



RBFS Installation and Licensing

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1. RBFS Installation Overview

RBFS software images are available in the RtBrick Image Store, allowing users to download and install the images for specific roles on supported hardware platforms. All the latest versions of RBFS software images are available in the RtBrick image store. For a complete list of the supported hardware platforms, see [Supported Platforms](#) section of the Platform Guide.



Access to Image Store and Debian package repositories on <https://releases.rtbrick.com/> is restricted through the use of TLS mutual authentication with TLS client certificates.

It is essential to familiarize with the components listed below before beginning the [RBFS Image Download](#) process.

- **RtBrick Image Store:** RBFS software images are stored in the RtBrick Image Store and can be downloaded after meeting licensing requirements.

Image stores containing the RBFS ONL installer images are published on <https://releases.rtbrick.com/> and updated when new image versions are available.

The `rtb-image` command (CLI tool) provided by the `rtbrick-imgstore` package is used to interact with "image stores".

- **RBFS ONL Image:** The RBFS software (NOS) available on the RtBrick Image Store is provided as the RBFS ONL installer image for installation on qualified OCP-compliant switches.
- **RtBrick Tools:** In addition to RBFS software, other RtBrick software tools are delivered in Debian package format compatible with Ubuntu. Currently, the only supported Ubuntu release is 22.04 LTS (Jammy). The software delivered as Debian packages includes a set of CLI tools and/or daemons designed to facilitate working with RBFS containers and the RBFS API. Debian package repositories containing these packages are available at <https://releases.rtbrick.com/> and are updated whenever a new version becomes available.
- **ONIE:** The Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) comes pre-installed on OCP-compliant switches. The ONIE environment is used for installing the RBFS ONL installer image. It provides an environment for installing the RBFS software to run on those switches. For more details about ONIE, please see

<https://opencomputeproject.github.io/onie/>.

Understanding RBFS Release Versioning

An RBFS release can be defined as a set of software packages (currently, in the Debian package format). However, it is delivered as an image, either a container (LXC/LXD) image or as a complete ONL installation image. The ONL installation image may or may not contain a container image pre-installed in it. An image can be defined as the archived root file system of a Linux OS installation with the needed software packages pre-installed and with a default configuration. In the current context, the terms 'RBFS release' and 'image' are used interchangeably.

RBFS uses the following versioning format:

`<year>.<release>.<minor>[.<fix>][-<label>`

Examples:

24.3.1

24.3.1.1

24.3.1-candidate.6

In the version example 24.3.1, the first number, "24," represents the year 2024. The second number, "3," indicates the release version, where "1" corresponds to the first release of the year, and this number will be incremented with each subsequent release. The third number, "1," denotes the minor release, which will also be incremented with each future minor release.

RtBrick also uses a four-number versioning format, represented as 24.3.1.1. In this format, the fourth number indicates the bug-fix release. Bug-fix releases are delivered only when necessary and are based on an existing RBFS release, such as 24.3.1. The bug-fix release numbers will also be incremented with each subsequent minor release.

Candidate releases will use a label such as "candidate.6", which will be incremented with each subsequent candidate release.

Understanding the RBFS Image Formats

RtBrick images delivered through the RtBrick Image Store and the [rtb-image](#) utility

have the following attributes:

- **format**: This is the file format in which the image is packaged and archived. The available format is **onl-installer**.
- **role**: The role inside a network of the device which will be running the image. For example, **consolidated-bng** signifies the full BNG functionality on a single image.
- **platform**: Identifies the hardware platform in which the image can run. For example, **q2a** signifies the switch ASIC Broadcom Qumran-2A.
- **model**: Identifies the hardware model. For example, **s9510-28dc** signifies the hardware model UfiSpace S9510-28DC.
- **ver-range**: Identifies the image version. For example, 24.8.1 signifies the RBFS release 24.8.1.

RtBrick images intended to be installed on supported hardware devices contain **format**, **platform**, and **model** set accordingly to the specific switching hardware.



You can see this using **sudo rtb-image list** command and look for the **Format** column.

Installation Modes

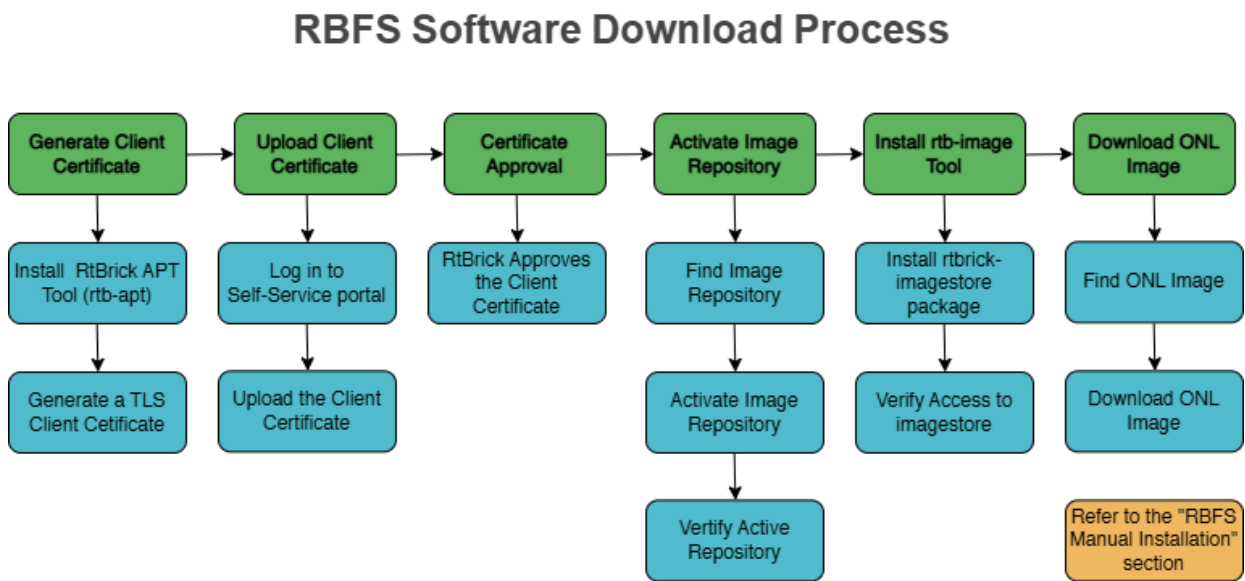
After downloading the RBFS software image, you can install it in any of the following modes:

1. **RBFS Manual Installation**: In this mode, you install RBFS ONL installer on a new switch without manually using the ONIE install environment. For detailed step-by-step instructions on the manual installation process, see section **RBFS Manual Installation**.
2. **RBFS Automated Installation**: In this mode, you install RBFS on a new switch by using Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP). For detailed step-by-step instructions on the automated installation process, see section **RBFS Automated Installation (Zero Touch Provisioning)**.

2. RBFS Image Download

The RtBrick image download functionality enables authenticated users to download and install the RtBrick software (packages or images). Access to *image stores* and *Debian package repositories* on <https://releases.rtbrick.com/> is **restricted** through the use of mutual TLS authentication with TLS client certificates (TLS client certificates can be self-signed).

The diagram below provides an overview of the RBFS software download process.



The process of downloading software involves the following tasks:

1. **Generating a Client Certificate**
2. **Uploading the Certificate to the Self-Service Portal**
3. **Obtaining Approval and Verification of Client Certificate**
4. **Identifying and Activating the Image Repository**
5. **Installing the rtb-image Tool and Verifying Access to Image Stores**
6. **Downloading the ONL Image**

Generating a Client Certificate

RtBrick provides the `rtb-apt` tool to generate a client certificate. This section contains the following topics:

1. [About the RtBrick APT Tool \(rtb-apt\)](#)
2. [Installing the rtb-apt Tool](#)
3. [Generating a TLS Client Certificate](#)

About the RtBrick APT Tool (rtb-apt)

The `rtb-apt` tool is an APT (<https://wiki.debian.org/Apt>) utility application that provides an easier way for managing the system configuration of RtBrick package repositories (<https://wiki.debian.org/DebianRepository>) which can be used with the usual `apt` commands to install RtBrick software.

