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Abstract

This guide provides an outline of the options available in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform Dashboard user interface.

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CHAPTER 1. THE RED HAT OPENSTACK PLATFORM DASHBOARD SERVICE (HORIZON)

The Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) Dashboard (horizon) is a web-based graphical user interface that you can use to manage RHOSP services.

To access the browser dashboard, you must install the Dashboard service, and you must know the dashboard host name, or IP, and login password. The dashboard URL is:

`http://HOSTNAME/dashboard/`

1.1. THE ADMIN TAB

In the **Admin** tab you can view usage and manage instances, volumes, flavors, images, projects, users, services, and quotas.



NOTE

The **Admin** tab displays in the main window when you log in as an admin user.

The following options are available in the **Admin** tab:

Table 1.1. System Panel

Parameter name	Description
Overview	View basic reports.
Resource Usage	Use the following tabs to view the following usages: ● Usage Report - View the usage report. ● Stats - View the statistics of all resources.
Hypervisors	View the hypervisor summary.
Host Aggregates	View, create, and edit host aggregates. View the list of availability zones.
Instances	View, pause, resume, suspend, migrate, soft or hard reboot, and delete running instances that belong to users of some, but not all, projects. Also, view the log for an instance or access an instance with the console.
Volumes	View, create, edit, and delete volumes, and volume types.
Flavors	View, create, edit, view extra specifications for, and delete flavors. Flavors are the virtual hardware templates in Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP).

Parameter name	Description
Images	View, create, edit properties for, and delete custom images.
Networks	View, create, edit properties for, and delete networks.
Routers	View, create, edit properties for, and delete routers.
Floating IPs	View allocated floating IP addresses for all projects.
Defaults	View and edit the default quotas (maximum limits) for resources in the environment.
Metadata Definitions	Import, view, and edit metadata definition namespaces, and associate the metadata definitions with specific resource types.
System Information	Contains the following tabs: ● Services - View a list of the services. ● Compute Services - View a list of all Compute services. ● Network Agents - View the network agents. ● Block Storage Services - View a list of all Block Storage services. ● Orchestration Services - View a list of all Orchestration services.

1.1.1. Viewing allocated floating IP addresses

You can use the **Floating IPs** panel to view a list of allocated floating IP addresses. You can access the same information from the command line with the **nova list --all-projects** command.

1.2. THE PROJECT TAB

In the **Project** tab you can view and manage project resources. Set a project as active in **Identity > Projects** to view and manage resources in that project.

The following options are available in the **Project** tab:

Table 1.2. The Compute tab

Parameter name	Description
Overview	View reports for the project.
Instances	View, launch, create a snapshot from, stop, pause, or reboot instances, or connect to them through the console.

Parameter name	Description
Volumes	Use the following tabs to complete these tasks: ● Volumes - View, create, edit, and delete volumes. ● Volume Snapshots - View, create, edit, and delete volume snapshots.
Images	View images, instance snapshots, and volume snapshots that project users create, and any images that are publicly available. Create, edit, and delete images, and launch instances from images and snapshots.
Access & Security	Use the following tabs to complete these tasks: ● Security Groups - View, create, edit, and delete security groups and security group rules. ● Key Pairs - View, create, edit, import, and delete key pairs. ● Floating IPs - Allocate an IP address to or release it from a project. ● API Access - View API endpoints, download the OpenStack RC file, download EC2 credentials, and view credentials for the current project user.

Table 1.3. The Network tab

Parameter name	Description
Network Topology	View the interactive topology of the network.
Networks	Create and manage public and private networks and subnets.
Routers	Create and manage routers.
Trunks	Create and manage trunks. Requires the trunk extension enabled in OpenStack Networking (neutron).

Table 1.4. The Object Store tab

Parameter name	Description
Containers	Create and manage storage containers. A container is a storage compartment for data, and provides a way for you to organize your data. It is similar to the concept of a Linux file directory, but it cannot be nested.

Table 1.5. The Orchestration tab

Parameter name	Description
Stacks	Orchestrate multiple composite cloud applications with templates, through both an OpenStack-native REST API and a CloudFormation-compatible Query API.

1.3. THE IDENTITY TAB

In the **Identity** tab you can view and manage projects and users.

The following options are available in the **Identity** tab:

- **Projects** - View, create, edit, and delete projects, view project usage, add or remove users as project members, modify quotas, and set an active project.
- **Users** - View, create, edit, disable, and delete users, and change user passwords. The **Users** tab is available when you log in as an admin user.

For more information about managing your cloud with the Red Hat OpenStack Platform dashboard, see the following guides:

- [Creating and Managing Instances](#)
- [Creating and Managing Images](#)
- [Networking guide](#)
- [Users and Identity Management guide](#)

CHAPTER 2. CUSTOMIZING THE DASHBOARD

The Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) dashboard (horizon) uses a default theme (RCUE), which is stored inside the horizon container. You can add your own theme to the container image and customize certain parameters to change the look and feel of the following dashboard elements:

- Logo
- Site colors
- Stylesheets
- HTML title
- Site branding link
- Help URL



NOTE

To ensure continued support for modified RHOSP container images, the resulting images must comply with the [Red Hat Container Support Policy](#).

