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Abstract

The Release notes for Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 document provides an overview of new features in Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 and a list of potential known issues and possible workarounds.

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PREFACE

Open Java Development Kit (OpenJDK) is a free and open source implementation of the Java Platform, Standard Edition (Java SE). The Red Hat build of OpenJDK is available in three versions: 8u, 11u, and 17u.

Packages for the Red Hat build of OpenJDK are made available on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Microsoft Windows and shipped as a JDK and JRE in the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog.

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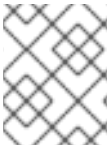
CHAPTER 1. SUPPORT POLICY FOR RED HAT BUILD OF OPENJDK

Red Hat will support select major versions of Red Hat build of OpenJDK in its products. For consistency, these versions remain similar to Oracle JDK versions that are designated as long-term support (LTS).

A major version of Red Hat build of OpenJDK will be supported for a minimum of six years from the time that version is first introduced. For more information, see the OpenJDK Life Cycle and Support Policy .



NOTE

RHEL 6 reached the end of life in November 2020. Because of this, Red Hat build of OpenJDK is not supporting RHEL 6 as a supported configuration..

CHAPTER 2. DIFFERENCES FROM UPSTREAM OPENJDK 17

Red Hat build of OpenJDK in Red Hat Enterprise Linux contains a number of structural changes from the upstream distribution of OpenJDK. The Microsoft Windows version of Red Hat build of OpenJDK attempts to follow Red Hat Enterprise Linux updates as closely as possible.

The following list details the most notable Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 changes:

- FIPS support. Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 automatically detects whether RHEL is in FIPS mode and automatically configures Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 to operate in that mode. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- Cryptographic policy support. Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 obtains the list of enabled cryptographic algorithms and key size constraints from the RHEL system configuration. These configuration components are used by the Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption protocol, the certificate path validation, and any signed JARs. You can set different security profiles to balance safety and compatibility. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL dynamically links against native libraries such as **zlib** for archive format support and **libjpeg-turbo**, **libpng**, and **giflib** for image support. RHEL also dynamically links against **Harfbuzz** and **Freetype** for font rendering and management. This change does not apply to Red Hat build of OpenJDK builds for Microsoft Windows.
- The **src.zip** file includes the source for all of the JAR libraries shipped with Red Hat build of OpenJDK.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL uses system-wide timezone data files as a source for timezone information.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on RHEL uses system-wide CA certificates.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on Microsoft Windows includes the latest available timezone data from RHEL.
- Red Hat build of OpenJDK on Microsoft Windows uses the latest available CA certificate from RHEL.

Additional resources

- See, Improve system FIPS detection (RHEL Planning Jira)
- See, Using system-wide cryptographic policies (RHEL documentation)

CHAPTER 3. RED HAT BUILD OF OPENJDK 17.0.8.1 RELEASE NOTES

Review the following release note to understand changes from the Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8.1 patch release.

NOTE

For all the other changes and security fixes, see OpenJDK 17.0.8.1 Released.

Fixed Invalid CEN header error on valid .zip files

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 introduced additional validation checks on the **ZIP64** fields of **.zip** files (JDK-8302483). However, these additional checks caused validation failures on some valid **.zip** files with the following error message: **Invalid CEN header (invalid zip64 extra data field size)**.

To fix this issue, Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8.1 supports zero-length headers and the additional padding that some **ZIP64** creation tools produce. From Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 onward, you can disable these checks by setting the **jdk.util.zip.disableZip64ExtraFieldValidation** system property to **true**.

See JDK-8313765 (JDK Bug System)

Increased default value of jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize system property

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 introduced a **jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize** system property for configuring the maximum number of bytes that are allowed for the signature-related files in a Java archive (JAR) file (JDK-8300596). By default, the **jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize** property was set to 8000000 bytes (8 MB), which was too small for some JAR files.

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8.1 increases the default value of the **jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize** property to 16000000 bytes (16 MB).

See JDK-8313216 (JDK Bug System)

Advisories related to Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8.1

The following advisories have been issued to bug fixes and CVE fixes included in this release:

- RHBA-2023:5226
- RHBA-2023:5228

CHAPTER 4. RED HAT BUILD OF OPENJDK FEATURES

The latest Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 release might include new features. Additionally, the latest release might enhance, deprecate, or remove features that originated from previous Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 releases.

NOTE

For all the other changes and security fixes, see OpenJDK 17.0.8 Released.

Red Hat build of OpenJDK enhancements

Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 provides enhancements to features originally created in previous releases of Red Hat build of OpenJDK.

