model

## Fedora

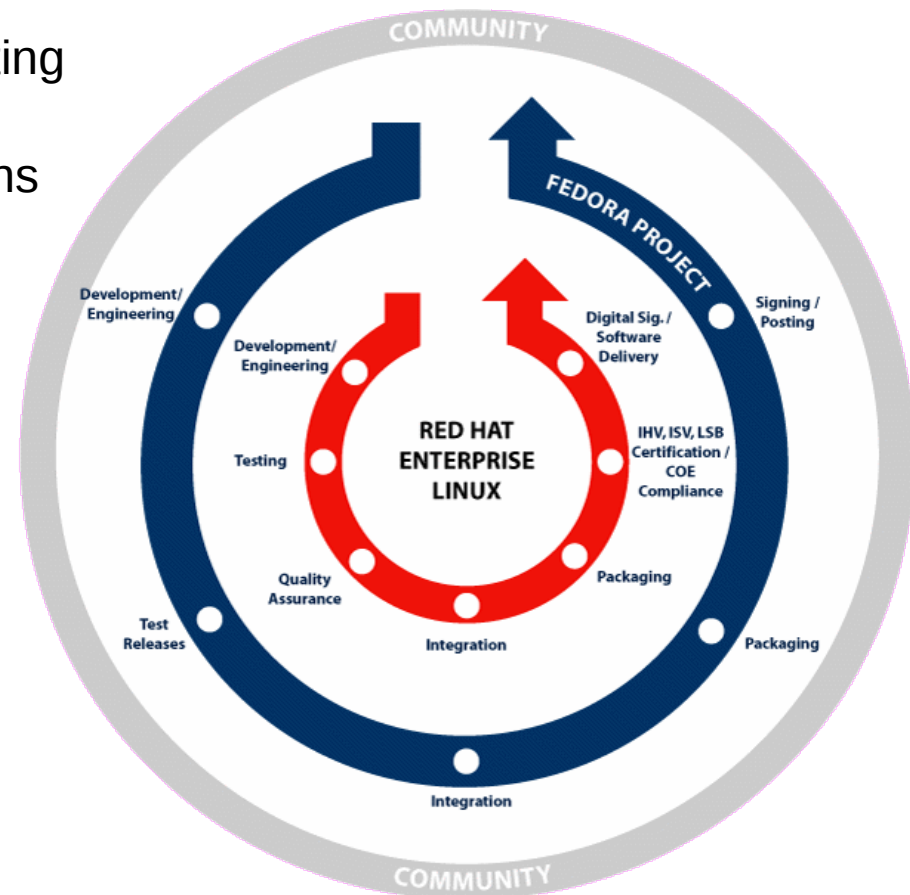
- Rapid innovation
- Latest technologies
- Community Supported
- Released ~6mo cycles



# Red Hat Development Model

## Red Hat Enterprise Linux

- Stable, mature, commercial product
- Extensive Q&A, performance testing
- Hardware & Software Certifications
- 7yr maintenance
- Core ABI compatibility guarantee
- Major releases 2-3yr cycle



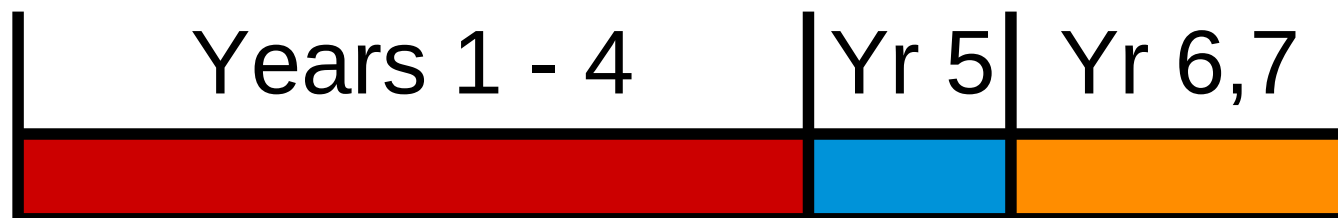
# Fedora for System z

<http://unc.rdu.redhat.com/fc9-s390x/>



# Support Cycle

## *Extended Product Lifecycle*



Production 1

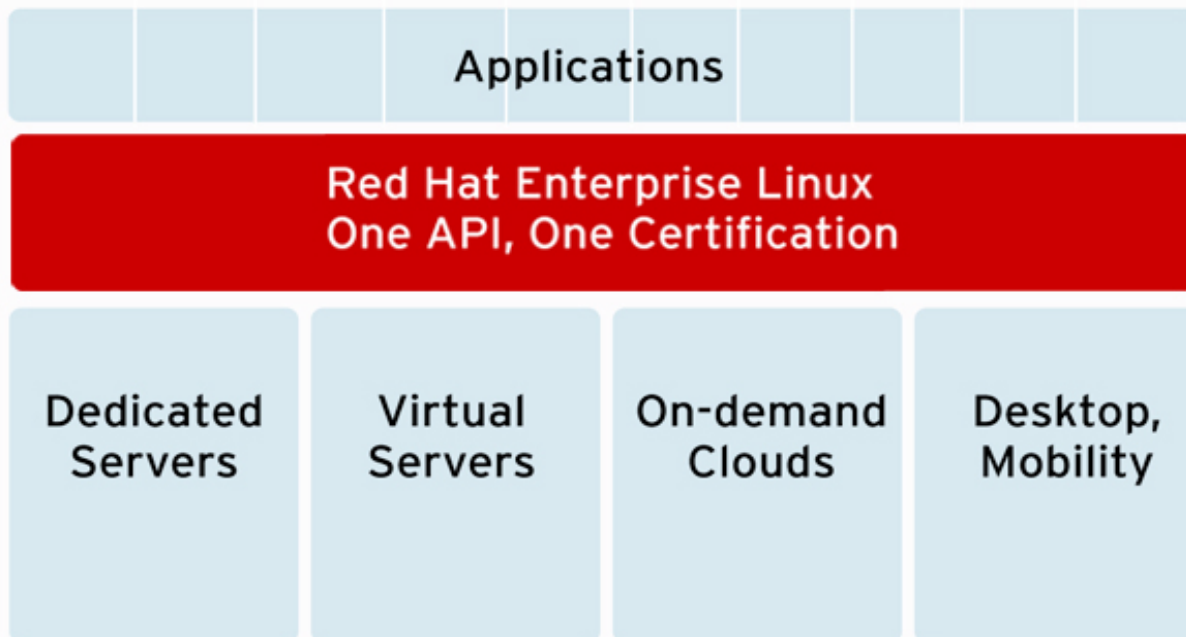
Production 2

Production 3

	Production 1	Production 2	Production 3
Security Patches	X	X	X
Bug Fixes	X	X	X
Hardware Enablement	Full	Partial	None
Software Enhancements	X		

## **CERTIFY ONCE, DEPLOY ANYWHERE**

Reduces costs, complexity, administration, and management overhead.  
Red Hat Enterprise Linux supported applications run everywhere.





# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Update

# RHEL Kernel Updates

- High resolution timers (2.6.16)
  - Provide fine resolution and accuracy depending on system configuration and capabilities - used for precise in-kernel timing
- Modular, on-the-fly switchable I/O schedulers (2.6.10)
  - Only provided as a boot option in RHEL4
  - Improved algorithms (esp. for CFQ)
  - Per-Queue selectable (previously system-wide)
- New Pipe implementation (2.6.11)
  - 30-90% perf improvement in pipe bandwidth
  - Circular buffer allow more buffering rather than blocking writers

