

Microsoft and Red Hat Partner and Deliver Integrated Support, a Unique Offering in the IT World

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Agenda

- Portfolio & Roadmap
- Integrated Support
- Single Sign-on (SSO)
- Ticket Exchange
- Support & Deployment workflow
- Technical Trends
- Troubleshooting Demo
- Best Practices
- Q&A



Red Hat on Azure - Portfolio

Cloud Access:

Red Hat Enterprise Linux® - Reliable Secure OS

Red Hat JBoss® Middleware portfolio, including Fuse and BRMS - Develop Apps faster

Red Hat Gluster Storage – Managed Data Storage with flexibility and scale Red Hat® OpenShift Container Platform – Manage and scale Apps

On-Demand:

RHEL premium images
Connected to RHUI

.NET on RHEL

SAP HANA on RHEL

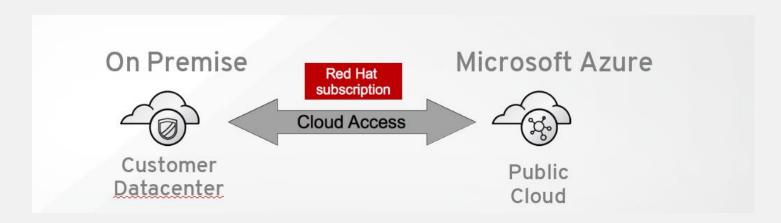
SQL on RHEL

Azure Stack



Cloud Access/Bring Your Own Subscription

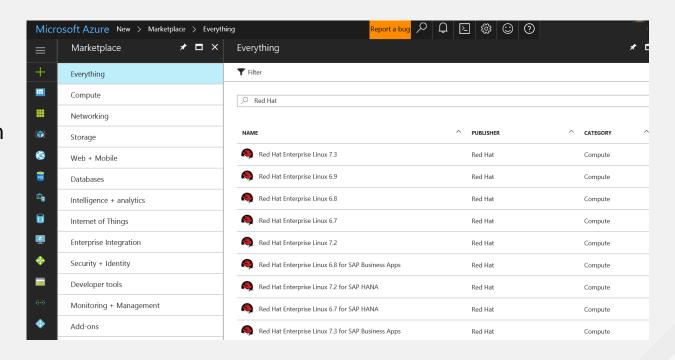
- A portability feature of Red Hat subscriptions permits customers to use an eligible subscription either on premise or on an eligible Red Hat Certified Cloud Service Provider- Azure
- Customers are able to migrate their subscriptions into Microsoft Azure and maintain long term relationships with Red Hat





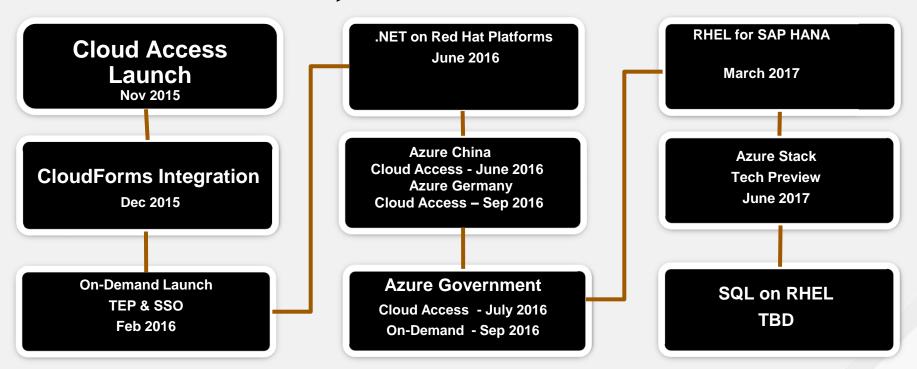
On Demand/Premium

- Azure Market Place RHEL Images
- New Premium Red Hat Subscription
- Users get updates from RHUI
- SSO Integration with access.redhat.com
- Get support with Red Hat and Microsoft directly





