FAQ

JBOSS ENTERPRISE BRMS 5.3

Answers to frequently asked questions

Q: What's new in JBoss Enterprise BRMS 5.3?

A: JBoss® Enterprise BRMS 5.3 introduces the new business process management capabilities of jBPM 5, supporting the BPMN 2 standard. JBoss Enterprise BRMS 5.3 now provides business rules, complex event processing and business process management seamlessly integrated onto a single platform. Key new capabilities include:

- Business process automation via a lightweight, embeddable process engine
- Process modeling and authoring tools incorporated into both the web-based Guvnor UI and the Eclipse development environment

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Q: What is needed to deploy the product?

A: The JBoss Enterprise BRMS rules engine execution environment can be deployed on any certified JVM, Java, and Java EE platforms. Included in that category are the JBoss Enterprise Web Server, JBoss Enterprise Web Platform, JBoss Enterprise Application Platform, and the JBoss Enterprise SOA Platform. Also included are various third-party platforms that support our certified JVMs. The JBoss Enterprise Repository and Guvnor (authoring and management) environments require either the JBoss Enterprise Web Platform or JBoss Enterprise Application Platform. Red Hat® support for non-JBoss environments is to provide all commercially reasonable efforts to support customers who are running on a third-party environment. If Red Hat determines that the root cause of a reported issue is due to the third-party container or the interoperability of that container with BRMS, the customer will be required to reproduce and troubleshoot the problem on a supported version of the JBoss Enterprise Application Platform.

Q: Is JBoss Enterprise Application Platform included with a BRMS subscription?

A: Yes. A BRMS subscription includes support for EAP, for the same number of cores and with the same level of support. For example, a 64-core premium managed BRMS subscription includes premium support for a 64-core managed EAP. Customers can deploy EAP in support of their BRMS applications, or for any other purpose. Note the version compatibility requirements for BRMS:

- BRMS 5.1 is certified with EAP 5.1
- BRMS 5.2 is certified with EAP 5.1.1
- BRMS 5.3 is certified with EAP 5.1.2

The BRMS 5.3 standalone distribution includes EAP 5.1.2. Customers with other BRMS versions can download the appropriate EAP version for their BRMS applications from the Red Hat Customer Portal.

Important note: support for EAP within a BRMS subscription is restricted to versions of EAP certified for use with BRMS.

Q: How Does JBoss Enterprise BRMS compare with Drools community projects?	A: Drools, Guvnor, and jBPM are open source JBoss Community projects. The open source community is where our leading-edge innovation occurs, and follows a release early, release often approach. New features are explored, developed, and tried within the community. As these features mature, Red Hat brings them into the enterprise-ready subscription of JBoss Enterprise BRMS, which offers platform certification, access to Red Hat support, and a range of other benefits. A more detailed exploration of the different but highly complementary roles of community and enterprise is available in a separate document, BRMS: The Power of Drools. The Assurance of Red Hat.
Q: How do I publish a rules service based on web services to be used within a SOA?	A: The JBoss Enterprise SOA Platform provides support for rules-based services. You can publish a BRMS rules service, register it with the SOA platform registry, and it will be available to other applications as would any other web service.
Q: How long will JBoss Enterprise BRMS be supported?	A: Each major version of JBoss Enterprise BRMS has a five-year support lifecycle policy. Detailed lifecycle support information is available at **redhat.com/brms**.
Q: What platforms is JBoss Enterprise BRMS supported on?	A: For a list of platforms on which JBoss Enterprise BRMS will run, access the product page at **redhat.com/brms.**
Q: How will I access software updates?	A: Software updates are available via the Red Hat Customer portal at **access.redhat.com/home**.
Q: If I already have JBoss Enterprise Web Platform or JBoss Enterprise Application platform, can I get JBoss Enterprise BRMS without them?	A: Yes. With an Enterprise BRMS subscription, you can deploy on installed containers such as JBoss EWP or JBoss EAP.
Q: Where can I find tools for JBoss Enterprise BRMS?	A: A subscription includes an entitlement for JBoss Developer Studio, which includes a rich set of tools that work with the JBoss Enterprise BRMS rules engine, authoring, and management tools. A subscription to JBoss Enterprise BRMS also includes developer rights (without developer support) to the rest of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware portfolio. For more information about JBoss Developer Studio, see **redhat.com/devstudio**.
Q: How do I get developer support for JBoss Enterprise BRMS?	A: Developer support is included with the subscription. For details, please refer to **redhat.com/about/subscriptions**.

Q: Can I evaluate JBoss Enterprise BRMS before I purchase a subscription?

A: Evaluation copies of the product are available at **access.redhat.com/downloads**.

Q: How do I migrate to BRMS 5.3?

A: Applications developed for BRMS 5.x will execute correctly on BRMS 5.3 without any changes. Note, however, that business process applications developed with the jBPM3 tool that is included with the JBoss SOA Platform 5.2 will not be compatible with the jBPM5 tool included with BRMS. SOA-P users may continue to use jBPM3 to support these applications. It is recommended that new BPM applications be developed with JBoss BRMS 5.3 and jBPM5.

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