# Monitoring Features

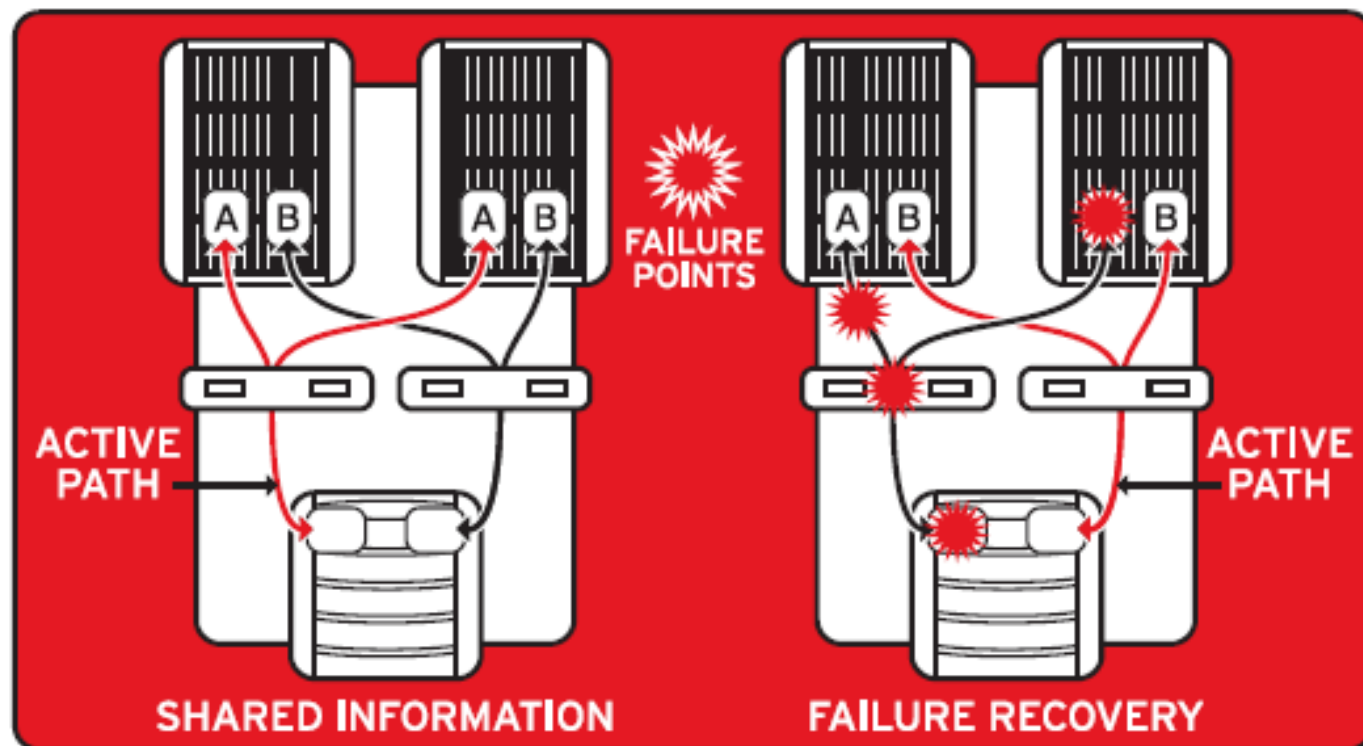
- Inotify (2.6.13)
  - New file system event monitoring mechanism (replaces dnotify)
  - Ideal for security and performance monitoring
  
- Process Events Connector (2.6.15)
  - Reports fork, exec, id change, and exit events for all processes to userspace
  - Useful for accounting/auditing (e.g. ELSA), system activity monitoring, security, and resource management
  
- Blktrace
  - Block queue IO tracing - monitor block device queue traffic (2.6.17)

# File System Features

- EXT3
  - Ext3 block reservation & on-line growth (2.6.10 & RHEL4)
  - Extended Attributes in the body of large inode
    - Saves space and improves performance (2.6.11)
  - Increases maximum ext3 file-system size from 8TB to 16TB (2.6.18)
- ACL support for NFSv3 and NFSv4 (2.6.13)
- NFS
  - Support large reads and writes on the wire (2.6.16)
  - Linux NFS client supports transfer sizes up to 1MB
- ***Device mapper multipath support***

# Device Mapper Multipath IO (MPIO)

- Connects & manages multiple paths through SAN to storage array
- Upon component failure, MPIO redirects traffic via redundant pathing
- Active/Active array support
- Bundled into RHEL



# Security Features

- Address space randomization:
  - Address randomization of multiple entities – including stack & mmap() region (used by shared libraries) (2.6.12; more complete implementation than in RHEL4)
  - Greatly complicates and slows down hacker attacks
- Multilevel security (MLS) implementation for SELinux (2.6.12)
  - Third policy scheme for SELinux, with RBAC & TE
- Audit subsystem
  - Support for process-context based filtering (2.6.17)
  - More filter rule comparators (2.6.17)
- TCP/UDP getpeersec
  - Enable a security-aware application to retrieve the security context of an IPsec security association a particular TCP or UDP socket in using (2.6.17)

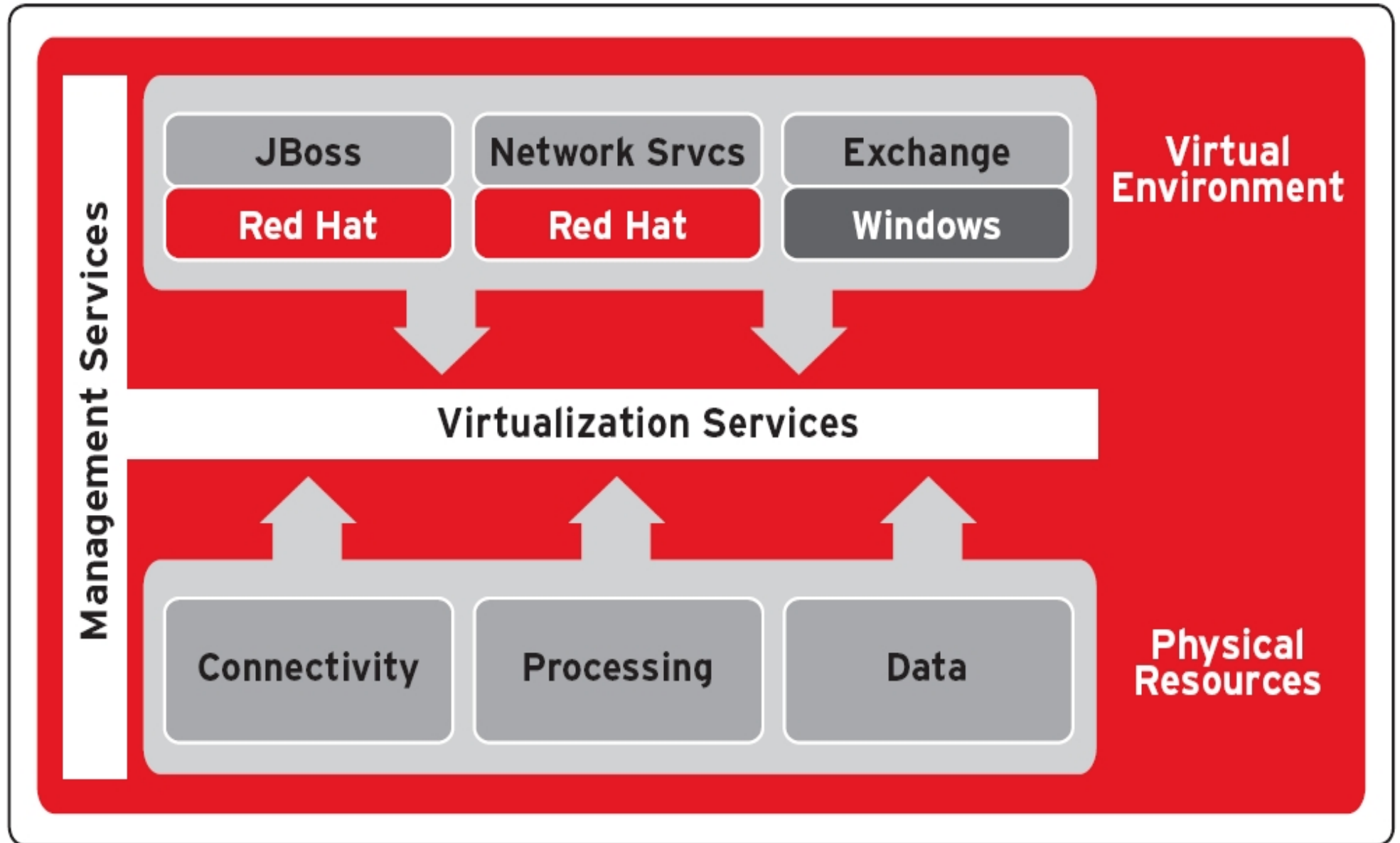


# Networking

- Add nf\_contrack subsystem: (2.6.15)
  - Common IPv4/IPv6 generic connection tracking subsystem
  - Allows IPv6 to have a stateful firewall capability (not previously possible)
    - Enables analysis of whole streams of packets, rather than only checking the headers of individual packets
  
- **SELinux per-packet access controls**
  - **Replaces old packet controls**
  - **Add Secmark support to core networking**
    - **Allows security subsystems to place security markings on network packets (2.6.18)**
  
- IPv6
  - RFC 3484 compliant source address selection (2.6.15)
  - Add support for Router Preference (RFC4191) (2.6.17)
  - Add Router Reachability Probing (RFC4191) (2.6.17)



# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Future Virtualization Update

