

ROSS PLATFORM MANAGER RELEASE NOTES

Welcome to the Ross Platform Manager (RPM) v3.6.0 Release Notes. Please read this document to find important information on areas of the Ross Platform Manager that may not be covered in the User Guide or the User Help system.

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RPM VERSION HISTORY

VERSION 3.6.0 – FEBRUARY 2024

WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **ENHANCED RPM FUNCTIONALITY WITH FULL REPLICATION SUPPORT**

In this latest release, RPM introduces comprehensive replication capabilities across all of its functionalities. Users now have the flexibility to leverage multiple RPM nodes within a cluster for seamless software orchestration, configuration backup and restore scenarios, and switcher transition scenarios. Additionally, users can access custom panels through various RPM nodes in the cluster.

- **FILE SYNCHRONIZATION UI**

RPM now has a File Sync tab within the System configuration panel that allows users to view a list of RPM nodes and their status. Users are able to enable/disable synchronization for specific RPM nodes, and when Orchestration and/or CustomPanel features are licensed, can view the size and status of features associated with the nodes.

- **PRODUCT KEY MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

- Users are now able to include notes for Product Keys (up to 255 characters), which display in the *Notes* column. These notes can be used to display any information that may be relevant or helpful to make note of for each Product Key.
- When adding Product Keys, any keys that are unable to be added will be listed with a message saying "Error while adding the following product keys".
- *Maintenance Expiry* column is now displayed in the Product Key View when a Product Key is double-clicked in the Product Key Manager. This allows users to easily see when the Maintenance Expiry date for a Product Key is.
- *Active Until* column is now displayed when a specific license is double-clicked in the Product Key View. This allows users to easily see when the license for a specific node is active until.

- **ORCHESTRATION ENHANCEMENTS**

- Once authenticated on one RPM server, existing targets in multi-node setups are now automatically authenticated on all nodes.
- Newly created targets can now be commissioned by all nodes in a multi-node setup.
- Users are now able to modify the release version of an existing deployment. This allows users to cycle between different release versions of a product without needing to recreate a deployment each time.
- Filesystem is now automatically cleaned to save space when user deletes a release.
- Powershell 7 is now supported.

- **LINUX ENHANCEMENTS**

Automatic detection of RPM public-keys in Linux deployments.

- **API ENHANCEMENTS**

Users are now able to use an API query to fetch the states of all targets that are currently associated to a target-group. This specification of the target-group was not previously possible.

- **VISUAL WORKFLOW ENHANCEMENTS**

The Visual Workflow icon no longer appears in the RPM menu if the feature's license key has expired or has not been purchased.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where the deployment screen would prevent toast messages from displaying. (DBE-2121)
- Fixed an issue where users were unable to connect to the Activation Server while using a network-proxy. (DBE-2113)
- Fixed an issue where RPM was unable to fetch the OS name from Powershell 7. (DBE-2112)
- Fixed an issue where old snapshots would disappear from the Snapshot Manager after the deployment was modified. (DBE-2100)
- Fixed an issue where a failed import of a manifest file would display in the Deployment Manager. (DBE-2079)
- Fixed an issue where the characters "<>" entered together in the notes of the CustomPanel File Explorer. (DBE-2075)
- Fixed an issue where a Product Key would remain activated after being marked unpurchased in the Activation Server. (DBE-2068)
- Sanitized sensitive information on API. (DBE-2058)
- Fixed an issue where the Target selection dropdown in the Apply Snapshot node would be obscured by the Snapshot dropdown. (DBE-2056)
- Removed time from the *Maintenance Expiry* column to fix an issue where incorrect timestamps would display due to time zone conversion. (DBE-2007)
- Fixed an issue where snapshots would disappear from the Snapshot Manager in replicated RPM servers. (DBE-1398)
- Fixed an issue where the Secondary RPM server could not load License exception when a product key was removed on the Primary RPM server in a multi-node setup. (DBE-1395)
- Fixed an issue where the Secondary RPM server could not load ProductKey exception upon activation in a multi-node setup. (DBE-1284)
- Fixed security vulnerability CVE-2023-50164.

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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **LOG VIEWER**

RPM now allows Local Administrator Users to view, clear, and download application log data from within the RPM UI.

- **VISUAL WORKFLOW ENHANCEMENTS**

Several enhancements have been made to RPM's Visual Workflow:



NEW VISUAL WORKFLOW ICON

- The Visual Workflow icon has been changed.
- Two new nodes have been added:
 - the Pause node, which pauses the workflow for a specified amount of time.
 - the Blocking HTTP Request node, which sends an HTTP request to a specified URL, and waits for a response for a given timeout duration. If the request times out, the job fails.
- Targets can now be viewed in the Visual Workflow sidebar.
 - Targets can be displayed in assigned groups or individually.
 - Targets have an indicator displaying whether they are in a Ready State or not.
 - Open Visual Workflow canvas automatically refreshes to update the Target list, even when added by another user.
 - Selecting a Target in the sidebar will display only Nodes supported by the Target, and adding a Node to the canvas this way will automatically set the Target for the Node.
- ID column is now displayed in the Visual Workflow Manager.

- **PRODUCT KEY MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

RPM now allows users to add up to 100 Product Keys at once, and Activated Product Keys are now highlighted green in the Product Key Manager.

- **TARGET MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

RPM now allows users to specify Target Domain name when User Type is set to ActiveDirectory/LDAP, and users are now able to copy Target details directly from cells within the Target Manager.

- **LICENSING ENHANCEMENTS**

RPM now gets information from Activation Server that allows it to assign a Product Key the either Dynamic Mode or Static Mode, as well as information for whether to use Proxy Mode or Bridge Mode for licensing.

- **DATABASE DRIVER ENHANCEMENTS**

RPM now supports MySQL and MariaDB as database drivers.

- **ORCHESTRATION ENHANCEMENTS**

The enhancements made to RPM's Orchestration abilities are:

- Expanded installer file types supported on Linux.
- RPM now allows users to fetch the current SDPE state after a transition time-out failure.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where sensitive information was being disclosed on the RPM Target list. (DBE-2055)
- Fixed upgrade errors from RPM 3.4 to RPM 3.5. (DBE-2048, DBE-2051)
- Fixed an issue where authorizing an unavailable Target would incorrectly change its State to Available. (DBE-2038)
- Fixed an issue where RPM was unable to load properly with database records without File-System assets. (DBE-2031)
- Fixed an issue where using the "&" character in the name of Visual Workflow jobs could cause errors. (DBE-2029)
- Fixed an issue where syncing products from Activation after restarting RPM would be slow. (DBE-2021)
- Fixed an issue where offline activation requests would be created incorrectly. (DBE-2019)
- Fixed an issue where dragging and dropping Targets within the Target Manager would result in an error. (DBE-2018)
- Fixed an issue where the Activation button was broken for offline activations. (DBE-2012)
- Fixed an issue where Visual Workflow jobs would not update without being closed and reopened. (DBE-2010)
- Fixed an issue where the Maintenance Expiry column in the Product Key Manager would populate for non-feature level maintenance Product Keys. (DBE-2006)
- Fixed an issue where users were unable to add Linux Targets with Domain names. (DBE-1998)
- Fixed an issue where the Domain name of a Target would get incorrectly validated after the User Type was changed from AD/LDAP to Local or empty. (DBE-1997)

