

Red Hat Launches the Next Release of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

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Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 improves stability, security for enterprise applications

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, announced today the release of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10, the latest minor release of the mature Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Platform. With an emphasis on providing greater stability for critical applications, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 offers enhanced features for reliability and security, including an updated version of OpenSCAP – the open source Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) configuration scanner, which meets the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) SCAP 1.2 standard.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 reiterates Red Hat's commitment to a 10-year lifecycle for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 and maintains backwards compatibility with all previous releases of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, including supported hardware and software platforms. Beyond OpenSCAP, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 also includes:

MySQL 5.5, the most recent, stable version of that open source database. MySQL 5.5 includes a number of improvements in terms of speed, scalability, and ease of use. For customers' convenience, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 also includes MySQL 5.1, which is required in order to upgrade to MySQL 5.5.

Enhanced Subscription Management Tools, which now provide more insight into how customers can optimize and benefit from their Red Hat subscriptions. With Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10, customers can better match subscriptions to their unique system needs, better report on and manage subscription usage across a large inventory of systems, and add custom, searchable key value pairs to systems, all without having to go through the Red Hat Customer Portal.

Red Hat Access, delivered through the Red Hat Support Tool, provides an integrated, seamless way to get answers with exclusive Red Hat Knowledge, use Red Hat's automated diagnostic services for problem determination and engage with Red Hat directly from a Linux terminal. Customers can use Red Hat Access to quickly resolve issues and analyze log files, core dumps and error messages, all from within Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10.

Additionally, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 customers with Red Hat Enterprise Linux Developer subscriptions will now gain access to [Red Hat Developer Toolset 2.0](#), which offers users a selection of popular, open source developer tools. Red Hat Developer Toolset 2.0 has a more frequent release cadence and exists on a separate lifecycle from Red Hat Enterprise Linux, enabling developers to take advantage of the latest stable open development tools for application innovation.

Supporting Quotes

Jim Totton, vice president and general manager, Platform Business Unit, Red Hat

"The release of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 continues Red Hat's commitment to the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 platform's 10-year lifecycle, with new capabilities to provide platform viability for years to come. With an emphasis on security and stability, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.10 includes new tools, like Red Hat Access and OpenSCAP, to help systems administrators enable platform reliability and enhanced security for even the most mission-critical applications."

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