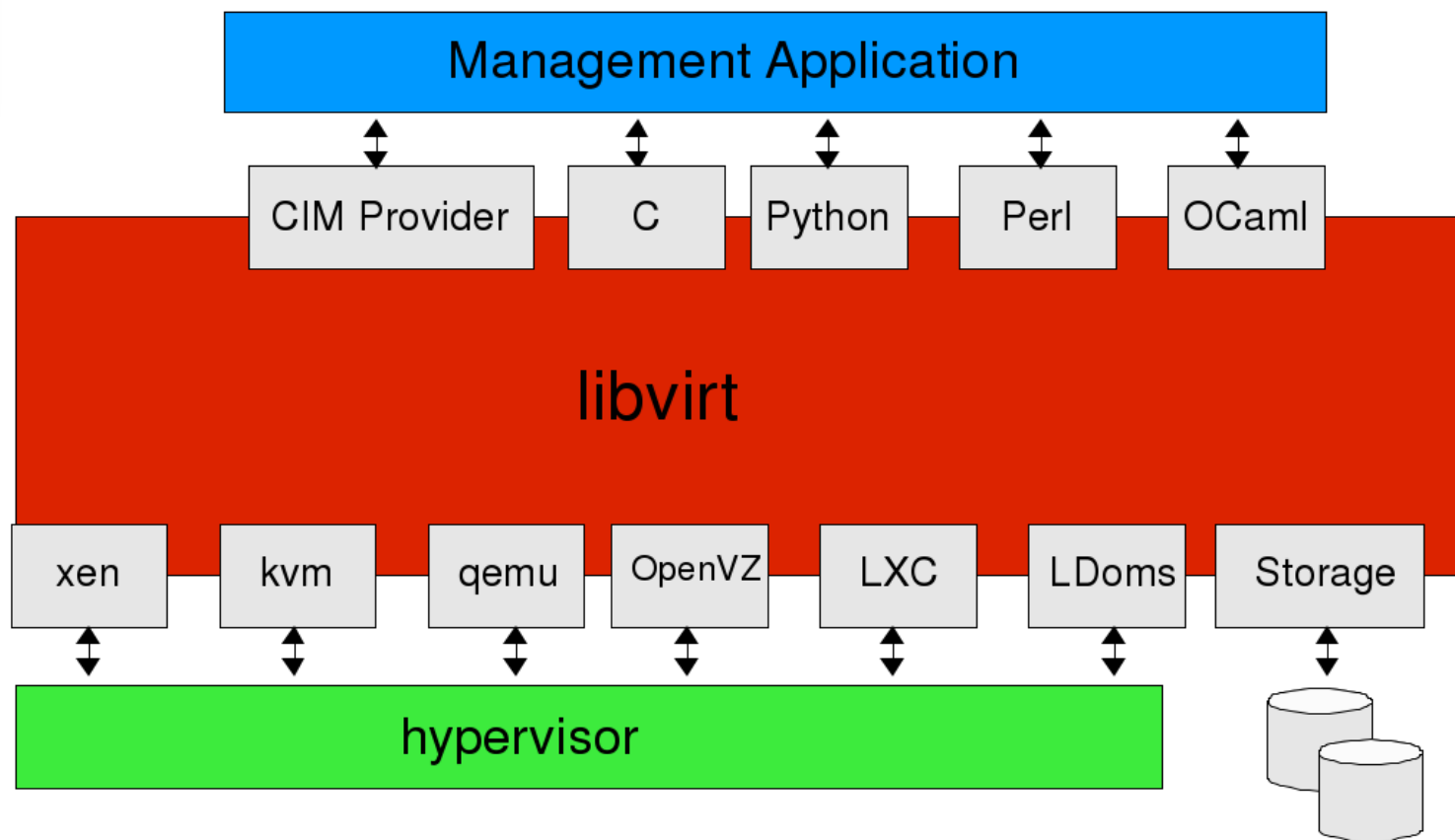
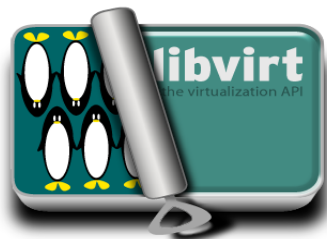


# Introduction to libvirt API

- Hypervisor agnostic
- Stable API for tool/app development
  - CIM providers; Python, C bindings, scriptable
- Allows authenticated/encrypted sessions to remote hypervisors
- Current support for
  - Xen Hypervisor
  - KVM Hypervisor
  - QEMU Hypervisor

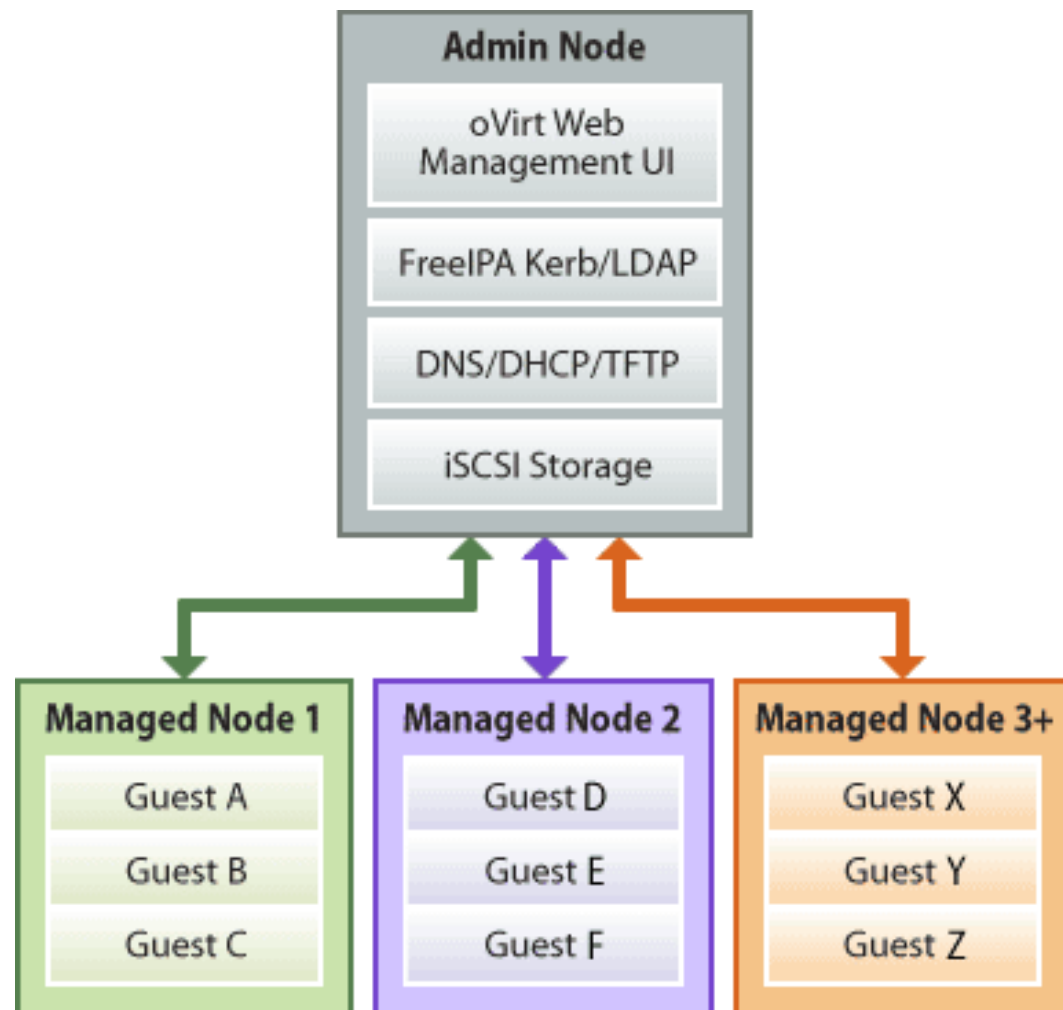


# Introduction to libvirt API



# Introduction to oVirt

- Currently ***in development***
- Utilizes libvirt
- Web-Based GUI
- Automate clustering, load balancing, and SLA maintenance
- Designed for enterprise management
- Built on Ruby on Rails
- Performance tools built-in





# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Security Update

# Red Hat Security Certifications

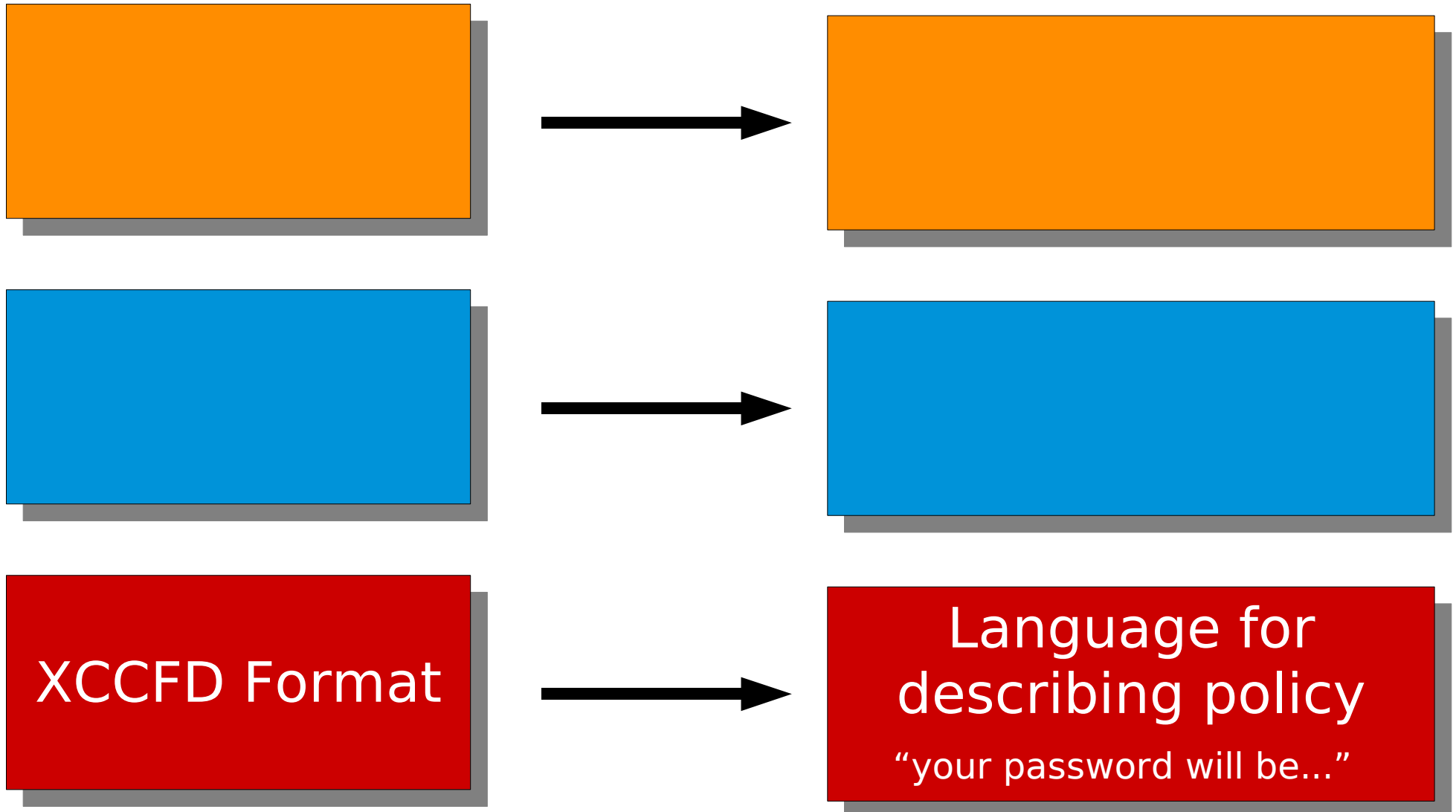
- **NIAP/Common Criteria: The most evaluated operating system platform**
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 2.1 – EAL 2 (Completed: February 2004)
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 EAL 3+/CAPP (Completed: August 2004)
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 EAL 4+/CAPP (Completed: February 2006)
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 EAL4+/CAPP/LSP/ RBAC (Completed: June 2007)
- **DII-COE**
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 (Self-Certification Completed: October 2004)
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux: First Linux platform certified by DISA
- **DCID 6/3**
  - Currently PL3 & PL4: ask about kickstarts.
  - Often a component in PL5 systems
- **DISA SRRs / STIGs**
  - Ask about kickstarts.
- **FIPS 140-2**
  - Red Hat / NSS Cryptography Libraries certified Level 2



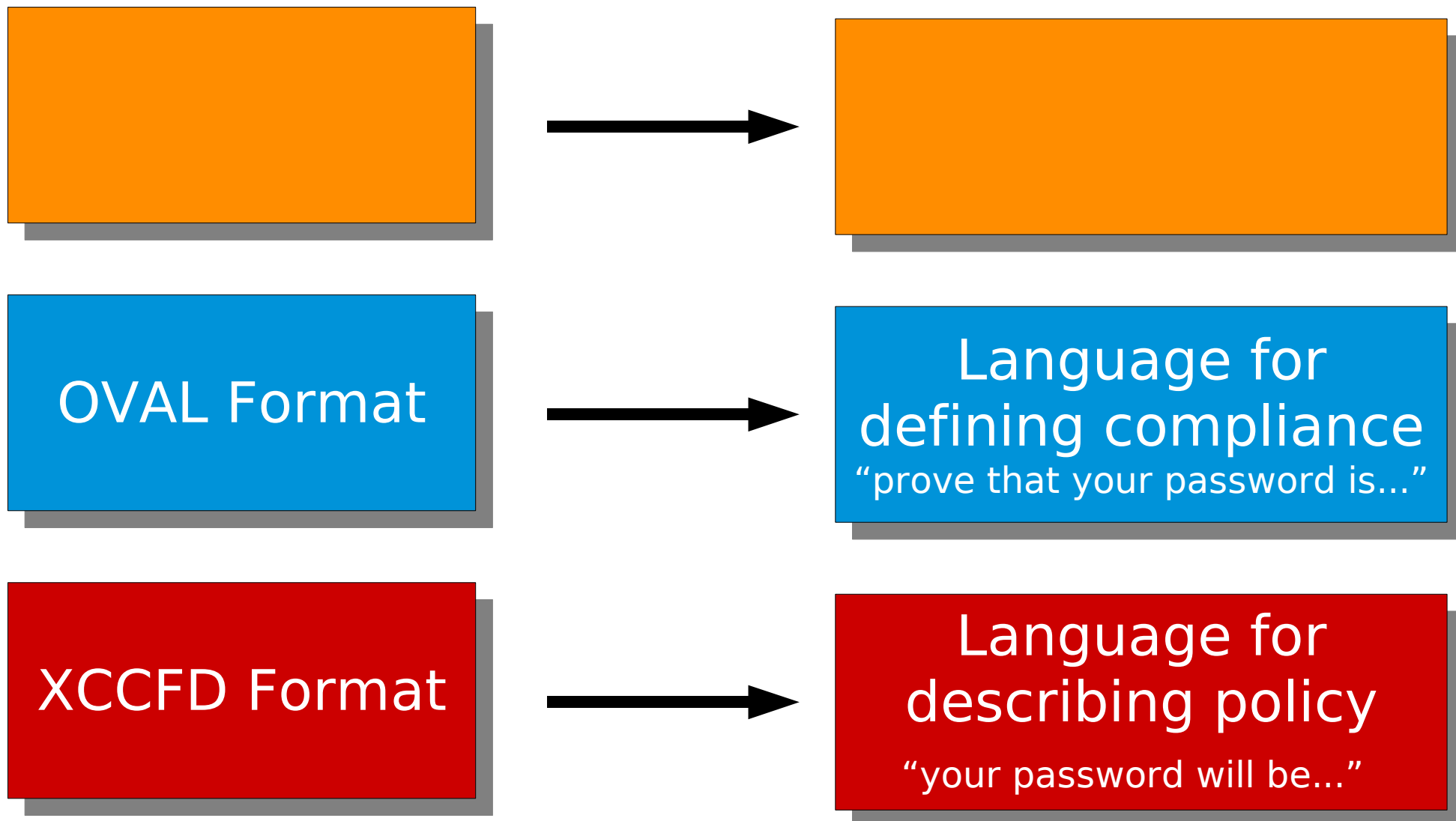
# RHEL5 Security: NIST Standards Work

- Extensible Configuration Checklist Description Format (XCCDF)
  - Enumeration for configuration requirements
  - DISA FSO committed to deploying STIG as XCCDF
  - Others working with NIST
  - Security policy becomes one file