- Fixed an issue where Product Keys would get stuck during activation and not timeout. (DBE-1995)
- Fixed an issue where the Used Licenses count would exceed the Total Licenses count for XPression Product Keys. (DBE-1994)
- Fixed an issue where users were unable to create Static and Ross Platform Targets. (DBE-1985)
- Fixed an issue where retrieving OverDrive license data would result in an exception. (DBE-1976)
- Fixed an issue where sending a call with the value of productVersion empty in GetRawLicenseData.js would result in an exception. (DBE-1975)
- Fixed an issue where saving a Visual Workflow job containing a Take Snapshot Node would fail if the snapshot name already existed. (DBE-1955)
- Fixed an issue where Carbonite and SDPE Targets would lose their States when modified. (DBE-1925)

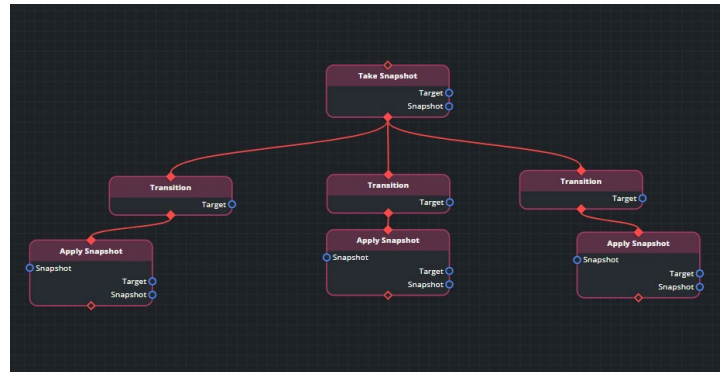
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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **VISUAL WORKFLOW ACTIONS TO TRANSITION AND CONFIGURE SWITCHERS**

Ross Platform Manager's Visual Workflow now supports the following:

- Ultrix Acuity, Ultrix Carbonite, and SDPE blades to:
 - Take WorkingSet configuration backup;
 - Apply WorkingSet configuration.
- SDPE blades transition:
 - from Carbonite Mode to Acuity Mode;
 - from Acuity Mode to Carbonite Mode.



VISUAL WORKFLOW TAKING WORKINGSET SNAPSHOT FROM ACUITY CONTROLLER, CONVERTING SDPEs TO CARBONITE MODE, AND APPLYING WORKINGSET SNAPSHOT

- **UNREACHABLE TARGETS**

RPM now allows users to add unreachable targets to support offline configuration of those targets.

- **LABEL TARGET USERNAMES BASED ON ACCOUNT TYPE**

RPM now allows users to label Target usernames based on their type (Local Account or ActiveDirectory/LDAP).

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where OverDrive and Caprica Product Keys were not updated when reactivated. (DBE-1804)
- Improved logs for switcher scenarios. (DBE-1843)
- Fixed an issue where there was an exception for Auth Log failure for Switcher Scenarios. (DBE-1849)
- Fixed an issue where users were unable to drag and drop keys into a folder in the Product Key Manager. (DBE-1868)

- Fixed an issue where Target types were changed to Windows automatically after a version upgrade. (DBE-1874)
- Fixed an issue where the Target Group text box disappeared when there was no target group set in the create Target Window after a version upgrade. (DBE-1875)
- Fixed an issue where modifying the Target group for cloud Targets was inconsistent. (DBE-1876)
- Fixed an issue where the Filter and Sort options in the Target Manager did not work. (DBE-1894)
- Fixed an issue where snapshots from a Carbonite were unable to be applied to a SDPE target in Carbonite mode. (DBE-1908)
- Fixed an issue where the Transition would fail after taking or applying a snapshot to a SDPE target in Acuity mode. (DBE-1909)
- Fixed an issue where working set files were not appearing for snapshot names with spaces in them. (DBE-1924)
- Fixed an issue where Carbonite and SDPE targets lost their state when modified. (DBE-1925)
- Fixed an issue where newly uploaded CustomPanels were not visible on a new RPM installation. (DBE-1934)
- Fixed an issue where Carbonite snapshots were not available to apply to SDPE targets in Carbonite mode. (DBE-1936)
- Fixed an issue where Carbonite snapshots were available to apply to SDPE targets in Acuity mode. (DBE-1937)
- Improved the functionality of the CustomPanel File Explorer. Now when a CustomPanel is deleted, the file explorer related to that CustomPanel is closed automatically. (DBE-1767)
- Improved the functionality of the Target Manager. Now users are able sort the columns. (DBE-1794)
- Improved state reporting for Windows targets. Now when a Windows target with a pre-configured ssh key is added on RPM, the correct state will be reported. (DBE-1939)

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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

• CUSTOMPANEL MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS

Several enhancements have been made to Ross Platform Manager's CustomPanel Manager.

○ NEW SUPPORTED CUSTOMPANEL COMPONENTS

Ross Platform Manager's CustomPanel Manager now supports CustomPanels with:

- **Tags:** Meta, lookup, API, style, and color.
- **Styling elements:** Foreground colour, background color, font, and font size, in addition to state-specific styling for toggle buttons and radio buttons.
- **ogScript functions:** Rename, set style, hide, reveal, and conditional.
- **Parameters:** Editable text box, label, read only textbox, and drop down menu.
- **CustomPanel layouts:** abs, tabs, and simplegrid containers.
- **UI components:** Toggle buttons, checkboxes, and radio buttons.
- Parameter scripting.

○ CUSTOMPANEL FILE VERSIONING

You can now upload and manage different versions of the same CustomPanel in RPM using the built in file versioning feature. This enables you to maintain multiple versions of a CustomPanel file and navigate between them as required.

To designate a CustomPanel file version as the primary version:

1. Select the file in the **CustomPanel Manager**.
2. Open the **CustomPanel File Explorer**.
3. Click on the **Published** check box so that it is checked.



File Version Number	Published	Uploaded By	Published By	Upload Time
1		Administrator		2023-06-15 at 2:53:36 PM
2		Administrator		2023-06-15 at 2:56:56 PM
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Administrator	Administrator	2023-06-15 at 3:07:22 PM
4		Administrator		2023-06-15 at 3:07:31 PM

CUSTOMPANEL FILE EXPLORER

○ DOUBLE CLICK TO OPEN CUSTOMPANEL

You can now double click on a CustomPanel file in the CustomPanel Manager to open it in a new window.