Some RtBrick package repositories require authentication via TLS client certificates and the `rtb-apt` tool provides commands for managing those repositories and the required `apt` authentication configuration.

The `rtb-apt` tool is a statically compiled Linux 64-bit executable file. Currently, it is verified to run on **Ubuntu 22.04**. It is available through a direct download link.

Installing the rtb-apt Tool

This section contains the following topics:

- [Prerequisites to Install the rtb-apt Tool](#)
- [Downloading and Installing the rtb-apt Tool](#)
- [Verifying the Version of the rtb-apt Tool](#)

Prerequisites to Install the rtb-apt Tool

Before you install `rtb-apt`, ensure that you have installed the following software:

- GNU Privacy Guard (GPG), which is used by `apt` to validate package repositories. To install GPG, enter the following command:
`sudo apt install gnupg`
- HTTPS support for `apt` is required to access the package repositories via HTTPS. To do this, enter the following command:
`sudo apt install apt-transport-https ca-certificates`

Downloading and Installing the rtb-apt Tool

The following example shows how to download and install the `rtb-apt` tool. It shows the URL where the latest version of the `rtb-apt` tool is available for download:

```
~ curl -o /tmp/rtb-apt https://releases.rtbbrick.com/_/dl/sw/rtb-apt/latest/linux_amd64/rtb-apt \
  && sudo mv /tmp/rtb-apt /usr/local/bin/ \
  && sudo chown root:root /usr/local/bin/rtb-apt \
  && sudo chmod 0755 /usr/local/bin/rtb-apt
```

Verifying the Version of the rtb-apt Tool

The following example shows the `rtb-apt` tool version. The `rtb-apt` version 2.1.2 or later is required.

```
~ rtb-apt --version
2.1.2
```

Generating a TLS Client Certificate

The following example shows how to generate a TLS client certificate using the `rtb-apt` tool.

```
~ sudo rtb-apt auth generate
A new self-signed TLS client certificate has been generated for this system:

Subject:      CN=bb59a25d-6b38-4f3c-81e0-065e525c8335,OU=rtb-apt
Valid until:  2024-09-06 10:30:26 +0000 UTC

The following additional auto-generated information is included in the certificate
and can be used to uniquely identify this system:

DNS names:    [hostname.example.net]
Email addresses: [root@hostname.example.net user@hostname.example.net]
< ..... >

If you already have a working account on https://portal.rtbbrick.com then you can
use the Self-Service section to upload this certificate. If you DO NOT yet have an
account on https://portal.rtbbrick.com, send the certificate to your RtBrick
support contact:

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIHHzCCBYegAwIBAgIRAJcI5pqSK90+g6yJGB15i7YwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAw
QTEQMA4GA1UECxMHcnRlLWVwZDEtMCsGA1UEAxMkYmI1OWEyNWQtNmIzOC00ZjNj
< ..... >
NuLlKfmrwrcyXmzA0e1bRtlJrRw0zofxX4rFcMmJREnqOV0obP5r7TCtnWtAqkFx/
```



```
7JJa
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

After generating the TLS Client Certificate, you need to upload it to the the **Certificates** section on <https://portal.rtbrick.com>. For details about uploading a certificate, see section [Upload the Certificate to the Self-Service Portal](#) below.

Uploading the Client Certificate to the Self-Service Portal

After generating the TLS Client Certificate, upload it to the **Certificates** section on [Self-Service Portal](#).

To upload a new client certificate, go to [Self-Service Portal](#), and then click the "Upload certificate" button in the organization's certificate list view. For details, see the "Client Certificate Management via Self-Service Portal" section below.



If your domain is registered with <https://portal.rtbrick.com>, you will be able to log into your account. If not, reach out to your sales/partner contact to initially have your domain registered with the portal.

Client Certificate Management

The access to RtBrick image repository is enabled by installing a client certificates. A customer creates a client certificate as outlined in this guide and uploads the public key to the portal. RtBrick reviews and approves the client certificate.

Working with the certificate list

The organization's certificate list shows all certificates of that particular organization. To view the certificate list, perform the following steps:

1. Log in to [Self-Service Portal](#).
2. Click **Certificates** on the left navigation panel. The Certificates list page appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Certificates' page in the RtBrick Customer Portal. The page header includes the RtBrick logo, 'Customer Portal', and user information 'Self-Service Logout (Martin Sauer)'. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Certificates, Licenses, Members, Resources, and Journal. The main content area has a 'Filter by DN' input field and a 'Filter' button. Below this is a table of certificates with columns: Distinguished Name, Description, and Until. Each row has status tags like 'Approved' and 'Valid'. Annotations with arrows point to filter icons: a triangle for 'Show/hide expired or revoked certificates', a question mark for 'Show/hide certificates to be approved', and a checkmark for 'Show/hide valid certificates'. An 'Upload certificate' button is located to the right of the filter button.

Distinguished Name	Description	Until
rtbrick.com	rtbrick.com	21-JUN-2024
rtbrick.com	rtbrick.com	06-SEP-2024
rtbrick.com	rtbrick.com	16-SEP-2024
rtbrick.com	rtbrick.com	15-MAI-2024

The filter options allows filtering certificates by their distinguished name or lifecycle status.

Uploading a new client certificate

Click the **Upload certificate** button in the organization’s certificate list view to upload a new client certificate.

Copy the certificate content in PEM format into the text area and click **Upload Certificate** to upload a new certificate. The description field is optional and provides extra information about the certificate.

The screenshot shows the 'New Certificate' page in the RtBrick Customer Portal. The page header includes the RtBrick logo, 'Customer Portal', and user information 'Self-Service Logout (Martin Sauer)'. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Certificates, Licenses, Members, Resources, and Journal. The main content area has a 'Description' field with the text 'Playground VM' and a 'Certificate' text area containing a large block of PEM-formatted certificate text. An 'Upload certificate' button is located at the bottom right.

Click the **Upload certificate** button to upload a new certificate.

Obtaining Approval and verification of the Client Certificate

RtBrick reviews and approves the client's certificate that is uploaded on the Self-Service portal.

After RtBrick approves the certificate, verify it by entering the command "sudo rtb-apt auth check".

```
~ sudo rtb-apt auth check
Repository: releases/latest/rtbrick-tools ... restricted ... TLS client
certificate accepted
```

If the client certificate is not accepted by RtBrick, the following message will appear. Please contact the customer support team.

```
~ sudo rtb-apt auth check
Repository: releases/latest/rtbrick-tools ... restricted ... TLS client
certificate NOT accepted
```

Identifying and Activating the Image Repository



You can install additional RtBrick Tools that help simplifying tasks related to debian package repositories. For details see [Installing the rtb-image Tool and Verifying Access to Image Stores](#)

This section contains the following topics:

- [Finding the Image Repository](#)
- [Activating the Repository](#)
- [Verifying Active Repositories](#)

Finding the Image Repositories

To find the available repositories, enter the "sudo rtb-apt repo list" command.

The following example shows how to find the available repositories:

```
~ sudo rtb-apt repo list
Group          Repository      Distribution    Release Active  Restricted
releases/latest  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
releases/23.8.1  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
releases/23.9.1  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
releases/23.10.1 rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
releases/23.11.1 rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
releases/23.12.1 rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No    No
< ..... >
```

Activating an Image Repository

To activate an image repository, enter the "sudo rtb-apt repo activate" command.

The following example shows how to activate the "releases/latest/rtbrick-tools" repository.

```
~ sudo rtb-apt repo activate releases/latest/rtbrick-tools
```

rtb-apt activated repository is added to /etc/apt/sources.list.d/rtbrick.list so that the repository can then be used with commands such as **apt update** and **apt install** to install the RtBrick Debian tool packages.