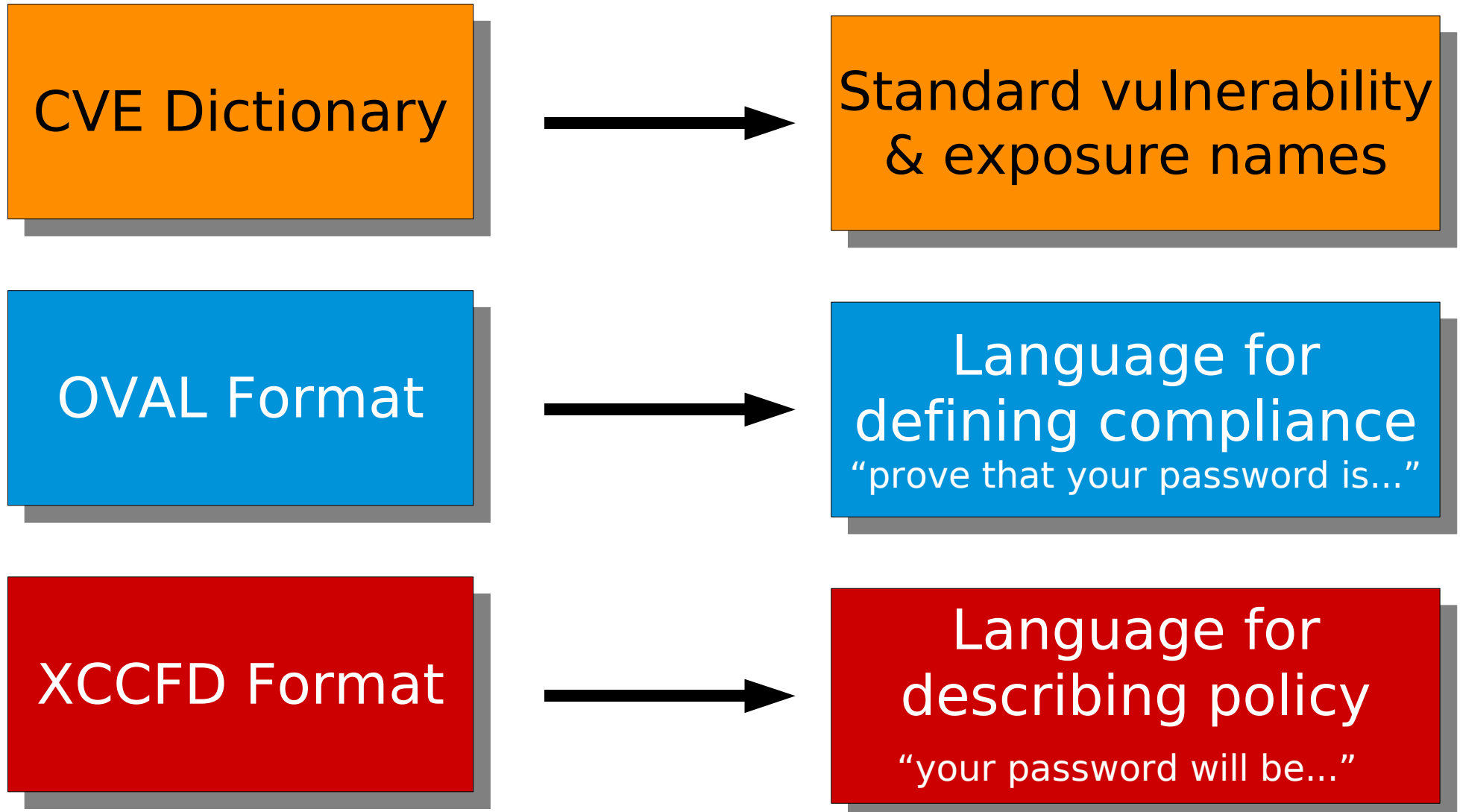
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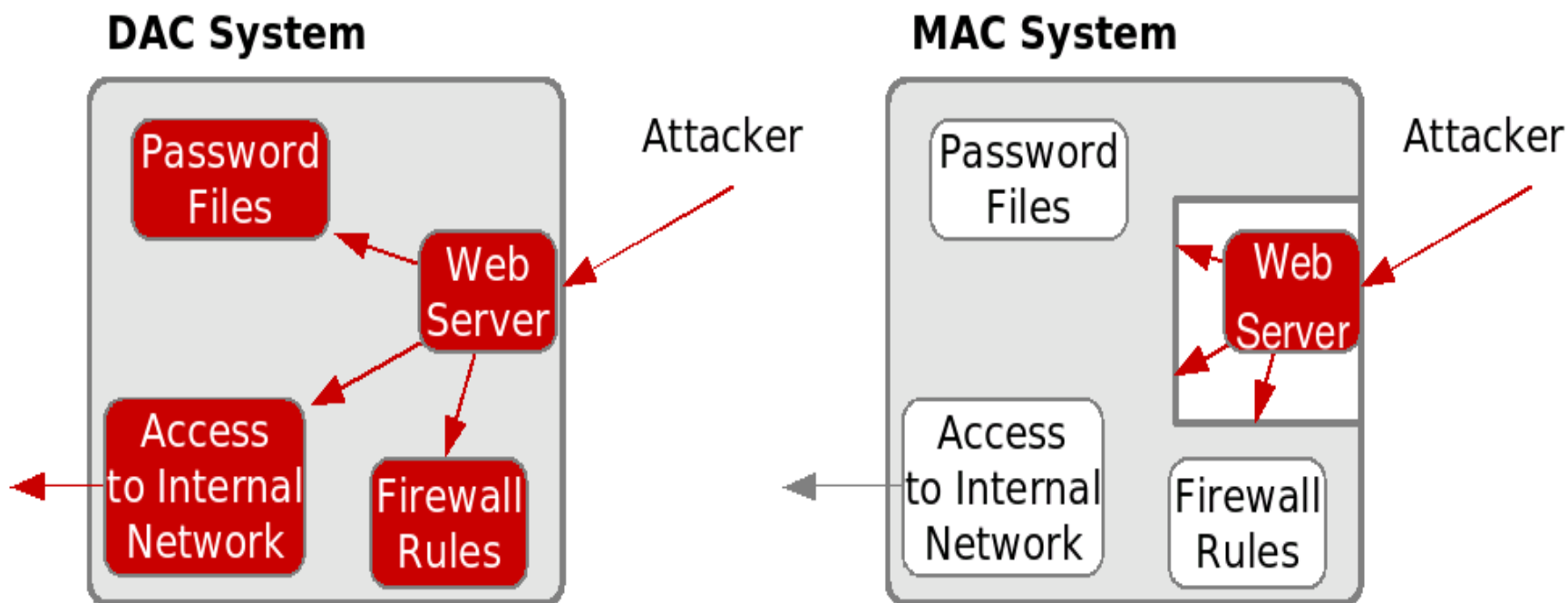
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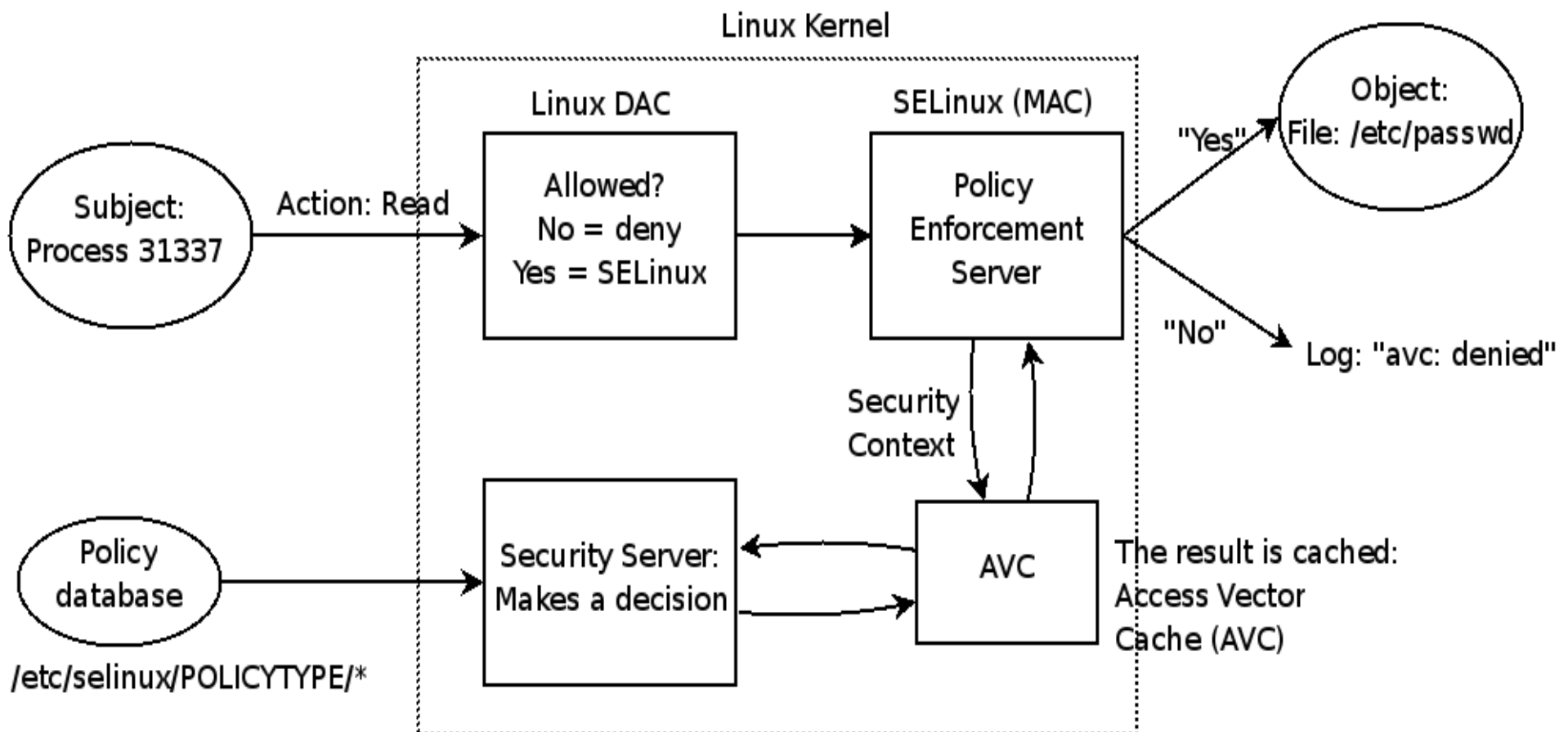
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# RHEL5 Security: SELinux Policies