• SWITCHER ORCHESTRATION ENHANCEMENTS

- Ross Platform Manager now supports adding SDPE Blade targets to the Target Manager. You can transition an SDPE Blade target between Ultrix Carbonite and Ultrix Acuity state.
- Working sets of SDPE Blade targets can be saved in RPM.
- RPM now supports saving working sets of Acuity and Carbonite targets.
- The following software versions are supported for Working Set functionality and SDPE Blade Transitioning support:
 - Acuity - 12.1a and later
 - Carbonite - 7.1.3.10812 and later

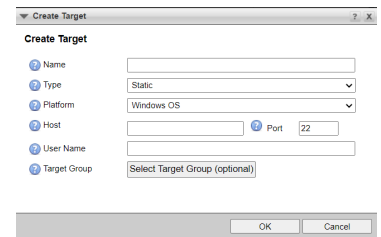
• TARGET MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS

○ IMPROVED AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR WINDOWS TARGETS

You will no longer be required to re-install OpenSSH to reauthenticate Windows targets that have OpenSSH pre-installed from RPM. Ross Platform Manager now enables users to re-authenticate a Windows Target directly from the RPM interface.

○ TARGET GROUPING

You can now create Target groups in the **Target Manager**. When you create a new target, you can choose to assign it to a group.



CREATE TARGET WINDOW

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue impacting RPM users on an iPad using FireFox browser, where moving from split view to full view mode causes the interface to stay minimized. (DBE-1581)
- Fixed an issue where RPM did not render CustomPanel components with HTML correctly. (DBE-1596)
- Fixed an issue where CustomPanel file names did not display as expected on FireFox tabs. (DBE-1698)
- Fixed an issue where Ross Platform targets with snapshots could not be deleted from the Target Manager. (DBE-1699)

- Fixed an issue where targets could not have a username with spaces in it. (DBE-1745)
- Fixed an issue where running an activation call from the OverDrive Project Server to RPM unchecked “purchased” for Feature ID (71) Project Server in RPM. (DBE-1760)
- Fixed an issue affecting Linux and Acuity targets where they could not be authorized using password-based authentication. (DBE-1773)
- Addressed licensing issues that occurred when RPM and OverDrive were installed on the same machine. (DBE-1853)
- Fixed an issue where features displayed incorrectly in offline mode. (DBE-1862)
- Addressed issues with activating a Project Server license. (DBE-1853)
- Fixed an issue where XPression was not able to pull licenses from RPM. (DBE-1702)

UPGRADE CONSIDERATIONS

- Any CustomPanel files that were uploaded to the CustomPanel Manager in RPM 3.2 will become unavailable upon an upgrade to RPM 3.3. CustomPanel files that you wish to use in RPM 3.3 will need to be reuploaded to the CustomPanel Manager.

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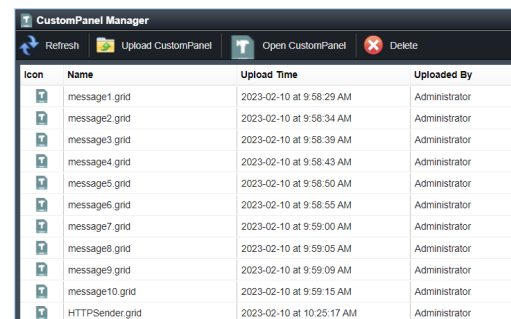
- **CUSTOMPANEL MANAGER (BETA)**

Ross Platform Manager v3.2 provides a new tool that allows users to upload and store DashBoard CustomPanel files. RPM will render the CustomPanel for HTML, allowing you to open a CustomPanel in a browser window.

The CustomPanel Manager is only available to users with a license for this feature.

- **UPLOAD A CUSTOM PANEL**

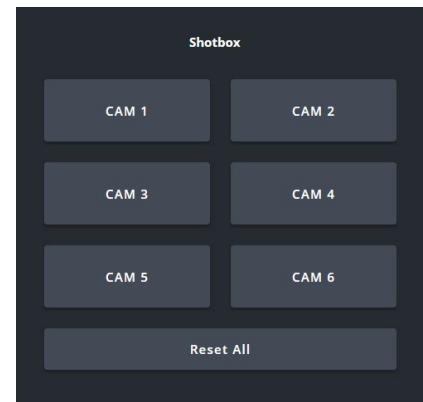
CustomPanel files can be uploaded and stored in the CustomPanel Manager. To open a CustomPanel, select one so that it is highlighted in yellow and click **Open CustomPanel**.



Icon	Name	Upload Time	Uploaded By
	message1.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:29 AM	Administrator
	message2.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:34 AM	Administrator
	message3.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:39 AM	Administrator
	message4.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:43 AM	Administrator
	message5.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:50 AM	Administrator
	message6.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:58:55 AM	Administrator
	message7.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:59:00 AM	Administrator
	message8.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:59:05 AM	Administrator
	message9.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:59:09 AM	Administrator
	message10.grid	2023-02-10 at 9:59:15 AM	Administrator
	HTTPSender.grid	2023-02-10 at 10:25:17 AM	Administrator

- **OPEN A CUSTOM PANEL**

You can open a CustomPanel from RPM in a browser. Currently, CustomPanels in RPM will only display buttons and labels. RPM currently supports sending TCP, HTTP, UDP, and RossTalk commands, as well as debug messages using CustomPanels in browser.



Ross Platform Manager does not currently support the following CustomPanel tags:

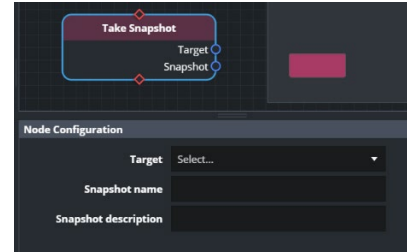
- param
- img
- ndi
- xml string

- **VISUAL WORKFLOW ENHANCEMENTS**

Learn about all of the new Visual Workflow enhancements below.

- **SNAPSHOT ORCHESTRATION**

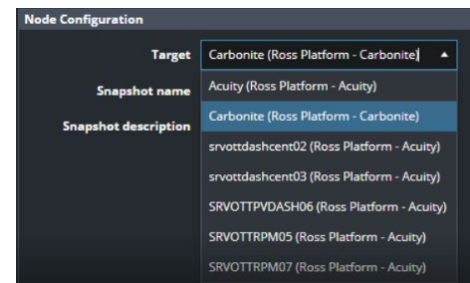
You can now use the Visual Workflow canvas to orchestrate a configuration snapshot of a target using the Take Snapshot node. You can then apply that snapshot to a target using the Apply Snapshot node.



TAKE SNAPSHOT NODE

- **SEARCHABLE DROP DOWN MENU FOR TARGETS**

When selecting a Target in Node Configuration in the Visual Workflow canvas, you can type in a keyword or number to search for associated Targets in a drop down menu.



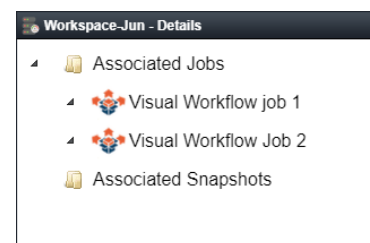
SEARCHABLE DROP DOWN MENU FOR TARGETS

- **TEN MINUTE MINIMUM INTERVAL FOR RECURRING JOB**

The minimum interval for a recurring Visual Workflow job is now ten minutes. A ten minute interval ensures that RPM does not overly burden a remote machine and/or increase network traffic.