```
~ cat /etc/apt/sources.list.d/rtbrick.list
deb [arch=amd64 signed-by=/etc/rtbrick/RtBrick-Support.pubkey.asc]
https://releases.rtbbrick.com/_/latest/ubuntu/jammy/rtbrick-tools jammy
rtbrick-tools
```

Verifying the Active Repositories

To verify the active repositories, use the "sudo rtb-apt repo list" command.

```
~ sudo rtb-apt repo list
Group          Repository      Distribution    Release Active  Restricted
releases/latest  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   Yes  Yes <<<<<<<<<
releases/23.8.1  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No   No
releases/23.9.1  rtbrick-tools  ubuntu         jammy   No   No
< ..... >
```

Installing the rtb-image Tool and Verifying Access to Image Stores

Once the TLS client certificate for the current system is trusted by RtBrick and once

RtBrick package repositories have been activated with `rtb-apt`, the `apt` commands can be used to install the RtBrick software contained in those package repositories.



`rtb-image` version 3.11.0 or later is required to correctly work with managed downloads.

This section contains the following topics:

- [Installing the `rtbrick-imgstore` Package](#)
- [Verifying access \(authentication\) to Image Stores](#)

Installing the `rtbrick-imgstore` Package

The following shows the installation of the `rtbrick-imgstore` package which provides the `rtb-image` CLI tool.

```

~ sudo apt update
Hit:1 https://releases.rtbrick.com/_/latest/ubuntu/jammy/rtbrick-tools jammy
InRelease
Hit:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease [119 kB]
Get:7 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease [109 kB]
Get:8 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [110 kB]
Get:9 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 Packages [970 kB]
Get:10 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe amd64 Packages [979
kB]
< ..... >

```

```

~ sudo apt install rtbrick-imgstore
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  rtbrick-imgstore
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 46 not upgraded.
Need to get 7,731 kB of archives.
After this operation, 26.3 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 https://releases.rtbrick.com/_/latest/ubuntu/jammy/rtbrick-tools
jammy/rtbrick-tools amd64 rtbrick-imgstore amd64 3.3.0 [7,731 kB]
Fetched 7,731 kB in 0s (41.4 MB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package rtbrick-imgstore.
< ..... >

```

Some of the RtBrick tools Debian packages have changed and have been upgraded several times. If any of the RtBrick tools packages are already installed, it is essential to remove any existing package.

```
apt list --installed | egrep -i rtbrick-imgstore | awk -F '/' '{print $1;}' | xargs
sudo apt remove -y
```

The following packages are removed.

```
rtbrick-imgstore
```

Verifying Access (Authentication) to Image Stores

The `rtb-image` command (CLI tool) provided by the `rtbrick-imgstore` package is used to interact with "image stores". The "image stores" are used for delivery of RBFS container images and RtBrick ONL installer images.

Similarly to package repositories some of the image stores are *restricted* meaning that they require the client application (`rtb-image` in this case) to authenticate with a TLS client certificate. `rtb-image` re-uses the TLS client certificate already generated by `rtb-apt` for the current system.



For more information about the the RBFS image formats and ONL image installation for supported hardware, refer to section [Image formats and ONL image installation for supported hardware](#).

This section contains the following topics:

- [Viewing Available Image Stores](#)
- [Activating a Restricted Image Store](#)
- [Verifying Access to Image Stores](#)

Viewing Available Image Stores

The following example shows how to view the available image stores:

```
~ sudo rtb-image stores list
```

Index	UUID	Name	RemoteURL
Active	Restricted		
0	af73c0a6-40e7-4775-b74b-aadafeabe86d	latest	
		https://releases.rtbrick.com/_/images/latest	Yes No
1	c4c896b0-52c5-4343-8a21-e2ca3ea440f1	resources	
		https://releases.rtbrick.com/_/resources	No No
2		22.5.1	
		https://releases.rtbrick.com/_/images/22.5.1	No No

```

3                                     22.6.1
https://releases.rtbbrick.com/_/images/22.6.1    No      No
4
https://releases.rtbbrick.com/_/images/22.7.1    No      No
< ..... >

```

Activating a Restricted Image Store

The following example shows how to activate a (possibly restricted) image store:

```

~ sudo rtb-image stores activate 0

```

Verifying Access to Image Stores

If the TLS client certificate for the current system is already trusted by RtBrick, you can use `rtb-image` to download the images. Before downloading the image, you can verify the access to the image stores using the `sudo rtb-image auth check` command.

The following example shows how to verify the access to the image stores:

```

~ sudo rtb-image auth check
Image store: latest (af73c0a6-40e7-4775-b74b-aadafeabe86d) ... restricted ... TLS
client certificate accepted

```

Downloading the ONL Image

Image stores contain the ONL installer images.

To download ONL installer images, perform the following steps:

- [Updating the Local Cached Copy of the Remote Image Store](#)
- [Finding the ONL Image](#)
- [Pulling the ONL Image](#)
- [Verifying the Location of the Downloaded Image](#)

Updating the Local Cached Copy of the Remote Image Store

Enter the following command to update the local cached copy of remote image

store for RBFS container and ONL images.

```

~ sudo rtb-image update
Local image store cached copy updated to: Store:
/var/cache/rtbrick/imagestores/847c6ecd-df58-462e-a447-38c620a12fe1 Version:
2.4.60878 ValidUntil: 2180-12-25 11:58:44
    
```

Finding the ONL Image

To find the ONL image, enter the "sudo rtb-image list" command with the following options.

```

-f, --format=FORMAT          Filter images with a specific format. This must be an
exact match of the image format attribute.
-r, --role=ROLE              Filter images with a specific role. This must be an
exact match of the image role attribute.
-p, --platform=PLATFORM     Filter images for a specific platform. This must be
an exact match of the image platform attribute.
-m, --model=MODEL           Filter images for a specific model. This must be an
exact match of the image model attribute.
-v, --ver-range=VER-RANGE   Filter images with versions that fall in the provided
version range. See the syntax for version ranges at
    
```

The following example shows how to find the ONL image details for UfiSpace S9510-28DC Consolidate-BNG image.

```

~ sudo rtb-image list --format onl-installer --platform q2a --role consolidated-
bng --ver-range latest --model s9510-28dc
Store: /var/cache/rtbrick/imagestores/847c6ecd-df58-462e-a447-38c620a12fe1
Version: 2.4.60878 ValidUntil: 2180-12-25 11:58:44
UUID                               Version                               Role
Model Platform Format                Cached
db568345-a313-4abd-8c14-4970396d048f 24.8.1 consolidated-bng s9510-28dc
q2a onl-installer false
    
```

Pulling the ONL Image

To download the ONL image, use the UUID (for example, db568345-a313-4abd-8c14-4970396d048f) of the ONL image in the "sudo rtb-image pull" command.

```

~ sudo rtb-image pull db568345-a313-4abd-8c14-4970396d048f
rtbrick-onl-installer-consolidated-bng-q2a-24.9.1-
g8daily.20220605220700+Bmaster.C2f0eae65.d.sha512 244 B / 244 B
[=====] 100.00% 0s
    
```


Displaying the Location of the Downloaded Image

The following example shows how to view the Local Image Path.