- Targeted Policy (Default)
  - Applications run unconfined unless explicitly defined policy exists
  
- Strict Policy
  - All application actions explicitly allowed through SELinux, else actions denied
  
- MLS
  - Polyinstantiated file systems
  - Allows for different “views” based on clearance level

# SELinux Contexts

**user\_u:object\_r:context\_t**

## Examples:

**Apache\_u:ApacheBackup\_r:ApacheDataFiles\_t**

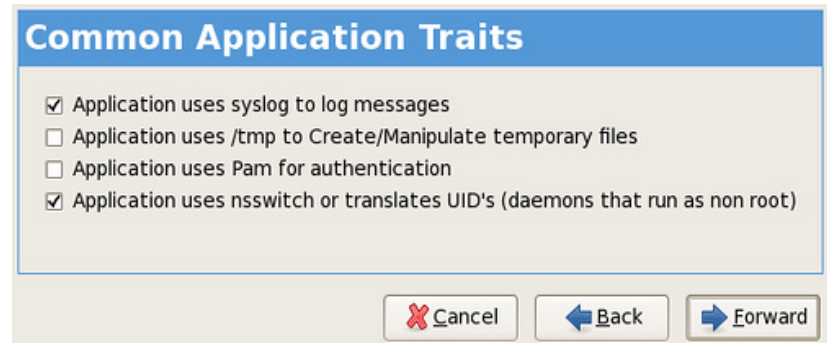
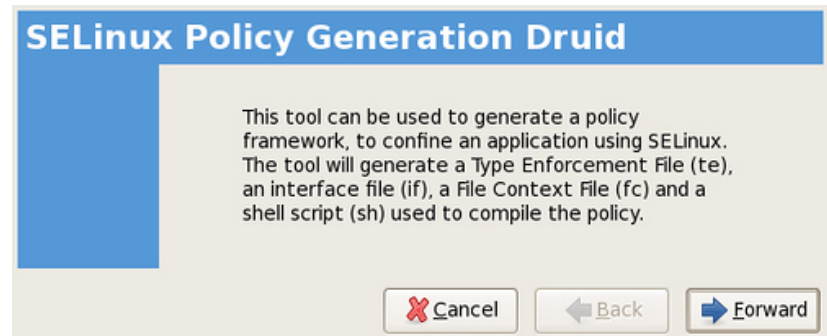
**Apache\_u:ApacheConfig\_r:ApacheConfigFiles\_t**



# RHEL5 SELinux Enhancements

Policy creation now a two-step process

- 1) `system-config-selinux`
  - Creates template policy (network, filesystem read/write, etc)
  
- 2) `audit2allow`
  - Traces application, ensuring proper accesses



# RHEL5 SELinux Enhancements

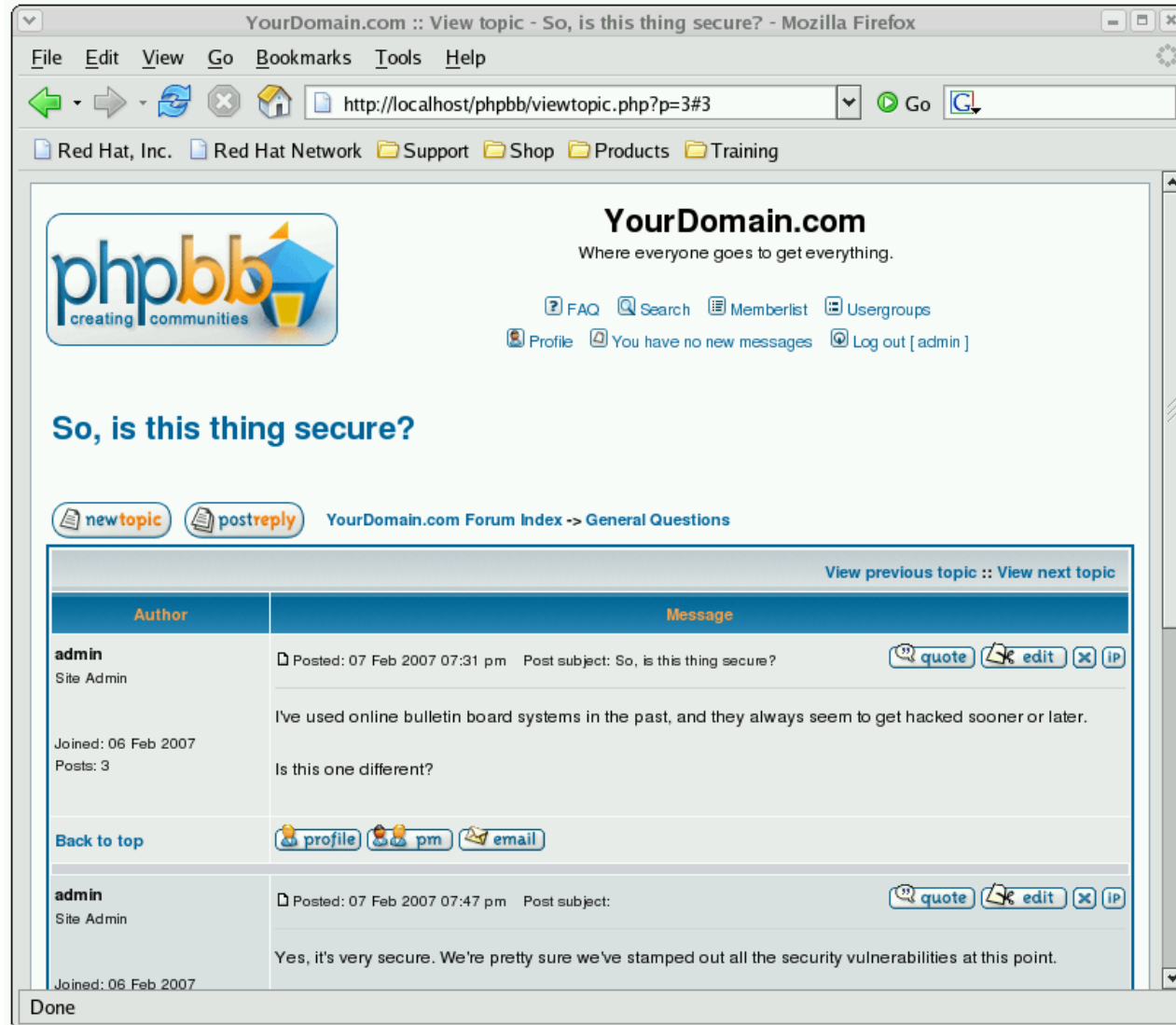
## Loadable Policy Modules

- In the past, all policy changes had to be made to the policy source
  - Required the entire policy re-compiled
  - Requiring a full set of policy development tools on production systems.
- Modules allow for the creation of self-contained policy modules
  - Safely linked together to create system policies
  - Add policy on the fly
  - Remove policy on the fly
- Framework to allow ISV/OEM partners to ship their own modular SELinux policy

## Further Information

- <http://sepolicy-server.sourceforge.net/index.php?page=module-overview>

# Red Hat Today: *SELinux Use Case*



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar containing `http://localhost/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=3#3`. The page title is "YourDomain.com :: View topic - So, is this thing secure?". The forum header includes the phpBB logo and navigation links for FAQ, Search, Memberlist, Usergroups, Profile, and a message notification. The main content area displays a forum thread with the following details:

Author	Message
<b>admin</b> Site Admin Joined: 06 Feb 2007 Posts: 3	Posted: 07 Feb 2007 07:31 pm Post subject: So, is this thing secure? I've used online bulletin board systems in the past, and they always seem to get hacked sooner or later. Is this one different? Back to top
<b>admin</b> Site Admin Joined: 06 Feb 2007	Posted: 07 Feb 2007 07:47 pm Post subject: Yes, it's very secure. We're pretty sure we've stamped out all the security vulnerabilities at this point.