- **IMPROVED TARGET ATTRIBUTE VIEW**

Double clicking on a Target in the Target Manager window will now display associated Visual Workflows.



TARGET ATTRIBUTE VIEW

- **AUTOMATIC RETRIEVAL OF EC2 INSTANCE IP**

RPM will now automatically retrieve the private IP address of an EC2 instance when it is added as a Cloud Target.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Made improvements to XPression software start and restart process. (DBE-1515)
- Fixed an issue where incorrect permissions were returned for devices with node-ids that are substrings of another node-id. (DBE-1518)
- Addressed issues with Target filters in the Create Deployment window. (DBE-1523)
- Fixed an issue with license keys where some features would still function after they had expired. (DBE-1477)
- Fixed an issue where the Target Name field in the Apply Snapshot configuration dialog box was only partially visible. (DBE-1410)

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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **EXPANDED PORT CONFIGURATION FOR TARGETS**

Targets can now be configured with non-default ports. Target ports can be specified in the **Target Manager**.

- **CLOUD TARGET: INSTANCE STATE AND STATE REASON COLUMN**

A new column added to the **Target Manager** displays the **Instance State** of Cloud targets. If the EC2 target is online and reachable, the **Instance State** column will display as **Running**.

State	Instance state	State Reason
Stopped	Stopped	
Stopped	Running	

- **ABILITY TO DELETE SNAPSHOTS**

Snapshots can now be deleted from the Snapshot Manager after they are taken.

- **ENHANCEMENTS TO VISUAL WORKFLOW CANVAS**

See below for enhancements to the Visual Workflow canvas.

- **SEARCHABLE DROP-DOWN MENU FOR TARGETS**

You can now search through available cloud targets when adding a target-operation node, such as a **Start Instance** node.

- **PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR AWS INSTANCE MANAGEMENT**

NOTE: If RPM is being upgraded from an older version where the AWS management feature was used, boto and boto3 dependencies are not required and can be removed if installed.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where deployment attempts fail when RPM is configured with MySQL. (DBE-1291)
- Fixed an issue where product key details fail to update when the activation server is offline. (DBE-1444)
- Fixed an issue where enabling the sync on startup setting for an active XPression key incorrectly marks some features as active. (DBE-1457)
- Fixed an issue where the snapshot manager did not correctly display all snapshot records. (DBE-1470)

- Fixed an issue where applying a snapshot for an XPression deployment fails when a component directory is deleted. (DBE-1485)

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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **SUPPORT FOR NEW TARGET TYPES**

Ross Platform Manager now supports Ross Platform and Cloud target types.

- **ROSS PLATFORM TARGET** — Ross Video Carbonite and Acuity switchers can now be added as targets in the Target Manager. This functionality is currently Beta only, and can be enabled using a system setup. The documentation for the settings will be made available on request.
- **CLOUD TARGET** — Amazon Web Services servers can now be added as targets in the Target Manager.

- **FOLDER BASED USER PERMISSIONS**

New folder-based user permissions enable Ross Platform Manager administrators to configure specific target permissions for different user roles. These permissions can be configured from within the **Target Manager**. The three permission categories are **View**, **Execute**, and **Manage**. See below for a table displaying the capabilities of each permission category.


Permission Name	Permission Capabilities				
	View Target	Update State (Cloud Target)	Add, Delete, or Modify (Cloud and Static Targets)	Execute (Start and Stop Cloud Targets)	Authorize (Static Targets)
View	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Manage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Execute	No	No	No	Yes	No


NOTE:

The permission framework works on the principle of Least-Privilege. The lowest level of permission granted to the user will be the permission level of the user.

- **PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS TO SNAPSHOT PROCESS**

Previously, snapshots could only be taken of XPression targets. A snapshot can now be taken of any target from within **Ross Platform Manager**.

- **SNAPSHOT MANAGER** — All snapshots are now contained in the **Snapshot Manager**. To navigate to the **Snapshot Manager**, select  **Browse Configuration Snapshots** from the top menu of Ross Platform Manager.
- **SNAPSHOT FILES** — You can view all files associated with a snapshot in the **Snapshot Viewer**. To navigate to the **Snapshot Viewer**, right click on a selected snapshot in the **Snapshot Manager**, and select **View Snapshot Files**.
- **SNAPSHOT HISTORY**— You can view a log of all previous snapshot applications associated with a particular snapshot, including what times snapshots were applied, and by which users. To view **Snapshot History**, right click on a selected snapshot in the **Snapshot Manager**, and select **View Snapshot History**.
- **VISUAL WORKFLOW MANAGER**

Ross Platform Manager v2.1 provides a new tool that allows users to visually map out and orchestrate workflows that start and stop running Cloud targets. It can be used to map out sequential flows, and schedule flows to start and stop running at particular times. To access the **Visual Workflow Manager**, navigate to the top menu of **Ross Platform Manager**, and under tools select  **Visual Workflow Manager**.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where Caprica product keys did not deactivate once expired, or reactivate once renewed. (DBE-1349 and DBE-1350)
- Fixed an issue where a newly created target or deployment was automatically added to the local virtual directory, irrespective of the virtual directory level selected by the user. (DBE-1315)
- Fixed an issue where the purchased feature is not updated when the OverDrive or Caprica license is modified in the Web Activation server. (DBE-1336)
- Fixed an issue where a deactivated OverDrive key still presents as active on the Ross Platform Manager interface (DBE-1335)
- Fixed an issue where the XPression product name appeared in Ross Platform Manager's log to represent a newly activated product key - regardless of which product key was activated. (DBE-1326)
- Fixed an issue where a vague "status: error" message appeared when an incorrect product key was entered into the application. The message now specifies that an invalid product key was entered. (DBE-726)
- Fixed security vulnerabilities CVE-2022-21449, CVE-2022-25647, and CVE-2022-34169.

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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **SOFTGEAR ORCHESTRATION CAPABILITY**

SoftGear products can now be uploaded to the release manager, and deployed to remote machines.

NOTE:

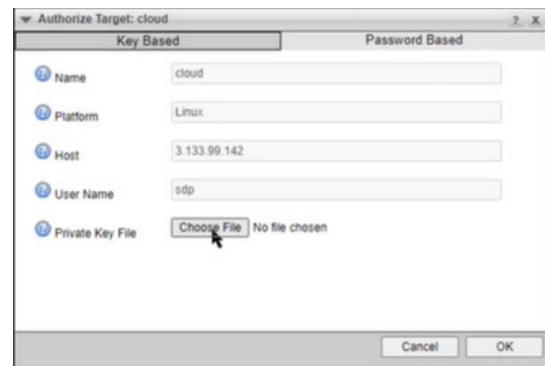
SoftGear deployments can only be made to Linux targets, and XPression deployments can only be made to Windows targets.

- **KEY-BASED TARGET AUTHORIZATION**

The target manager now supports key-based authorization for Linux targets. The SSH keys are encrypted at rest.

NOTE:

Once key-based authorization is used, you will no longer be able to revert back to password-based authorization.