Initiatives Roadmap





Integrated Support

Ticket Exchange Platform Federated Entitlement: SSO & Entitlement for TEP **Red Hat Engineers On-site at Microsoft** Dedicated support team at Red Hat to support Azure customers **RHUI Support Governance Model** Business Reviews, Joint Supportability, Training & Joint KPI's **Red Hat presence in Forums**



Single Sign On (SSO)

- On-Demand/Premium images in Azure Marketplace comes with Red Hat software, subscription and support!
- As soon as your VM is running, SSO is enabled.
- Register for the first time to associate your Azure Account with Red Hat Account. If you already have a Red Hat account you can link your VM to your existing account.
- Access Red Hat documentation and file support tickets with Red Hat directly

https://azure.microsoft.com/blog/red-hat-customer-portal-from-azure/



Ticket Exchange Platform (TEP)

Highlights:

Customer consent process

Engineer to Engineer collaboration

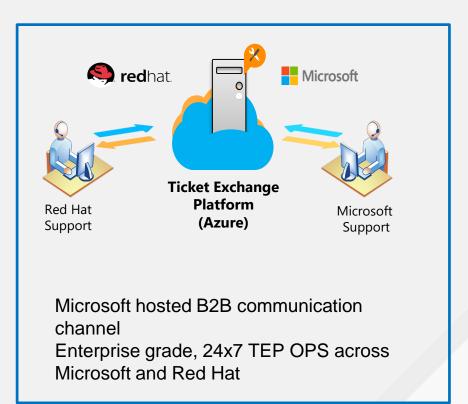
Notes exchanged available in Azure Portal & Red Hat customer portal

File transfer in a compliant way (ISO 27001)

Support Requirements:

Cloud Access: Valid Azure Support Plan, Registered Cloud Access Subscription

On-Demand: Valid Azure Support Plan, Azure Marketplace VM in running state





Customer Experience

- Microsoft and Red Hat meet monthly to jointly deliver a Support Review with a focus on Customer Satisfaction, Collaborations and Key Learnings from Customer Cases.
- Microsoft and Red Hat Support engineers not only interact on Customer Cases to resolve them,
 they also participate in Bi-Weekly Support Reviews and Deliver. Training Sessions to each other
- What are our customers saying?

"Red Hat really impressed us with its enterprise grade support. We were surprised that Red Hat open source and Azure support resided in the same office."

"I am very impressed with the way support engineer handled this ticket. They were knowledgeable about subject, assigned backup engineer even during holidays and get back to me quickly with solutions"



Trends/Challenges

When things go wrong
Integrated Support - We are here for you!



- VM connectivity issues
- Deploying a new VM cloud access/On-Demand
- Azure Linux Agent configuration, extension, backup
- Disk Management Expanding OS disk, attaching data disks
- Disk encryption Azure CLI
- Advisory RHUI registration issues, configuration, DDNS



DEMO



Demo

- Creating On-Demand RHEL VMs
 - Registered with RHUI automatically and ready for updates.
 - Red Hat premium support for On-Demand VMs
- Troubleshooting SSH issues Use the prod portal
 - Creation of recovery VM using Azure CLI
 - Boot diagnostics
 - Using custom script to fix issues



BEST PRACTICES



Configure Boot Diagnostics for the VM

- √ Console Output
- √ Console Screenshot
- √ Configurable at https://portal.azure.com
- ✓ Useful in no boot scenarios