```
~ sudo rtb-image show db568345-a313-4abd-8c14-4970396d048f
Store: /var/cache/rtbrick/imagestores/847c6ecd-df58-462e-a447-38c620a12fe1
Version: 2.4.60878 ValidUntil: 2180-12-25 11:58:44
UUID: db568345-a313-4abd-8c14-4970396d048f
Version: 24.9.1-candidate.12
Extra versions:
Tags:
Creation Date: 2024-11-27 12:58:40 +0530 IST (6 days ago)
Role: consolidated-bng
Platform: q2a
Model: s9510-28dc
Format: onl-installer
Architecture: amd64
Filename: rtbrick-onl-installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-consolidated-bng-q2a-s9510-28dc-24.9.1-candidate.12.d
FullPath/URL: /var/cache/rtbrick/imagestores/847c6ecd-df58-462e-a447-38c620a12fe1/rtbrick-onl-installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-consolidated-bng-q2a-s9510-28dc-24.9.1-candidat...
SHA512: 1bf41a8f96933b73af2ce9c3484766db373ab87118b1aa9ef8
Base Image: 5117031a-53b9-4e49-9500-602f2757ebce
Embedded Packages: 16
Embedded Images: 1
IsLayered: false
Cached: false
ExtractedPath:
```

After the image is download successfully, you have to set up an HTTP server (or by any other means) that will make available the downloaded images for ONIE to use. To continue with installing the downloaded image using ONIE, see [Installing ONL Manually](#).

3. RBFS Manual Installation

You can install open network Linux (ONL) manually on a bare-metal switch. Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) should be installed on the switch. The Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) is an open-source utility that provides an installation environment for bare-metal switches. ONIE is used to install different network operating systems (NOS) on a device.

The RtBrick ONL installer images are compatible with ONIE and can be used by ONIE to install an RtBrick ONL (Open Network Linux) on a bare-metal switch.



- When installing ONL, any existing configurations on the switch will be deleted.
- The current RBFS configurations can be retrieved via a REST call from the RESTCONF endpoint. If you have saved the RBFS configuration using this method, you can load it onto the switch through a RESTCONF endpoint. For more information, refer to the following sections of the RtBrick documentation.

[Using the Proxy Endpoint](#)

[RESTCONF API: Use Cases and Examples](#)

Prerequisites

- Provision the switch with an IP address either through manual configuration or through DHCP.
- Ensure that you have set up an HTTP server that will make available the downloaded images for ONIE to use. For more information, refer to the [Installing over the Network](#) section of the ONIE User Guide.
- If you are installing RBFS using a USB thumb drive, refer to [Installing using a USB thumb drive](#) section of the ONIE User Guide.

Installation Procedure

To install the ONL image, perform the following steps:



On a fresh box, **ONL prompt** is not available, so skip to **ONIE prompt** section.

ONL prompt section:**Option 1: Manually select ONIE boot mode**

1. Connect to the console port
2. Reboot the device

```
root@b11-pod1:~# reboot
```

3. Once the selection menu appears as shown in the selection menu below, select "**ONIE**" and press enter.

```

                                GNU GRUB  version 2.02
+-----+
| Open Network Linux                                     |
| *ONIE  <----- Select this one                       |
+-----+

Use the ^ and v keys to select which entry is highlighted.
Press enter to boot the selected OS, `e' to edit the commands
before booting or `c' for a command-line.
```

4. Select "**ONIE: Install OS**" from the next selection menu displayed.

```

                                GNU GRUB  version 2.02
+-----+
| *ONIE: Install OS  <----- Select this one           |
| ONIE: Rescue                                             |
| ONIE: Uninstall OS                                     |
| ONIE: Update ONIE                                       |
| ONIE: Embed ONIE                                       |
+-----+

Use the ^ and v keys to select which entry is highlighted.
Press enter to boot the selected OS, `e' to edit the commands
before booting or `c' for a command-line.
```

5. Wait for the "**ONIE:/ #**" prompt.

```

NOTICE: ONIE started in NOS install mode.  Install mode persists
NOTICE: until a NOS installer runs successfully.

** Installer Mode Enabled **
ONIE:/ #
ONIE:/ #
ONIE:/ #
```

Provide the URL of the ONL installer image location.

```
ONIE:/ # onie-nos-install http://server.example.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-  
ins  
taller/rtbrick-onl-installer-spine-q2c-21.9.1.d
```

Wait until the device displays the "**login:**" prompt after the image upgrade completes. You can then log into the device and verify the image version.

Option 2: Preselect ONIE boot mode

1. Connect to the console port
2. Select ONIE boot mode

```
root@onl>b11-pod1:~ # onl-onie-boot-mode --help  
usage: onl-onie-boot-mode [-h] [--onie-only]  
                        {install,rescue,uninstall,update,embed,diag,none}  
  
positional arguments:  
  {install,rescue,uninstall,update,embed,diag,none}  
  
optional arguments:  
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit  
  --onie-only           Do not set ONIE boot menu option.  
root@onl>b11-pod1:~ #  
  
root@onl>b11-pod1:~ # onl-onie-boot-mode install  
The system will boot into ONIE install mode at the next restart.  
root@onl>b11-pod1:~ #
```

3. Reboot switch

```
root@onl>b11-pod1:~ # reboot
```

ONIE prompt section:

You must update the URL of the ONL installer image location as per your specific HTTP server configuration.

```
ONIE:/ # onie-stop  
discover: installer mode detected.  
Stopping: discover... done.  
  
ONIE:/ # onie-nos-install http://server.example.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-  
ins  
taller/rtbrick-onl-installer-spine-q2c-21.9.1.d  
  
discover: installer mode detected.
```

```
Stopping: discover... done.
```

```
Info: Attempting http://server.example.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-  
installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-spine-q2c-21.9.1.d ...
```