- **DISABLED ACTIVATION FOR XPRESSION AFTER EXPIRY TIME**

When an XPression product has an expiry time set on the Activation server, the product will not be activated after the expiry time has passed.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where two targets could not be created with the same host name. (DBE-1243)
- Fixed an issue where XPression keys were not activated in offline mode. (DBE-1261)
- Fixed an issue where Caprica was constricted to use Horizon licensing. (DBE-1258)
- Fixed an issue where the Take-Snapshot box did not align when RPM was used in Firefox. (DBE-795)
- Fixed an issue where XPression products could not be activated in offline mode. (DBE-1261)
- Fixed an issue that occurred when requesting a deactivation for an OverDrive key while in offline mode. (DBE-1235)
- Fixed an issue where running state was not reflected for all SSG containers. (DBE-1262)

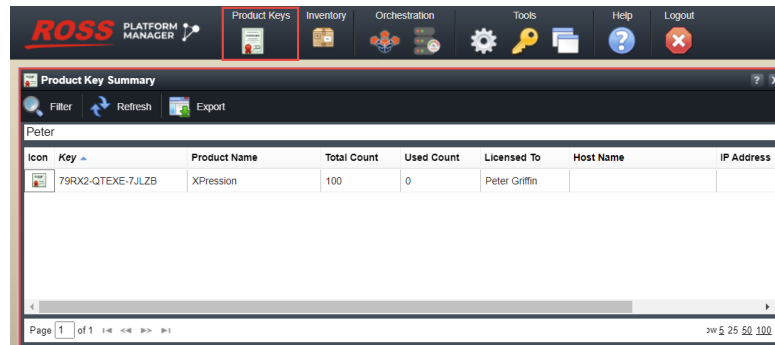
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WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- IMPROVED NEW PRODUCT KEY SUMMARY PANEL**

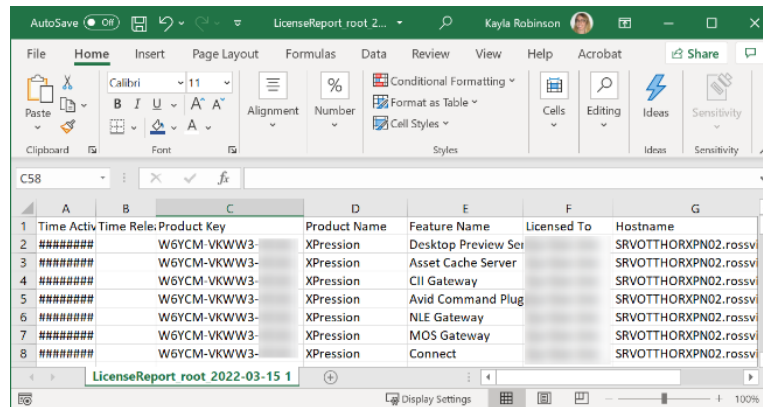
You can use this panel to filter for product keys or export a license usage report. The report includes a history of product key activation and release times, licensed users, and network details. It can be found under **Product Keys** > **Product Key Summary**.

- PRODUCT KEY SEARCHABILITY** — To search for a product key, click **Filter** and enter the product key, product name, feature, or the assigned user for the product key(s) that you wish to view.



NEW PRODUCT KEY SUMMARY PANEL

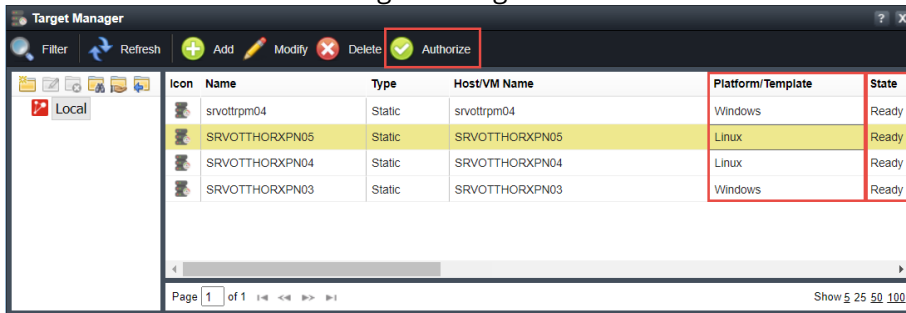
- GENERATE A LICENSE USAGE REPORT** —To generate a license report, select the product key, and click **Export**. The .csv file will appear in your **Downloads** folder.



EXPORTED LICENSE REPORT (.CSV File)

- TARGET MANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

Learn about all of the new Target Manager enhancements below.



TARGET MANAGER

To view the Target Manager, go to **Orchestration > Browse Targets**.

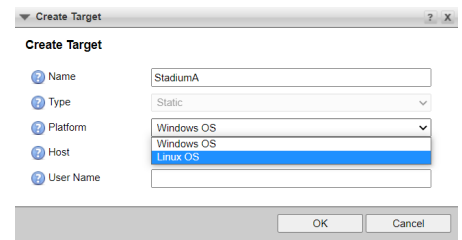
- SUPPORTS ORCHESTRATION FOR AMAZON WEB SERVICES (AWS) TARGETS**

Orchestration is now available for AWS targets. This includes enhancements to support AWS domain names.



- SUPPORT FOR LINUX OS TARGETS**

You can now add Linux OS targets.

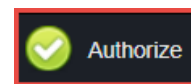


CREATE TARGET DIALOG

In the Target Manager, click to add a Linux target.

- AUTHORIZE OS LINUX TARGETS**

RPM can authorize Linux OS targets using password-based authentication over SSH.



AUTHORIZE BUTTON

In the Target Manager select a Linux target, and click **Authorize**. Once it is authorized, the **State** column will change to "Ready".

- **NEW COLUMNS**

The Target Manager now displays the target's **Platform** and **State**. The **State** indicates if it is "Ready" or "Not ready" for use in orchestration.

NOTE:

Windows targets may not support all states.

- **SSH UPGRADES**

RPM now supports file transfer over SFTP for windows targets.

Platform/Template	State
Windows	Ready
Linux	Ready
Linux	Ready
Windows	Ready

PLATFORM/TEMPLATE & STATE COLUMNS

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue with saving a snapshot, where the pop-up appeared blank when the same snapshot name already existed. (DBE-1025)
- Fixed an issue where the running product version was not updated correctly. (DBE-1039)
- Fixed a deployment editing error, where an exception was thrown. (DBE-1067)
- Fixed a Target Manager issue, where the **Authorize** button was not cleared when a target was deleted. (DBE-1149)

VERSION 1.6.0 – DECEMBER 2021

WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL SUPPORT FOR DASHBOARD**

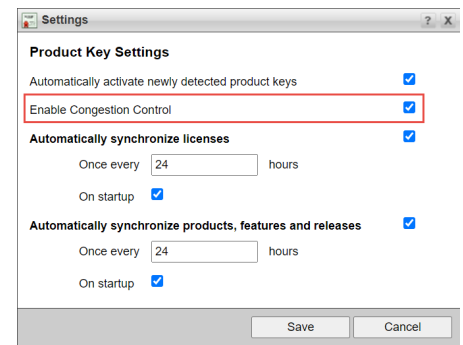
Ross Platform Manager v1.6 provides Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) features to support future releases of DashBoard v9.3 and later. The DashBoard facility control management system is a free open-source platform provided by Ross Video, and when used in conjunction with the RPM Server, it can be used to apply different levels of device access based on a user's role.