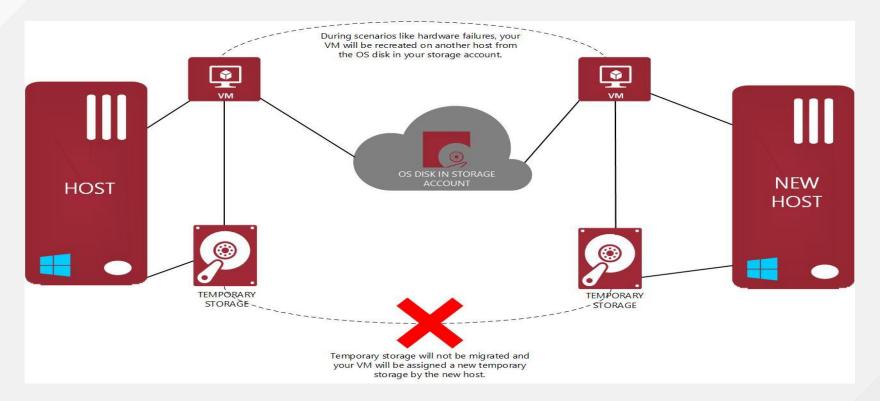


Resource disk on a RHEL VM

- ✓ Local disk on the physical machine hosting the VM
- ✓ Higher IOPS and lower latency
- ✓ Data stored on this disk is not guaranteed to persist across reboots
- ✓ Use it for non persistant data
- ✓ Size of the resource disk depends on the class of the VM



Resource Disk Of A Linux VM





Configuring a Resource disk on a RHEL VM

Directives in /etc/waagent.conf governs the mounting of the resource disk on a Linux VM.

```
# Format if unformatted. If 'n', resource disk will not
be mounted.
ResourceDisk.Format=y
# File system on the resource disk
# Typically ext3 or ext4.
ResourceDisk.Filesystem=ext4
# Mount point for the resource disk
ResourceDisk.MountPoint=/mnt/resource
```



Swap space configuration on a RHEL VM

Directives in /etc/waagent.conf governs the mounting of the resource disk on a Linux VM.

ResourceDisk.Format=y
ResourceDisk.EnableSwap=y
ResourceDisk.SwapSizeMB=5120



Use RAID0

- ✓ Configure software based RAID0
- ✓ Don't use just one disk for IO intensive applications
- ✓Improved performance
- ✓Improved throughput



Nofail Option in /etc/fstab

- ✓ Mention this option for data disks/RAID configurations
- ✓ VM will be accessible even if the disk is not available.
- ✓ Prevents the VM from booting into maintenance mode

```
Sample /etc/fstab:

UUID="d6190a17-5dfd-4582-8ccc-
0589e9b16640" /raidfs ext4 defaults,nofail 0 0

UUID="ef7d771c-1586-4378-acb6-
f29dbe5a713a" /singledisk ext4 defaults,nofail 0 0
```



UUIDS in /etc/fstab

- ✓ Device names are non-persistent
- ✓ Device name change during system reconfiguration, shutdown, reboot.
- ✓ Use UUIDs as it is persistent
- ✓ Prevents the VM from not being accessible after reboot
- ✓ Use "blkid" to retrieve the UUIDs



Premium Storage

- √ High performance, low latency disk
 - 1)Check for kernel version.
 - 2)Latest Linux Integration Services drivers.
 - 3) Right barrier setting, cache setting for the disk.



Keep Softwares on the VM up-to-date

- RHEL yum update
- ✓ The patches might include important fixes for Azure platform
- √ Hypervisor drivers
- ✓ Errata
- ✓ waagent



Detaching Data Disks From VM

- ✓ Data disk LUN numbers while attaching: 0,1,2,3
- ✓ Detach the data disk in the reverse order: 3,2,1,0
- ✓ Isscsi to find out the LUN number from within the VM



Resources

Blog - https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/linuxonazure/

ALA - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/virtual-machines-linux-agent-user-guide/

On-Demand - https://access.redhat.com/ecosystem/partners/ccsp/microsoft-azure

Boot diagnostics - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/boot-diagnostics-for-virtual-machines-v2/

Resource disk sizes - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/virtual-machines-windows-

sizes/

Premium storage - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/storage-premium-storage/

RAID0 - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/virtual-machines-linux-configure-raid/

RHUI - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/virtual-machines-linux-update-

infrastructure-redhat/

Disk encryption - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/azure-security-disk-encryption/#prerequisites





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