```
Connecting to server.example.net (198.51.100.125)
```

```
installer 100% |*****| 1176M 0:00:00 ETA
```

```
ONIE: Executing installer: http://server.example.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-  
installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-spine-q2c-21.9.1.d
```

4. RBFS Automated Installation (ZTP)

Overview

Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) automates the tasks of installing software images. It is a method for setting up and configuring devices automatically. ZTP installs or upgrades the RBFS software image on your hardware platforms without any manual intervention.

ZTP automatically provisions routers newly installed in the network and it is very useful in deploying routers in a large-scale environment as it eliminates much of the manual intervention. ZTP is also used to automate the software upgrade process and help with a high level of network automation.

ZTP Workflow

A new hardware platform comes pre-installed with the ONIE (Open Network Installation Environment). ONIE is an open-source installation environment that acts as an enhanced boot loader utilizing capabilities in a Linux or BusyBox environment. ONIE allows users and channel partners to install the Network Operating System as part of provisioning.

ONIE requires a management LAN to obtain the configuration and software image information through the management interface. ONIE can access only the management interface. It starts a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) based discovery process to obtain basic configuration information, such as the management IP address and the URL of the image to install on the bare-metal switch.

Then ONIE pulls the image and boots it.

Even after ONIE boots the image, the switch is not configured. This leads to questions about how to configure the switch.

The RtBrick images come with some pre-installed daemons. The pre-installed Control Daemon (CtrlD) is responsible for the management of the switch, and takes over after the image is activated.

The Control Daemon is responsible for configuring the switch. To do this, the hardware platform must be connected to the DHCP server and the management server through a management LAN.

The management server is responsible for providing the image binaries and the configuration of each device.

In the ZTP, ONIE performs the role of discovering, downloading and activating the image from the image registry.

In essence, the following is the high-level workflow of ZTP process:

ONIE performs the following tasks:

- DHCP discovery
- Image download
- Image activation

Control Daemon performs the following tasks:

- DHCP discovery
- Switch configuration

ONIE allows to automate the firmware update. The image request to the management server is slightly different, and the management server needs to provide the firmware update image that the device vendor provides.

This section provides information about the NOS installation and firmware (FW) update.

ZTP Process

This section provides information about ZTP process. Figure. 1 illustrates the ZTP process at a high level.

The ZTP process is divided into two main parts:

Software Image Discovery and Installation

The ONIE in the device uses information that you have defined on the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server to locate the IP address and image

download URL.

- ONIE uses different ways to pull the image from the repository for downloading. In the ZTP process, HTTP is used to pull the image because ONIE conveys the serial number as the HTTP header. This serial number allows the image registry to identify the switch and select the appropriate image.

Along with the serial number, ONIE also sends the **onie-operation** that allows to distinguish between an **os-install** and **onie-update**, and select the correct image for either NOS install or firmware upgrade.

- See the ONIE image discovery for further information (/ONIE/)
- CtrlID configuration discovery and application.
- CtrlID sends DHCPINFORM to request all options required for configuration discovery.
- The configurations are downloaded from the management server (**httpd**) and applied.

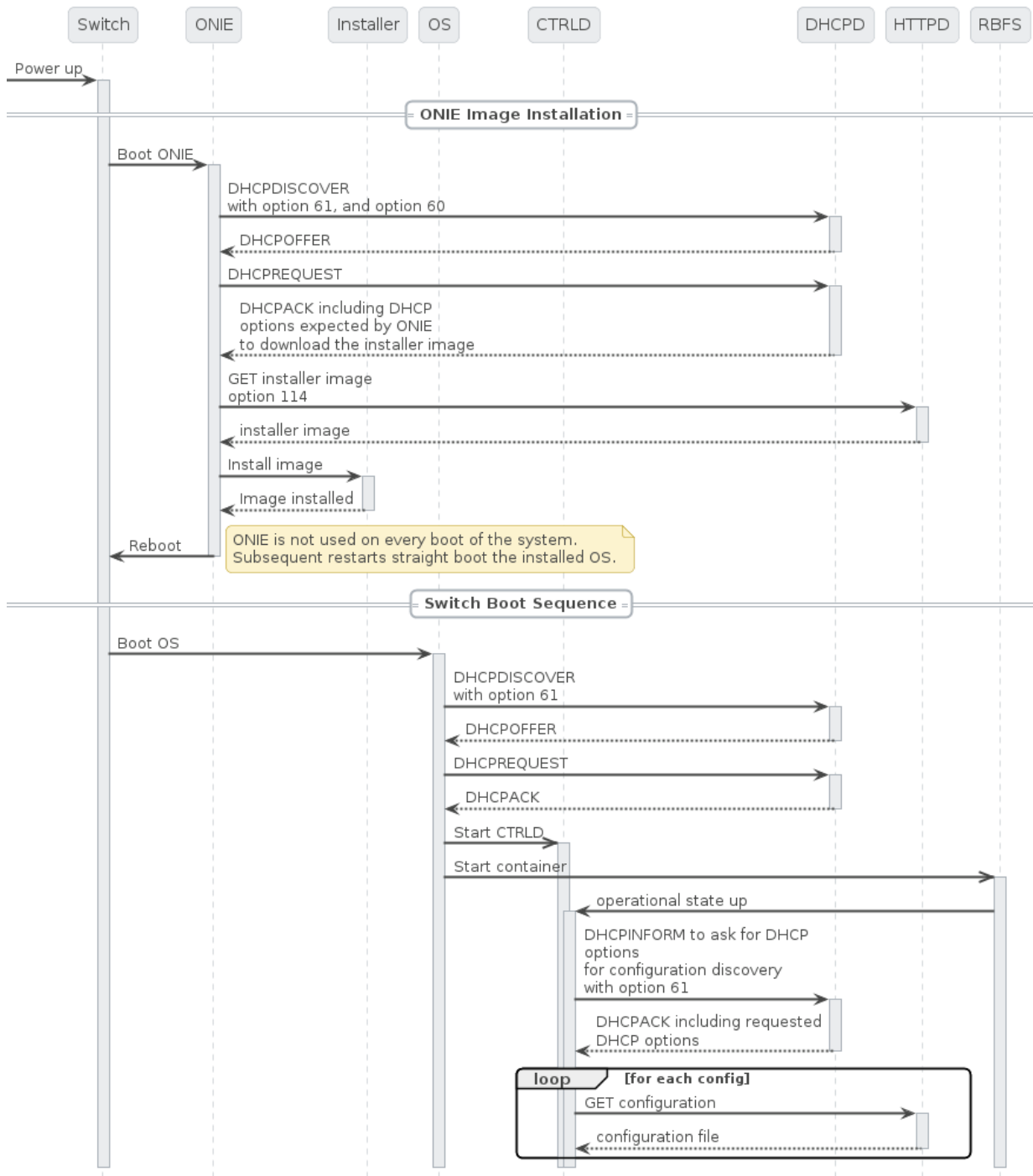


Figure 1. The ZTP Process

Figure 2. depicts the relationship between the fabric, the DHCP server, and the management server.

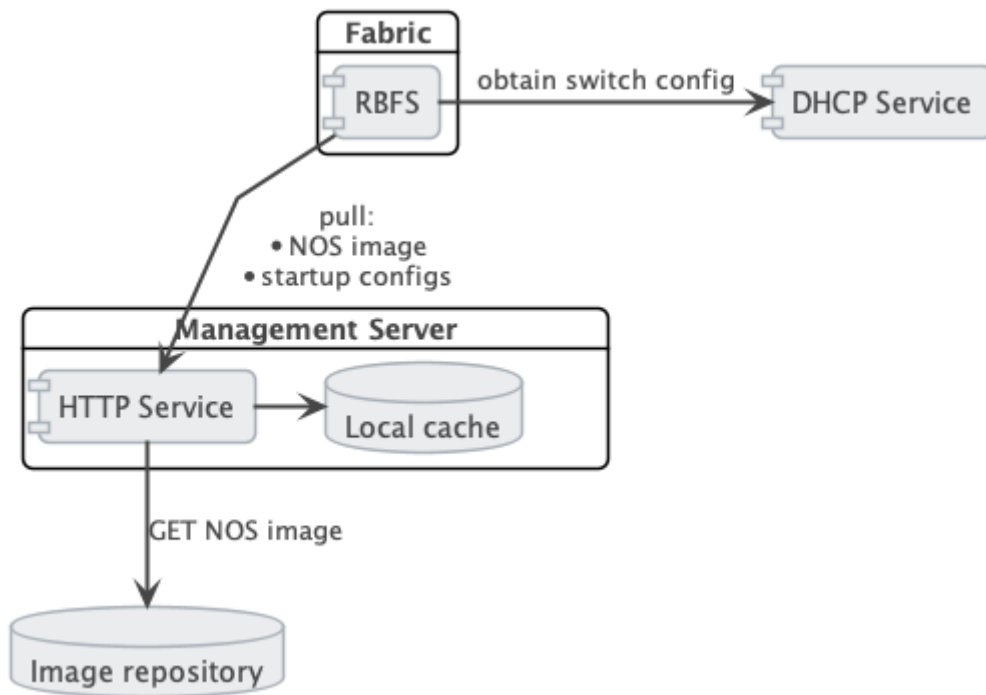


Figure 2. The Management Server Architecture

DHCP Service

Because of its low set of requirements, the default DHCP server shipped with ubuntu, isc-dhcp, is used to run the DHCP service.

The following code shows an example configuration of a DHCP server and hardware box (**dhcp.conf**).

dhcp.conf

```
authoritative;
default-lease-time 600;
max-lease-time 72----

# This is only needed if the version is lower than 4.4
option loader-pathprefix code 210 = text;

subnet 10.0.0.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
    range 10.0.0.200 10.0.0.250;
    option routers 10.0.0.138;
    option domain-name-servers 10.0.0.210;
    option domain-name "local";
    host LEAF01 {
        # Identify client by MAC address.
        hardware ethernet 48:65:ee:11:da:85;
        # Identify client by serial number
        option dhcp-client-identifier "\000WLC1C27L00003P2";
        fixed-address 10.0.0.250;
        option host-name LEAF01;
    }
}
```