- **SUPPORT FOR HTTPS PROTOCOL**

Support for the HTTPS protocol is available for all supported Ross product lines (XPression 10.5+, OverDrive 18.2+, DashBoard 9.2.2+).

- **REDUCE CONGESTION DURING ACTIVATION**

The Product Key dialog now includes an “**Enable Congestion Control**” option. Select the checkbox to avoid congestion when activating a large number of product keys.



ENABLE CONGESTION CONTROL FEATURE

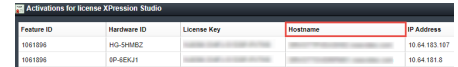
This feature can be found under

 **Product Key Manager** >  **Settings**

- **PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS TO PRODUCT KEY ACTIVATION PROCESS**

The RPM product key activation process now includes increased heartbeat duration and more.

- **NEW HOSTNAME COLUMN FOR ACTIVATED LICENSES**
When you double-click to open an activated product license, the dialog now displays the hostname.



Feature ID	Hardware ID	License Key	Hostname	IP Address
1081096	HG-SHMBZ			10.64.153.107
1081096	0P-6EKJ1			10.64.151.8

NEW HOSTNAME COLUMN

NOTE

If the product does not provide a hostname, RPM attempts to resolve the hostname from the IP address.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed security issues for Log4j vulnerability, where any potential issues were mitigated. (DBE-1028)
- Fixed issues with the offline licensing workflow for XPression. (DBE-1005)
- Fixed an issue where RPM did not display special characters correctly. (DBE-956)
- Fixed an issue, where XPression orchestration needed to be sanitized for Windows arguments. (DBE-926)
- Fixed an issue with licensing, where activation performance was impacted when a large number of activations were performed. (DBE-917)
- Fixed an issue with RPM snapshots, where new deployment snapshots did not show the deployment name spacing correctly. (DBE-869)
- Fixed an issue with RPM permissions for XPression, where users with read-only permission could perform read-write actions, such as "Take" actions. (DBE-864)

VERSION 1.5.0 – OCTOBER 2021

WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **UI ENHANCEMENTS**

The new Ross Platform Manager (RPM) logo easily identifies RPM with a modern logo and a nod to the past.

RPM LOGO



The RPM icon makes it easy to locate the RPM server or directory.

RPM SERVER LOGO



- **SUPPORT FOR OVERDRIVE WORKFLOWS**

OverDrive activation workflows are now supported.

NOTE

Upgrade procedures are now available for Ross products that are still using Horizon 2.0 for license orchestration and want to upgrade to the latest version of RPM. It is recommended to upgrade to RPM 2.0. For more details, see **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**.

- **ENHANCEMENT TO ACTIVATION AND LICENSING WORKFLOWS**

Enhancements include improved security for device communication, updates to ensure a consistent workflow for Ross products, and more.

NOTE

For Ross licensing workflows that use the RPM activation endpoints, developers must refer to the RPM API documentation to get the latest changes to those endpoints.

- **NEW “LICENSING GRACE PERIOD” FEATURE**

There is a new **Licensing Grace Period** feature that you can activate to extend the default 2 day grace period for applications when the connection is lost between RPM and the Activation Server. The default is 48 hours, unless a greater value is indicated in the activated license key (provided by the Activation Server).

Name	Status	Description
Ross Platform Manager	Activated	The number of Ross Platform Manager server nodes licensed to the customer.
Concurrent Users	Activated	The number of concurrent users permitted in the system at any given time.
LDAP Authentication	Activated	Support for LDAP and ActiveDirectory user authentication and integration.
Custom Metadata	Not Purchased	Support for user defined metadata and columns.
Reports	Not Purchased	Support for reports.
Licensing Grace Period	Purchased	The default grace period, in hours, extended to applications when connection is lost.

New Licensing Grace Period feature

The feature key can be added under

 **Configuration** >  **System** >

Licensing tab.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed a potential security vulnerability issue, where changing the RPM system time could be exploited to impact the license expiry time frame. (DBE-587)

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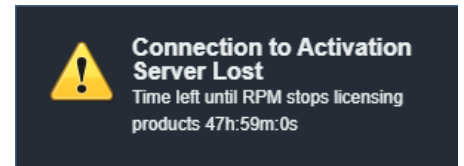
WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- **SUPPORT FOR XPRESSION OFFLINE WORKFLOW**

XPression v10.5 offline activation workflows are now supported.

- **ENHANCEMENTS TO LICENSE EXPIRY ALERTS**

A warning message now appears when the connection to the Activation server is lost. RPM provides a default grace period of 2 days to allow the administrator to regain a connection to the activation server and update the licenses.

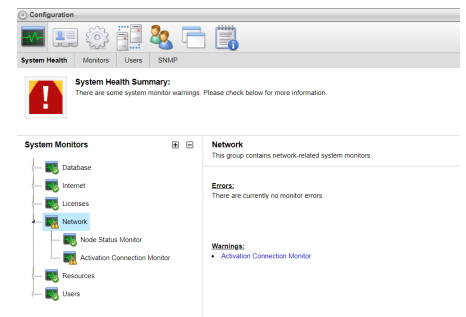


Warning Message

This alert displays how much time is left until RPM stops licensing the products.

- **SYSTEM HEALTH MONITOR ENHANCEMENTS**

You can now use the RPM System Health monitor's **Activation Connection Monitor** to provide notification of the server status to the SNMP monitoring tool of your choosing. It is only visible in licensed versions of RPM.



Activation Connection Monitor

This displays the status in the **Configuration** dialog under **System Health**.

- **NEW SUPPORTED VALUES FOR LICENSES**

XPression and OverDrive licenses now include columns for **Maintenance Expiry** and **Number** values.



Feature ID	Feature Name	Description	Number	Maintenance Expiry
1	Non-Commercial Demo Dongle	Flags the dongle as a non-commercial dongle. Does not add any features.		
2	XPression Studio	XPression Studio (7day)		2023-03-18 20:00:00

New License Columns

This example displays the new columns in the License dialog.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed a product key manager issue where the product key was not fully removed. (DBE-258).
- Fixed a virtual directory issue where the drag and drop function did not function. (DBE-259)
- Fixed a product key issue where the XPression licenses accounted for were not always accurate. (DBE-261)
- Fixed a product key manager issue where the XPression version was not displayed correctly after the product key was added. (DBE-269)
- Fixed an API endpoint issue where it displayed a success incorrectly. (DBE-270)
- Fixed a directory issue where a permission denied message displayed when the product key was moved to the directory. (DBE-279)
- Fixed an error message issue where the newly added product triggered an error message in the log. (DBE-280)
- Fixed a license issue for the activation API where an error displayed in the log. (DBE-347)
- Fixed an issue with the XPression product key where it did not appear in the GUI following a custom release import. (DBE-366)
- Fixed an issue where the used license count was unable to sync with the activation server. (DBE-367)
- Fixed an issue with the OverDrive product key where the refresh button temporarily appeared. (DBE-393)
- Fixed an XPression licensing issue where RPM required a manual refresh to clear the product version field when adding a key. (DBE-394)
- Fixed a product key issue where the initial endpoint call had an empty response. (DBE-449)