# Red Hat Today: *SELinux Use Case*



# Red Hat Today: *RHEL Security Status*

## *SELinux Use Case*

- Apache should **not** be allowed to overwrite content
  - Therefore, Apache – and any program started by Apache – is not given write access to the data
  - SELinux constrains the program, regardless of the user running executable
  - The content is protected, even if the Apache PHP/CGI user owns the files
  
- When attacker uses the same exploit, with SELinux turned on:  
Mar 3 23:02:04 rhel4-u4-as kernel: audit(1170820924.171:108):  
avc: **denied { write }** for **pid=26760** comm="sh"  
name="phpbb" dev=dm-0 ino=1114119  
scontext=root:system\_r:httpd\_sys\_script\_t  
tcontext=root:object\_r:httpd\_sys\_content\_t tclass=dir



# Red Hat Enterprise Linux System z Update

# Red Hat Today: *Announcements*

## ***Red Hat / IBM Alliance***

### **Technical Perspective**

- Dedicated Partner Managers
- IBM on-site kernel engineers at Red Hat
- Weekly calls with IBM System z Product Mgmt
- Emphasis on IBM access to code (making it easier to work together)
- Weekly reviews of open bugs & feature requests
- Proof of Concept Support

### **Marketing & Sales Perspective**

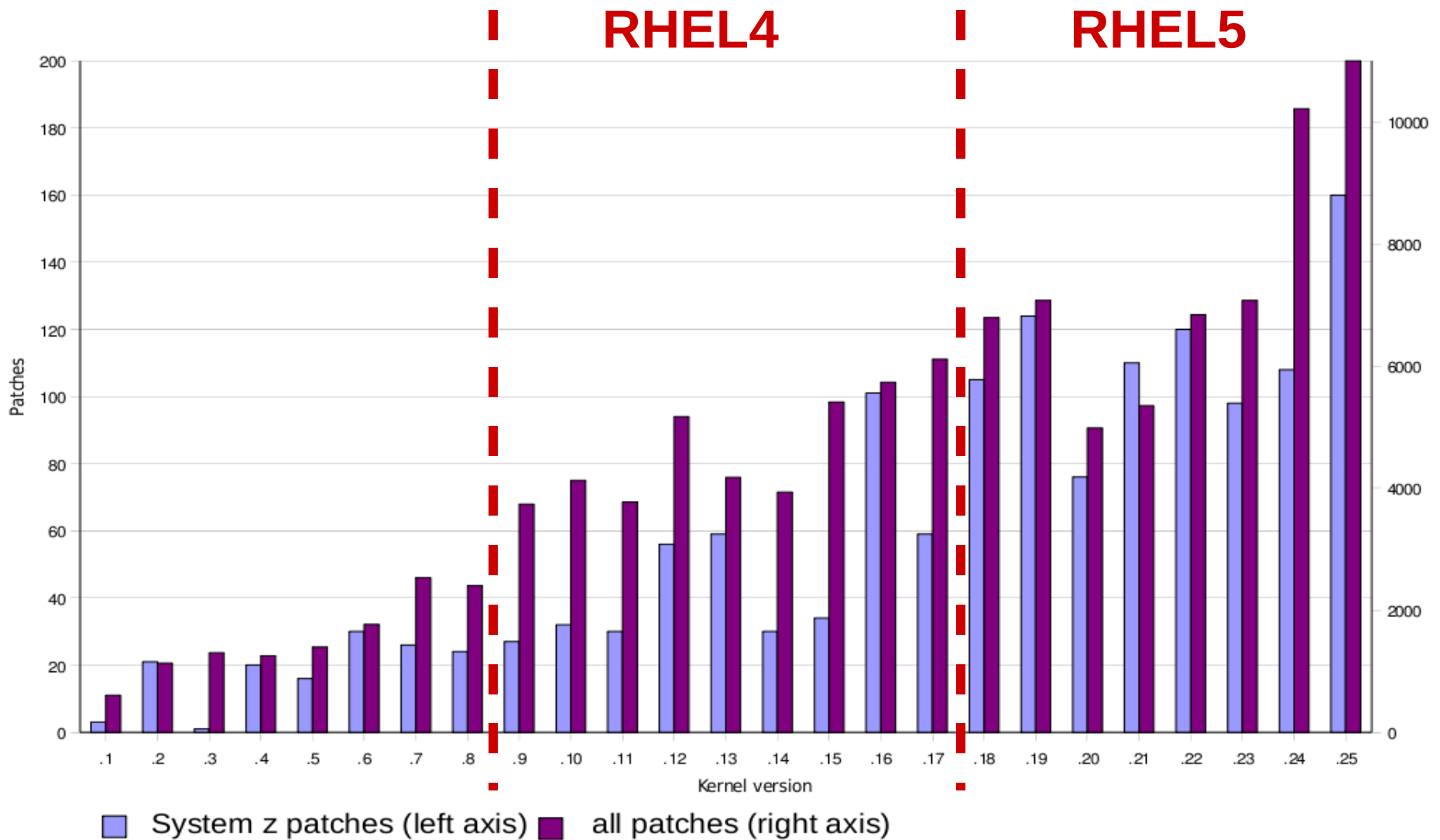
- Joint World-Wide Tour
- Marist, zNTP, T3, SHARE, zExpo, etc

### **Business Perspective**

- Dedicated staff from helpdesk to executive



# IBM Changes to 2.6.x Kernel



# Red Hat Today: *RHEL Status*

## Upstream of Code

- DASD Drive Updates
- zFCP Driver Updates
  - zFCP multipathing support in RHEL5 installer
- Crypto2 Express Support
- Hugetblfs
- Layer-2 IPv6 support for Hipersockets

## Marketing Perspective

- Joint World-Wide Tour
- Marist, zNTP, T3, SHARE, zExpo, etc

## Sales Perspective

- Joint sales calls

# Red Hat Today: *RHEL Status*

## **RHEL 5.1**

- Improved z/VM scheduling
- Improved performance with key recompiled libraries

## **RHEL 5.2**

- Support for new IBM z10
- Improved IBM Director support to support fast connection to z/VM
- Improved Virtual Server Management
- Implementation of SCSI dump infrastructure
- Support for Dynamic CHPID reconfiguration
- Better network configuration tool support for System z network adapters
- Improved install experience with support for “ssh -X” with VNC
- Better network performance with skb scatter-gather support
- Implemented device-multipath support for xDR/GDPS

## **RHEL 5.3**

- NSS, CPU Affinity, ETR support planned
- Suggestions? [swells@redhat.com](mailto:swells@redhat.com)

# Red Hat Today: *RHEL Security Status*

## ***Hardware Enablement***

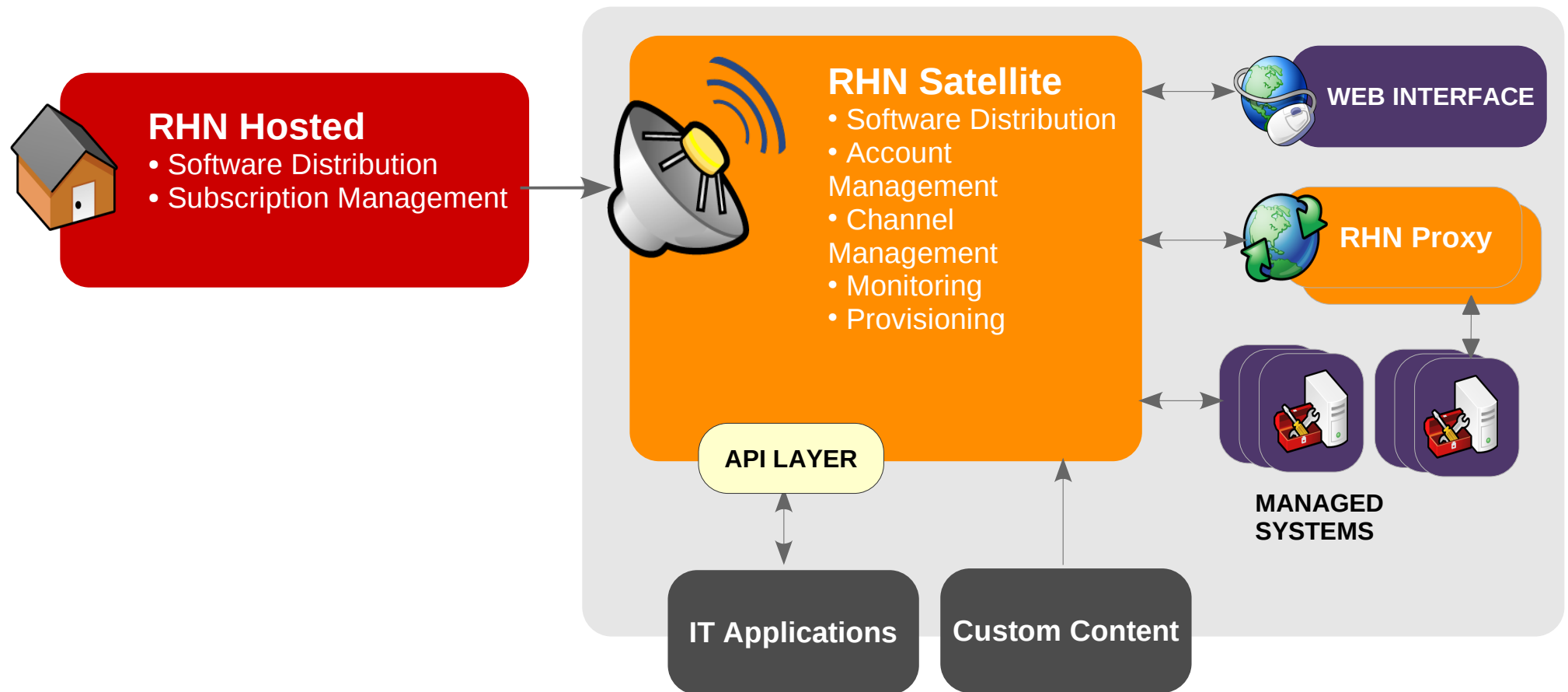
- **In kernel crypto**
  - S/390 implementation of SHA-384 and SHA-512 digests
  - Improved encryption performance (i.e. encrypted filesystems)
- **libica library**
  - Support for updated OpenSSL, PKCS#11, GSKit, and kernel crypto APIs
  - Device driver performance updates
- **Crypto2 Express Support**