```
# Set DHCP option 114 (default-url) to set the installer image URL.
# ONIE loads the installer image from the specified URL.
option default-url "http://managementserver/ztp/image";
# Set DHCP option 210 (path prefix) to set the configuration base URL.
# CTRLD loads all configuration files from this base URL.
option loader-pathprefix "http://managementserver";
}
}
```

Most of the used options are already predefined in the ISC-DHCP server. You can see the reference under [/ISCKB/](#), the `loader-pathprefix` is defined since DHCP 4.4, so if you use an older one, define it as described above.

HTTP Service (Management Server)

The HTTP daemon (`httpd`) is responsible for providing the NOS installer and the configuration files.

Therefore, a self-implemented Golang HTTP server is used, which reads the `ONIE_SERIAL_NUMBER` and `ONIE-OPERATION` HTTP header and maps them to the NOS/FW installer image download path, and maps the serial number to the ZTP configuration files. For more details about the configuration files, see the following section.

The `ONIE-OPERATION` header can have the following values:

- install nos: `os-install`
- update firmware: `onie-update`

The following sections provide information about the installation and configuration of the server.

ZTP installation

For the installation, you can choose any one of the following two options:

ZTP Installation with the Debian Package

You must perform the following steps for ZTP installation using the Debian package.

- Ensure that you have added the `rtrbick` repository to your `apt.sources` list and updated the cache.

- Ensure that the port **80** is available and not in use on your device.
- Install the package **rtbrick-fabric-ztp**.
- The package installs a **systemd** service named **rtbrick-fabric-ztp**.
- Ensure that the service is running with **sudo systemctl status rtbrick-fabric-ztp**.
- The default location for the ZTP configuration files is **/var/rtbrick/ztp/configs/** where you need to copy your configuration files.

If you want to override server settings, perform the following:

- Edit the service configuration file **/etc/systemd/system/rtbrick-fabric-ztp.service** and add parameters to the **ExecStart** command.
- Parameter **--addr**: the listen address of the server, default is **0.0.0.0:80**.
- Parameter **--requestTimeout**: the request timeout server in seconds, default is **600**, must possibly be increased depending on the connection speed and image file sizes.
- Parameter **--filePath**: the location for the ZTP configuration files, the default location is **/var/rtbrick/ztp/configs/**.

ZTP Installation as Docker Container

You must perform the following steps for ZTP installation as a docker container.

- Ensure that you have access to the **rtbrick** docker registry.
- Ensure that the port **80** is available and not in use on your device.
- Create a compose file **docker-compose.yml**. The following is a sample compose file.

```
version: '3.3'
services:
  ztp:
    image: 'docker.rtbrick.com/rbms-fabric-ztp:latest'
    container_name: rbms-fabric-ztp
    restart: unless-stopped
    ports:
      - '80:80'
    volumes:
      - './configs:/var/rtbrick/ztp/configs'
```

- The compose setup uses a 'bind mound' method for the ZTP configuration

folder. Therefore, the `docker-compose.yml` must be placed in the same location together with the `.configs` folder for the ZTP configurations. To know the details of the configuration files, see the following sections.

- If required, adapt the compose file for a different image version, port binding or different configuration folder location.
- Start the container using the `docker-compose up -d` command.

ZTP configuration

The HTTP service matches the `ONIE-SERIAL-NUMBER` header to the configuration files. Therefore, the configuration folder should contain a JSON file for the serial number (`<serial_number>.json`) for each supported serial number.

This file contains settings for locations of all additional configuration files that have to be delivered for the specific device and settings for the NOS installer image and the firmware update image.

Example `sample.json` file for a serial number 'sample':