UPGRADE CONSIDERATIONS

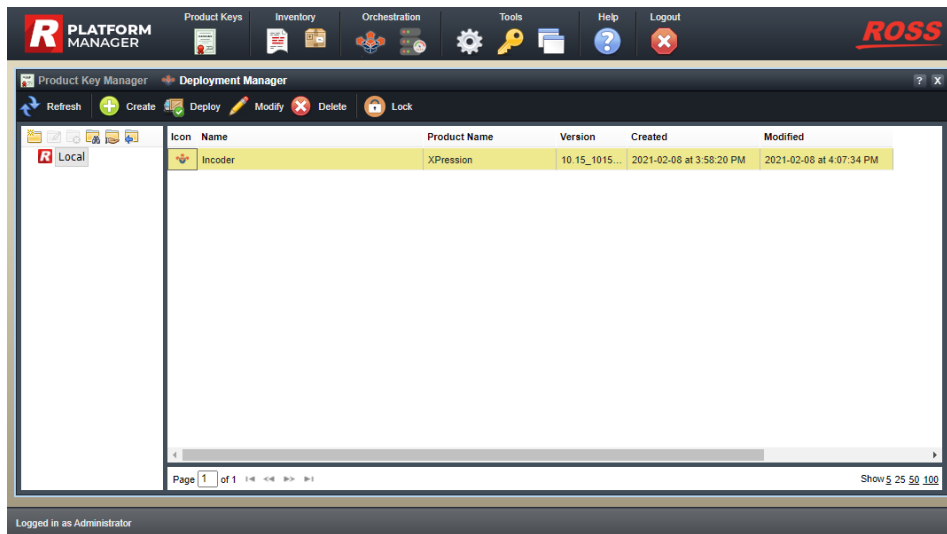
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 - **Database:** PostgreSQL 11
 - **Hardware:** VM or customer supplied machine
 - **System resource requirements:**
 - CPU - 4 cores, 2 GHz
 - RAM - minimum of 8 GB RAM, 16 GB recommended
 - Hard drive - minimum of 64 GB free
 - LAN - minimum of 100 Mb/s

- **Additional limitations include:**
 - Redundant mode is not supported
 - Clustered mode is not supported
 - The application and database must be installed on the same machine
 - **Supported Ross Products and Software versions include:**
 - XPression v10.5
- Note:** For other considerations see the **System Requirements** Section.
- As of v1.0, the Ross Platform Manager does not uninstall the deployed product.

VERSION 1.0.0 – FEBRUARY 2021

WHAT'S NEW IN RPM

- ROSS PLATFORM MANAGER OFFERS LATEST HORIZON ORCHESTRATION FEATURES**
 The Ross Platform Manager combines the licensing and activation features from Horizon v3.0 with improved orchestration from the new UI. Now merged under the name “Ross Platform Manager”, you can look forward to using RPM with a growing number of Ross products.



- SUPPORT FOR XPRESSION V10.5**
 Provides support for XPression v10.5.

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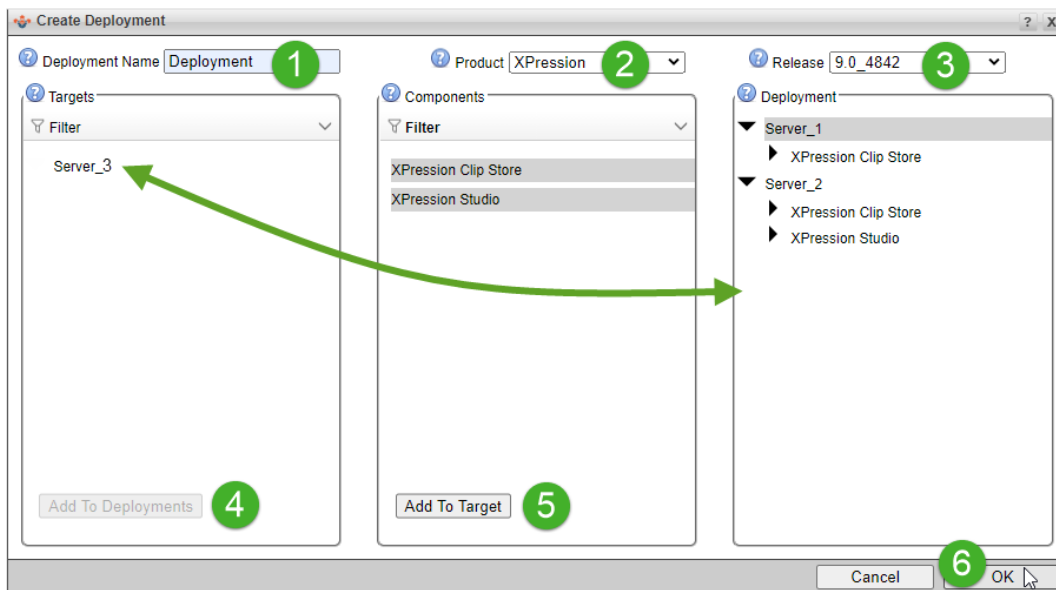
HORIZON VERSION HISTORY

VERSION 3.0.1 – OCTOBER 2020

WHAT'S NEW IN HORIZON

- SUPPORT FOR XPRESSION COMPONENTS**

Install and upgrade the XPression components required for your workflow.

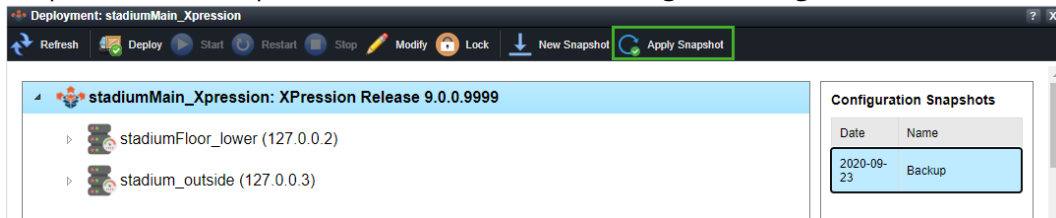


XPression Deployment Workflow Diagram

This workflow illustrates how to add an XPression deployment. Targets and Components can be selected and added in sequential order using the “Add to Deployment” or “Add to Target” buttons, or by dragging and dropping into place. XPression deployments now include components, such as XPression Clip Store and Studio shown above.