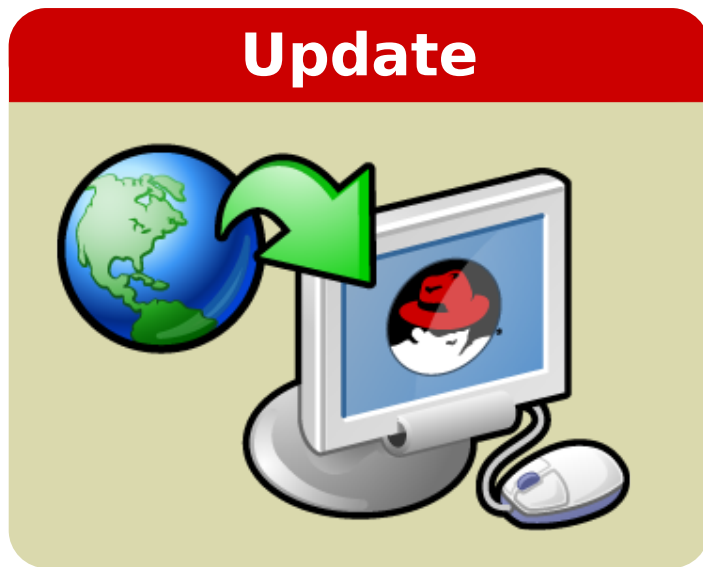
# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Update

Red Hat Network

# RHN Satellite Deployment Model



# What is Red Hat Network?



# What is Red Hat Network?

**Update**



**Manage**





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## Update



## Manage



## Provision



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## Monitor





Systems

  
Search[Your RHN](#) [Systems](#) [Errata](#) [Channels](#) [Configuration](#) [Schedule](#) [Users](#) [Help](#)NO SYSTEMS SELECTED [MANAGE](#) [CLEAR](#)

Your RHN

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## Your RHN

## Tasks

- [Search for: Packages | Systems](#)
- [Manage Entitlements & Subscriptions](#)
- [Register Systems](#)
- [Manage Activation Keys](#)
- [Manage Kickstarts](#)
- [Manage Configuration Files](#)

## Inactive Systems

**No inactive systems.**All of your systems are actively checking into RHN at this time. You can view a list of all of your systems at [Systems > All](#).

## Your RHN Legend

- OK
- Critical
- Warning
- Unknown
- Locked
- Kickstarting
- Pending Actions
- Failed Actions
- Completed Actions
- Security
- Bug Fix
- Enhancement

## Most Critical Systems

System Name	All Updates	Security Errata	Bugfix Errata	Enhancement Errata
<a href="#">rhel5-x86.demo.redhat.com</a>	190	46	128	16

1 - 1 of 1 most critical systems displayed

[View All Critical Systems](#)

## Recently Scheduled Actions

Action	User	Age
<a href="#">Package Install</a>	jschrode	0 Hour(s)

1 - 1 of 1 recently scheduled actions displayed

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## Relevant Security Errata

		Systems	Updated
<a href="#">RHSA-2008:0290</a>	Critical: samba security and bug fix update	1	5/28/08

## Overview

**Systems**[All](#)[Virtual Systems](#)[Out of Date](#)[Unentitled](#)[Ungrouped](#)[Inactive](#)[Recently Registered](#)[Proxy](#)[System Groups](#)[System Set Manager](#)[Advanced Search](#)[Activation Keys](#)[Stored Profiles](#)[Custom System Info](#)[Kickstart](#) **rhel5-x86.demo.redhat.com** [delete system](#)[Details](#) [Software](#) [Groups](#) **[Events](#)**[Pending](#) [History](#) **System History**

The following history events have been noted for this system.

Please note that this system has no pending events.

1 - 5 of 5

Type	Status	Summary	Time
		Package Install scheduled by jschrode	2008-06-03 20:44:29 CEST
	(n/a)	subscribed to channel rhel-i386-server-vt-5	2008-06-03 20:42:17 CEST
	(n/a)	subscribed to channel rhn-tools-rhel-i386-server-5	2008-06-03 20:42:16 CEST
	(n/a)	added system entitlement	2008-06-03 20:37:14 CEST
	(n/a)	subscribed to channel rhel-i386-server-5	2008-06-03 20:37:11 CEST

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**Event Type Legend**

Package Event

Errata Event

Preferences Event

```

LOAD 0.1  PROCs 100%  MEM 100%  SWAP 0%
CPU0 18%  US 1%  SY 1%  ID 1%  HI 1%
CPU1 20%  US 1%  SY 1%  ID 1%  HI 1%
MEM 1.0G  USED+SHAR 100%  BUFF 0%  FREE 0%
DISK 0  READ 0  WRITE 0  INFLIGHT 0
SWAP 633M  USED 0%  FREE 100%
PAGE 0  IN 0  OUT 0  FREE 0
NET 0  IN 0  OUT 0

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- Kickstart**
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- GPG and SSL Keys
- Distributions
- File Preservation



## Kickstart: rhel-5-i386-server\_default\_part\_novirt

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[System Details](#)
[Software](#)
[Activation Keys](#)
[Scripts](#)
Kickstart File

### Kickstart File

The kickstart file generated by this kickstart profile is viewable below:

[Download Kickstart File](#)

```
# Kickstart config file generated by RHN Config Management
#
# Profile Name : rhel-5-i386-server_default_part_novirt
# Profile Label : rhel-5-i386-server_default_part_novirt
# Date Created : 2008-06-03 20:40:03.0
#

install
text
network --bootproto dhcp
url --url http://devel13.z900.redhat.com/ty/MwPJrTGI
lang en_US
langsupport --default en_US en_US
keyboard us
mouse none
zerombr yes
clearpart --all
part /boot --fstype=ext3 --size=200
part pv.01 --size=1000 --grow
part swap --size=1000 --maxsize=2000
volgroup myvg pv.01
logvol / --vgname=myvg --name=rootvol --size=1000 --grow
bootloader --location mbr
timezone America/New_York
auth --enablemd5 --enablesshadow
rootpw --iscrypted $1$0KAZmj1I$V05gL5mVVj9T09GidA/Y6/
selinux --permissive
reboot
firewall --disabled
skipx
repo --name=Cluster --baseurl=http://devel13.z900.redhat.com/kickstart/dist/ks-rhel-i386-server-5-u1/Cluster
repo --name=ClusterStorage --baseurl=http://devel13.z900.redhat.com/kickstart/dist/ks-rhel-i386-server-5-u1/ClusterStorage
repo --name=VT --baseurl=http://devel13.z900.redhat.com/kickstart/dist/ks-rhel-i386-server-5-u1/VT
repo --name=Workstation --baseurl=http://devel13.z900.redhat.com/kickstart/dist/ks-rhel-i386-server-5-u1/Workstation
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# RHN Satellite Is Now Open Source

<http://spacewalk.redhat.com>

- Announced at Red Hat Summit 2008
  - .... remember the Fedora -> RHEL model?



# Open Discussion