```
/var/rtbrick/ztp/configs/sample.json
```

```
{
  "description": "192.168.202.116",
  "ctrlld": "ctrlld.json",
  "ctrlldrbac": "ctrlldrbac.json",
  "startup": "sample_startup.json",
  "accessjwks": "sample_accessjwks.json",
  "apigwd": "sample_apigwd.json",
  "tls": "sample_tls.pem",
  "image": "http://pkg.rtbrick.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-accessleaf-qmx-20.4.0-g8daily.20200415051734+Bmaster.C059a09ea",
  "update_image": "http://pgk.rtbrick.net/firmwares/onie-firmware-x86_64-ufispace_s9600_32x_ufispace_s9600_64x-r0_v0.3.0.updater"
}
```

Image Location Configuration

For the configuration entries `"image"` and `"update_image"` you have three possibilities:

- Redirect URL: Configuration value must start with `http`, the server redirects the request to download the image from the URL. For example, `"http://pkg.rtbrick.net/_/images/latest/rtbrick-onl-installer/rtbrick-onl-installer-accessleaf-qmx-20.4.0-g8daily.20200415051734+Bmaster.C059a09ea"`

- **Absolute File Location:** config value must start with `/`, can point to any file on the local disk, example `/usr/share/images/rtbrick-onl-installer.img`.
- **Relative File Location:** config value must be a filename and not start with `/`, points to any file in the `<ztpath>/configs/images/` folder, example "rtbrick-onl-installer.img"

ZTP APIs

For information about ZTP REST APIs, refer to the </resources/techdocs/current/api/rbms-apis.html>[ZTP Management Server API].

Control Daemon

Once the RBFS image is activated by ONIE, Control Daemon (CtrlD) is responsible for executing the remaining tasks and configuring the switch. CtrlD acts as a post-ZTP daemon, it runs after the image is activated.

There are various configuration files that CtrlD can load from a management server and apply to the system.

- **CtrlD config:** This is the base configuration for CtrlD. There the RBMS and Graylog can be specified, but also the authentication and authorization mechanism can be controlled.
- **CtrlD rbac policy:** The Role Based Access Control (RBAC) policy of CtrlD is defined in this configuration file.
- **Startup Config:** This is the file for RBFS switch configuration.
- **TLS pem file:** This file is intended for the API Gateway (ApiGwD). The file is an X509 public/private key file in PEM format defined in the [RFC7468](#).
- **Access JWKS file:** This file is intended for the ApiGwD. The JSON Web Key Set (JKWS) is described in the [RFC 7517](#).

Trigger the ZTP process

The ZTP process in CtrlD is triggered for a specific container (LXC) on the switch. This can be triggered in the following ways.

- By the switch (RBFS Linux container) itself by sending the *operational state up* to CtrlD.

- By sending a REST request to trigger the ZTP process to CtrlID (/api/v1/ctrlid/ztp/_run).

If 'load-last-config' option is set to true, ZTP is in the disabled state. ZTP is enabled if load-last-config is false.

By default, 'load-last-config' is false and ZTP is enabled. You must set to 'load-last-config' true to disable ZTP.

Trigger the reinstall

The reinstall of a switch can be triggered by sending a POST request to CtrlID (/api/v1/ctrlid/system/_reinstall)

Trigger Firmware Update

The firmware update of a switch can be triggered by sending a POST request to CtrlID (/api/v1/ctrlid/system/_update)

Management Server URL Discovery

CtrlID has to discover the management server URL to download the configuration files from the management server. Therefore, a management interface, that allows sending an DHCPINFORM request to the DHCP server, is defined.

The request contains **DHCP option 60**, that conveys the vendor class identifier "rtbrick", which informs the DHCP server about the vendor information.

The request contains the **DHCP option 61** that conveys the client identifier. The client identifier is either omitted or contains the serial number. The serial number is gathered from the ONIE file system information file [/lib/platform-config/current/onl/onie-info.json](#). If that does not result in a valuable result the following command is executed `dmidecode -s system-serial-number` (see [/RFC2131/](#) and [/RFC2132/](#) for further information).

There are at least two DHCP options requested, **DHCP option 54** that conveys the IP address of the DHCP server (see [/RFC2132/](#) for further information), and **DHCP option 210** that conveys the path prefix for all configuration files (see [/RFC5071/](#) for further information).

If the DHCP option 210 is not returned, CtrlID attempts to read the configurations

from the IP address of the ZTP server. Otherwise, CtrlID attempts to read the configurations from the base URL specified in DHCP option 210.

Request configurations

The request to the Management server contains the following HTTP headers:

- ONIE-SERIAL-NUMBER: This serial number is either the onie serial number or empty string.
- CONTAINER-NAME: Container that triggered the ZTP process.
- ELEMENT-NAME: Element name that triggered the ZTP process.
- HOST-NAME: Host name of the device that triggered the ZTP process.



All this information can be used to select the right configurations for the container. This also allows the use of ZTP Configuration Process for virtual environments.

The requested URL:

- CtrlID Config: <management server url>/ztp/config/ctrlid
- CtrlID rbac policy: <management server url>/ztp/config/ctrlidrbac
- Startup Config: <management server url>/ztp/config/startup
- TLS pem file: <management server url>/ztp/config/tls
- Access JWKS file: <management server url>/ztp/config/accessjwks

If any of the file is not found, the process still goes forward.

Business Events

During the ZTP Process log messages are sent to the configured **ztp** graylog endpoint.

For more information, see the switch API documentation.

Overall Process Flow

The following two figures show the CtrlID ZTP process flow.

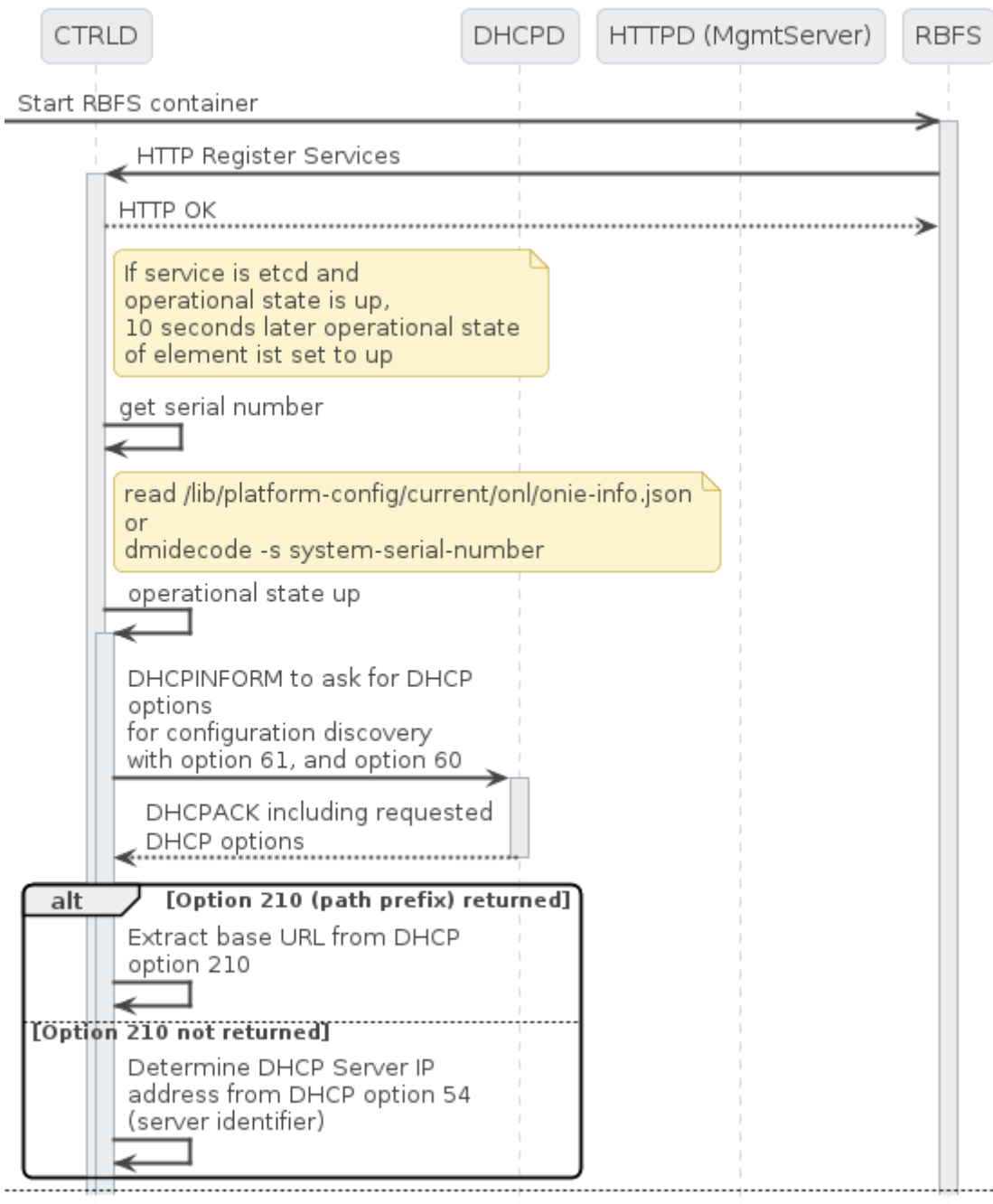


Figure 3. CTRLD ZTP process flow (Part 1/2)

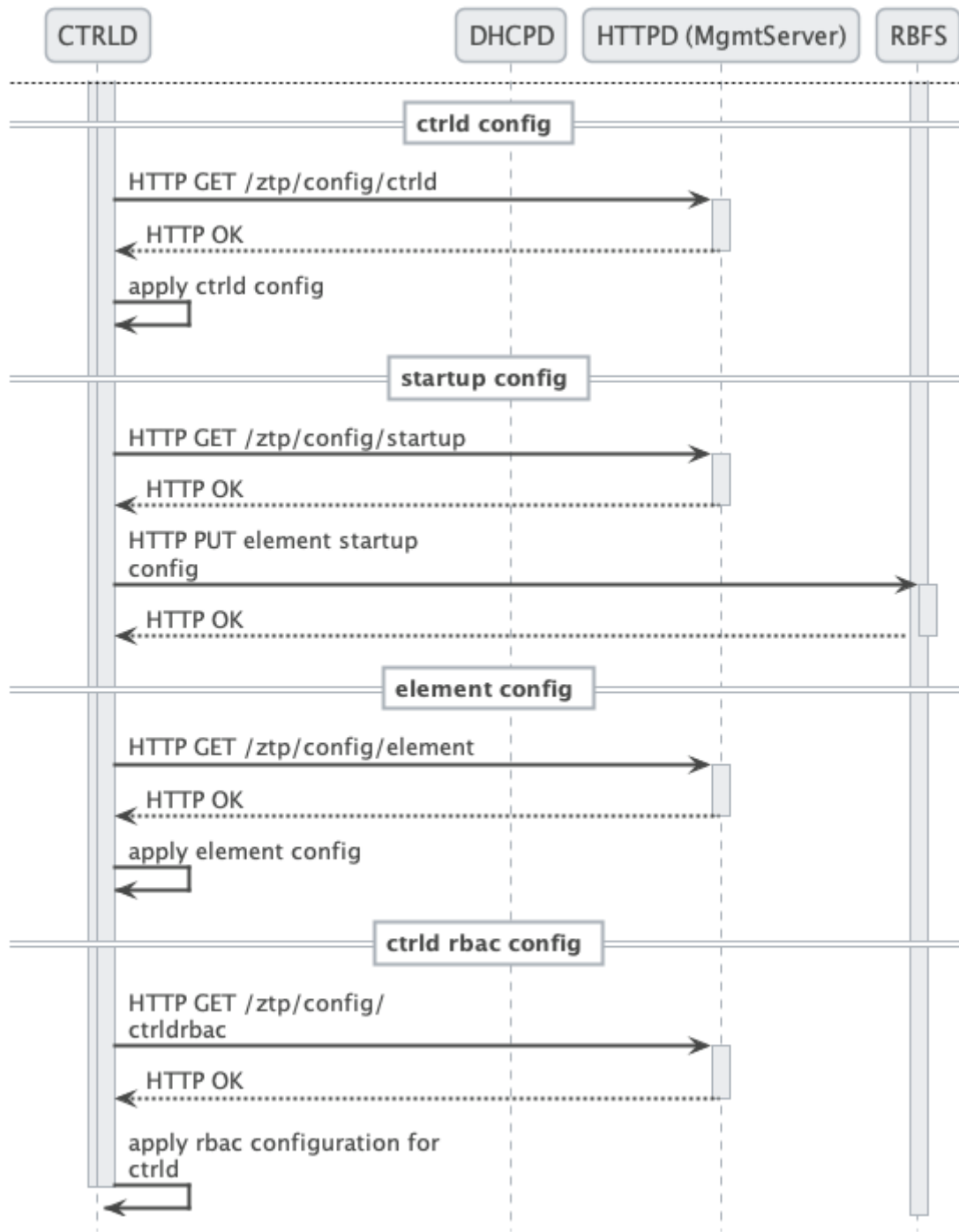


Figure 4. CTRLD ZTP process flow (Part 2/2)

References

References

/ONIE/	Open Network Installation Environment Image Discovery
/RFC2131/	RFC2131 - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
/RFC2132/	RFC2132 - DHCP Options and BOOTP Vendor Extensions https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2132

/RFC5071/	RFC5071 - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol Options Used by PXELINUX
/ISCKB/	ISC Default DHCP Options

5. RBFS Licensing

Overview

RBFS Licensing allows you to access the full functionality of your RtBrick FullStack (RBFS) installation. Rtbrick provides a 28-day evaluation license on request. It is not allowed to be used in production. Use a permanent or subscription license that has been purchased through RtBrick Sales. If you want to extend the evaluation period and get additional licenses, contact RtBrick Support.

Without any license installed on your system, you can evaluate RBFS for 7 days. You need to get an evaluation license or purchase an actual license within 7 days to use the full functionality of RBFS.

Obtaining or Extending Licenses

To obtain new RBFS licenses or extend the existing licenses, go to <https://portal.rtbrick.com/>, click **Licenses** in the left navigation pane, and then select the **Request license** link. For details, see the [Managing Licenses via Self-Service Portal](#) section below.

Managing Licenses via Self-Service Portal

The RtBrick Self-Service portal enables users to view existing license keys, request new licenses, and renew licenses that are about to expire.

Accessing a license key

Select the organization, go to the licenses view, and choose the license you wish to view.

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Filter by name

Filter Request license

License Name	Scope	Valid From	Until	Days Left
lab Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
lab Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
lab Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
lab_license Valid	Evaluation	28-FEB-2023	04-MÄR-2024	134
test-license Valid	Evaluation	22-OKT-2023	11-NOV-2023	20

The detail view shows the license details including the license key.

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test-license evaluation license

Valid

License Key

Copy license key

Name: test-license
Unique license name.

License Scope: Evaluation license
Scope of application the license is intended for.

Valid From: 22-OCT-2023
Date from when the license should be valid from.

Valid Until: 11-NOV-2023
Date until the license is valid (exclusive)

Valid For (Days): 20
Number of days the license is valid for.

Click **Copy license key** to add the license key to the clipboard.

Working with the license list view

The license list view allows filtering licenses by their names and lifecycle status.

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lab.* — license name pattern

Show/hide expired

Show/hide approved

Show/hide unapproved requests

Filter Request license

License Name	Scope	Valid From	Until	Days Left
lab eval Expired Expiry acknowledged	Evaluation	21-JUL-2022	18-UNK-2022	-
lab_license Valid	Evaluation	28-FEB-2023	04-MÄR-2024	133

The name filter is a regular expression. The icons next to the filter allow including or excluding expired licenses, unapproved license requests and approved licenses from the license list.

Requesting a new license

To request a new license, select the organization for which a license shall be requested, proceed to licenses on the left-handed menu and click the **Request license** button to request a new license.

The screenshot shows the 'Licenses' page in the RtBrick Customer Portal. The page header includes the RtBrick logo and 'Customer Portal' on the left, and 'Self-Service Logout (Martin Miegel)' on the right. A left-hand navigation menu lists 'Certificates', 'Licenses', 'Members', 'Resources', and 'Journal'. The main content area is titled 'Licenses' and features a search bar 'Filter by name' with icons for warning, help, and refresh. Below the search bar is a table of licenses:

License Name	Scope	Valid From	Until	Days Left
Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
Valid	Evaluation	05-JUN-2023	02-DEZ-2023	41
lab_license Valid	Evaluation	28-FEB-2023	04-MÄR-2024	134
test-license Valid	Evaluation	22-OKT-2023	11-NOV-2023	20

Fill the license request form with all relevant data.

The screenshot shows the 'Request new license' form in the RtBrick Customer Portal. The page header is identical to the previous screenshot. The left-hand navigation menu is also present. The main content area is titled 'Request new license' and contains the following form fields:

- Name:** test-license (Unique license name.)
- License Scope:** Evaluation license (Scope of application the license is intended for.)
- Valid From:** 22-OCT-2023 (Date from when the license should be valid from.)
- Valid For (Days):** 20 (Number of days the license should be valid for.)
- Note:** (Optional additional license information.)

A blue 'Request license' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Click the **Request license** button to submit the license request.

Renewing an existing license

The portal reports when a license is about to expire. Click the **Renew** button to create a license request from the current license and copy all relevant data from the license to the license request. Once the license request has been approved, the new license and the license about to expire are both valid to give some time for deploying the new license key to the RBFS instances.

Click the **No renew** button if a license is supposed to expire and shall not be included in the expiry notifications anymore.

Installing a License

You can install a license by using the RBFS CLI or via the RESTCONF API. You should get a license encrypted string from Rtrbrick and configure the same via CLI.



When you upgrade your RBFS installation, the existing license should either get restored via saved configuration or it needs to be installed again.

To install a license, enter the following command:

Syntax