2.1. OBTAINING THE HORIZON CONTAINER IMAGE

To obtain a copy of the horizon container image, pull the image either into the undercloud or a separate client system that is running podman.

Procedure

- Pull the horizon container image:

```
$ sudo podman pull registry.redhat.io/rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon:17.0
```

You can use this image as a basis for a modified image.

2.2. OBTAINING THE RCUE THEME

The horizon container image uses the Red Hat branded RCUE theme by default. You can use this theme as a basis for your own theme and extract a copy from the container image.

Procedure

1. Create a directory for your theme:

```
$ mkdir ~/horizon-themes
$ cd ~/horizon-themes
```

2. Start a container that executes a null loop. For example, run the following command:

```
$ sudo podman run --rm -d --name horizon-temp registry.redhat.io/rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon /usr/bin/sleep infinity
```

3. Copy the RCUE theme from the container to your local directory:

```
$ sudo podman cp horizon-temp:/usr/share/openstack-  
dashboard/openstack_dashboard/themes/rcue .
```

4. Terminate the container:

```
$ sudo podman kill horizon-temp
```

Result: You now have a local copy of the RCUE theme.

2.3. CREATING YOUR OWN THEME BASED ON RCUE

To use RCUE as a basis, copy the entire RCUE theme directory `rcue` to a new location. This procedure uses **mytheme** as an example name.

Procedure

- Copy the theme:

```
$ cp -r rcue mytheme
```

To change the colors, graphics, fonts, and other elements of a theme, edit the files in `mytheme`. When you edit this theme, check for all instances of `rcue` including paths, files, and directories to ensure that you change them to the new `mytheme` name.

2.4. CREATING A FILE TO ENABLE YOUR THEME AND CUSTOMIZE THE DASHBOARD

To enable your theme in the dashboard container, you must create a file to override the **AVAILABLE_THEMES** parameter.

Procedure

1. Create a new file called **_12_mytheme_theme.py** in the **horizon-themes** directory and add the following content:

```
AVAILABLE_THEMES = [('mytheme', 'My Custom Theme', 'themes/mytheme')]
```

The **12** in the file name ensures this file is loaded after the RCUE file, which uses **11**, and overrides the **AVAILABLE_THEMES** parameter.

2. Optional: You can also set custom parameters in the **_12_mytheme_theme.py** file. Use the following examples as a guide:

SITE_BRANDING

Set the HTML title that appears at the top of the browser window.

```
SITE_BRANDING = "Example, Inc. Cloud"
```

SITE_BRANDING_LINK

Changes the hyperlink of the theme logo, which normally redirects to **horizon:user_home** by default.

```
SITE_BRANDING_LINK = "http://example.com"
```

2.5. GENERATING A MODIFIED HORIZON IMAGE

When your custom theme is ready, you can create a new container image that uses your theme.

Procedure

1. Use a **Dockerfile** to generate a new container image using the original **horizon** image as a basis, as shown in the following example:

```
FROM registry.redhat.io/rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon
MAINTAINER Acme
LABEL name="rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon-mytheme" vendor="Acme" version="0"
release="1"
COPY mytheme /usr/share/openstack-dashboard/openstack_dashboard/themes/mytheme
COPY _12_mytheme_theme.py /etc/openstack-
dashboard/local_settings.d/_12_mytheme_theme.py
RUN sudo chown apache:apache /etc/openstack-
dashboard/local_settings.d/_12_mytheme_theme.py
```

2. Save this file in your **horizon-themes** directory as **Dockerfile**.
3. Use the Dockerfile to generate the new image:

```
$ sudo podman build . -t "172.24.10.10:8787/rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon:0-5" --log-level
debug
```

The **-t** option names and tags the resulting image. It uses the following syntax:

```
[LOCATION]/[NAME]:[TAG]
```

LOCATION

This is usually the location of the container registry that the overcloud eventually uses to pull images. In this instance, you push this image to the container registry of the undercloud, so set this to the undercloud IP and port.

NAME

For consistency, this is usually the same name as the original container image followed by the name of your theme. In this instance, it is **rhosp-rhel8/openstack-horizon-mytheme**.

TAG

The tag for the image. Red Hat uses the **version** and **release** labels as a basis for this tag. If you generate a new version of this image, increment the **release**, for example, **0-2**.

4. Push the image to the container registry of the undercloud:

```
$ sudo openstack tripleo container image push --local 172.24.10.10:8787/rhosp-
rhel8/openstack-horizon:0-5
```


Additional resources

- [Dashboard parameters](#)

2.8. DEPLOYING AN OVERCLOUD WITH A CUSTOMIZED DASHBOARD

Procedure

- To deploy the overcloud with your dashboard customizations, include the following environment files in the **openstack overcloud deploy** command:
 - The environment file with your modified container image locations.
 - The environment file with additional dashboard modifications.
 - Any other environment files that are relevant to your overcloud configuration.

```
$ openstack overcloud deploy --templates \  
-e /home/stack/templates/overcloud-images.yaml \  
-e /home/stack/templates/help_url.yaml \  
[OTHER OPTIONS]
```