Reduced risk of JVM crash when using GregorianCalendar.computeTime()

In Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.7, a virtual machine crash could occur when using the **GregorianCalendar.computeTime()** method (JDK-8307683). Even though an old issue is the root cause of this JVM crash, a recent fix for a rare issue in the C2 compiler (JDK-8297951) significantly increased the probability of the JVM crash. To mitigate risk, the Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 release excludes the fix for the C2 compiler. Once the root cause of the JVM crash is resolved (JDK-8307683), Red Hat build of OpenJDK will reintroduce the fix for the C2 compiler (JDK-8297951).

See JDK-8308884 (JDK Bug System).

Support for GB18030-2022

The Chinese Electronics Standardization Institute (CESI) recently published GB18030-2022 as an update to the GB18030 standard, synchronizing the character set with Unicode 11.0. The GB18030-2022 standard is now the default GB18030 character set that Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 uses. However, this updated character set contains incompatible changes compared with GB18030-2000, which previous releases of Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17 used. From Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 onward, if you want to use the previous version of the character set, ensure that the new system property **jdk.charset.GB18030** is set to **2000**.

See JDK-8301119 (JDK Bug System).

Enhanced ZIP performance

The Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 release includes enhanced checks on the **ZIP64** fields of **.zip** files. If these checks cause failures on trusted **.zip** files, you can disable these checks by setting the new system property **jdk.util.zip.disableZip64ExtraFieldValidation** to **true**.

JDK bug system reference ID: JDK-8302483.

Enhanced validation of JAR signature

You can now configure the maximum number of bytes that are allowed for the signature-related files in a Java archive (JAR) file by setting a new system property, **jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize**. By default, the **jdk.jar.maxSignatureFileSize** property is set to **8000000** bytes (8 MB).

JDK bug system reference ID: JDK-8300596.

GTS root certificate authority (CA) certificates added

In the Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 release, the **cacerts** truststore includes four Google Trust Services (GTS) root certificates:

Certificate 1

- Name: Google Trust Services LLC

- Alias name: gtsrootcar1
- Distinguished name: CN=GTS Root R1, O=Google Trust Services LLC, C=US

Certificate 2

- Name: Google Trust Services LLC
- Alias name: gtsrootcar2
- Distinguished name: CN=GTS Root R2, O=Google Trust Services LLC, C=US

Certificate 3

- Name: Google Trust Services LLC
- Alias name: gtsrootcar3
- Distinguished name: CN=GTS Root R3, O=Google Trust Services LLC, C=US

Certificate 4

- Name: Google Trust Services LLC
- Alias name: gtsrootcar4
- Distinguished name: CN=GTS Root R4, O=Google Trust Services LLC, C=US

See JDK-8307134 (JDK Bug System).

Microsoft Corporation root CA certificates added

In the Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 release, the **cacerts** truststore includes two Microsoft Corporation root certificates:

Certificate 1

- Name: Microsoft Corporation
- Alias name: microsoftecc2017
- Distinguished name: CN=Microsoft ECC Root Certificate Authority 2017, O=Microsoft Corporation, C=US

Certificate 2

- Name: Microsoft Corporation
- Alias name: microsoftrsa2017
- Distinguished name: CN=Microsoft RSA Root Certificate Authority 2017, O=Microsoft Corporation, C=US

See JDK-8304760 (JDK Bug System).

TWCA root CA certificate added

In the Red Hat build of OpenJDK 17.0.8 release, the **cacerts** truststore includes the Taiwan Certificate Authority (TWCA) root certificate:

- Name: TWCA
- Alias name: twcaglobalrootca
- Distinguished name: CN=TWCA Global Root CA, OU=Root CA, O=TAIWAN-CA, C=TW

See JDK-8305975 (JDK Bug System).

New JFR event jdk.SecurityProviderService

Calls to the **java.security.Provider.getService(String type, String algorithm)** method now trigger a new JFR event, **jdk.SecurityProviderService**.

The **jdk.SecurityProviderService** event contains the following three fields:

- Type: The type of service
- Algorithm: The algorithm name
- Provider: The security provider

The **jdk.SecurityProviderService** event is disabled by default. You can enable this event by using the standard JFR configuration files and options.

See JDK-8254711 (JDK Bug System).

CHAPTER 5. ADVISORIES RELATED TO THIS RELEASE

The following advisories are issued to document bug fixes and CVE fixes included in this release:

- RHSA-2023:4159
- RHSA-2023:4169
- RHSA-2023:4170
- RHSA-2023:4171
- RHSA-2023:4177
- RHSA-2023:4210
- RHSA-2023:4211

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