- SAVE XPRESSION CONFIGURATIONS FOR REUSE**

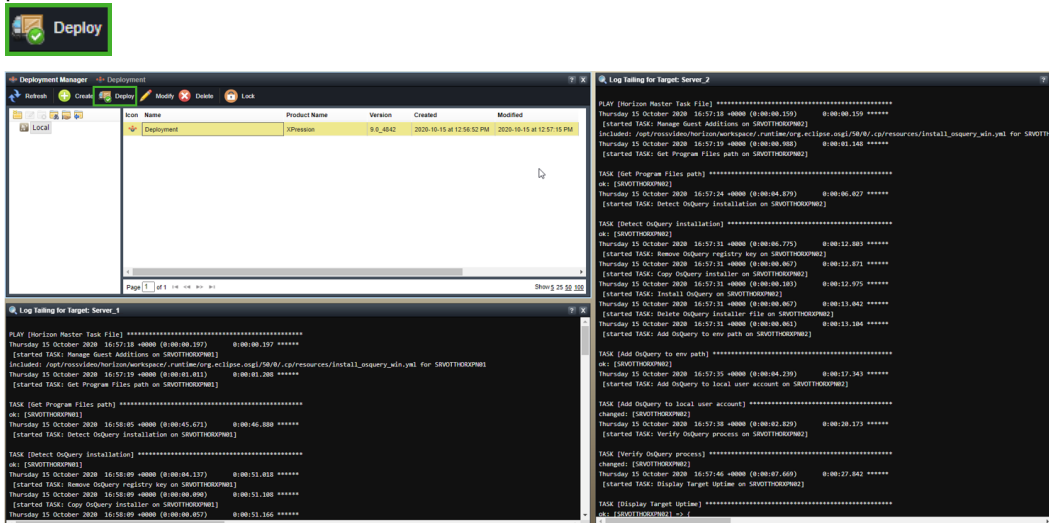
Snapshot XPression preferences and hardware settings to use again later or elsewhere.



Applying an XPression Snapshot

This screenshot shows where to select the configuration snapshot to apply it to one or multiple deployments.

- LOAD PRECONFIGURED SETTINGS TO MULTIPLE XPRESSION DEPLOYMENTS**
 Push preconfigured settings to newly installed or upgraded XPression components. A single operator can upgrade a fleet of 30 XPression turnkey systems for a stadium production, or swiftly repurpose a single instance to run a show with different I/O and hardware preferences.



Deploying XPression on Multiple Servers

This screenshot shows the single deployment highlighted in yellow being deployed across multiple servers when an operator clicks **Deploy**. The log dialogs show the targets being deployed for Server 1 and Server 2.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where a list of the same components provided to different targets was preventing deployment creation. (HZN-1772)

UPGRADE CONSIDERATIONS

- As of v3.0, Horizon does not uninstall the deployed product.
- As of v3.0, Horizon orchestration only supports Linux operating systems. If you are not using the new orchestration features, you can install on Windows or Linux operating systems.
- It is recommended that you use PostgreSQL as your database.

VERSION 2.0.6 – JUNE 2020

WHAT'S NEW IN HORIZON

- **DEPLOY TO TARGETS OR ASSIGNED COMPONENTS**
Create deployment with selected targets and assigned components.
- **EDIT TARGETS AND DEPLOYMENTS**
Browse and modify targets and deployments.
- **SUPPORT FOR BASIC XPRESSION DEPLOYMENT**
Ability to create simple deployment for XPression.
- **CREATE XPRESSION SNAPSHOTS**
Create and view XPression snapshots.

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where Horizon did not return the correct response code expected by Overdrive.
- Fixed an issue where a timeout occurred during database transaction on Postgres.
- Fixed an issue where alert messages for the Create Deployment dialog were not consistent.
- Fixed an issue where the Virtual Directory Association did not work with deployments and targets.
- Fixed an issue where the user was unable to select row for target types.
- Fixed an issue where the new product version did not display version options in the Reactivate dialog.
- Fixed an issue where the Backport Offline Licensing was not working correctly.
- Fixed an issue where users could add an invalid Product Key.
- Fixed an issue where the Backspace / Delete key was not working for Product Key Setting - Sync hours setting.
- Fixed an issue where the keyboard shortcut to add a button (Ctrl + N) was not working for Horizon.
- Fixed a typo in the product and platform instance manager views that prevented initial row focus.
- Fixed an issue with SQL Exceptions that occurred when uninstalling a product instance.

VERSION 2.0.5 – MARCH 2020

BUGS ADDRESSED

- Fixed an issue where the settings of synchronization with activation was not persisted.
- Fixed an issue where an exception was thrown when updating OGP metadata that defined `STRING_ARRAY`.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

OPERATING SYSTEM

- Refer to the chart below to ensure you meet the OS requirements for the features you wish to support:

Supported RPM Feature Set	Base OS for Installation	
	Linux	Windows
Orchestration	CentOS 7	N/A
No Orchestration	CentOS 7	10, 2016, 2019, 2012

Note: Horizon orchestration only supports Linux CentOS 7 operating systems.

RECOMMENDED DATABASE

- It is recommended that you use PostgreSQL 11 as your database.

HAREWARE REQUIREMENTS

- VM or customer supplied machine

SYSTEM RESOURCES

- CPU - minimum 4 cores, 2 GHz
- RAM - 8 GB RAM minimum, 16 GB recommended
- Hard Drive - minimum 64 GB free
- LAN - minimum 100 MBit/s

LIMITATIONS

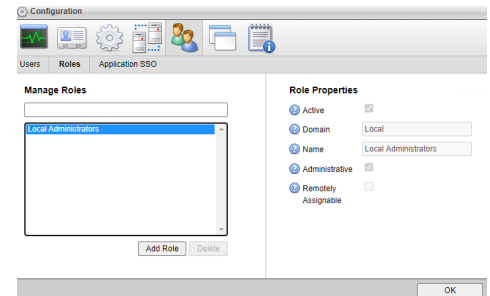
- Redundant mode is not supported.
- Clustered mode is not supported.
- The application and database must be installed on the same machine.

SUPPORTED ROSS PRODUCTS AND SOFTWARE VERSIONS

- XPression v10.5 and later
- OverDrive

PERMISSIONS

- You must have an administrator level role configured and assign the Local Administrator role.



Local Administrator Role

The **Configuration > Roles** dialog is shown with the required permissions.

KNOWN ISSUES

XPRESSION

- The XPression controller process does not start, stop, or restart.

SNAPSHOTS

- Applying snapshot tasks currently saves the configuration file in the parent directory and then copies the files over the respective nested source directories.

CHANGING A TARGET'S OPERATING SYSTEM

- If a target is deleted and then added later with a different operating system selection than the original target, the Ross Platform Manager (RPM) may not provide an accurate state for the target in the Target Manager. This is because RPM may reach out to establish a connection with the original authorized platform, and indicate erroneously that the new target is "Ready" for deployment. The recommended workaround is to delete the target, and add it with the original authorized platform. (DBE-1158)

CONNECTING TO WINDOWS TARGETS

- Ross Platform Manager can not connect to a Windows Target that is not using the default SSH port. (DBE-2139)

GETTING HELP

- Horizon's Online Help system opens in your default web browser.
- Our 24-hour hotline service provides access to technical expertise around the clock. After-sales service and technical support is provided directly by Ross Video personnel.
- During business hours (Eastern Standard Time), technical support personnel are available by telephone.
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