```
set system license <license_key>
```

Example

```
supervisor@rtbrick: cfg> set system license
"eyJzdGFydF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTg3MTE3MCwgImVuZGF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTk1NzU3MH0=.Yx/XiFDFRzAt
XPUOaIoh5GqiXa+kOJBWp3LgDeJooVrl88mpPs2ZRMPC+k5HvoZDXvsreqRrqrFR3vk7S2PlqmLxYf0bNB
ly4dlhrloBwwFkFuJaiU/M+ZGPEXgILdVyXumI88VYx8m/Z5SxEj0bFQGUy8UHRUYW/Ay8fhPfYe jWuSgp
v3OrIThH9CVj1Dmrp/k4yOuHyTz5gLgq4A0h33vB5O99aOIJW5UX4XDKvQqmqX5kytR1R1SseWuAbWK jUd
VOkf2Mk36IbF9/xAKier++LzXESpLMI+MT63AybSDHOBZydoMjLH9C6cPEfGHZWTIBNtT3679Tokf25EK1
Jw=="
```

The following example shows the running configuration.

```
supervisor@rtbrick: cfg> show config system
{
  "rtbrick-config:system": {
    "license": [
```

```

    {
      "license-key":
      "eyJzdGFydF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTg3MTE3MCwgImVuZGF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTk1NzU3MH0=.Yx/XiFDFRzAt
      XPU0aIoh5GqiXa+k0JBWp3LgDeJooVr188mpPs2ZRMPC+k5HvoZDXvsreqRrqr3vk7S2PlqmLxYf0bNB
      ly4dlhrloBwwFkFuJaiU/M+ZGPEXgILdVyXumI88VYx8m/Z5SxEj0bFQGUY8UHRUYW/Ay8fhPfYeJWuSgp
      v3OrIThH9CVjlDmrp/k4yOuHyTz5gLgq4A0h33vB5O99aOIJW5UX4XDKvQmqX5kytR1R1SseWuAbWKjUd
      VOkf2Mk36IbF9/xAKier++LzXESpLMI+MT63AybSDHOBZydoMjLH9C6cPEfGHZWTIBNtT3679Tokf25EK1
      Jw=="
    }
  ]
}

```

Installing Multiple Licenses

You can install multiple licenses. Additional licenses can be installed even when you have existing license(s). The license with the maximum evaluation period will be prioritised over others. When you have multiple evaluation licenses installed, the one that expires later takes higher priority compared to the other licenses.

Viewing the installed license

Syntax

```
show system license
```

Example

```

root@rtbrick: cfg> show system license
License Validity:
  License 1:
    Start date : Tue Mar 16 05:06:10 GMT +0000 2021
    End date   : Wed Mar 17 05:06:10 GMT +0000 2021
root@rtbrick: cfg>

```

After verifying the validity of the license, the license file will be installed at the following location:

```
/etc/rtbrick/license/rtbrick-license
```


Deleting a License

To delete a license, enter the following command:

Syntax

```
delete system license <license_key>
```

Example

```
supervisor@rtbrick: cfg> delete system license  
"eyJzdGFydF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTg3MTE3MCwgImVuZGF9kYXRlIjogMTYxNTk1NzU3MH0=.Yx/XiFDFRzAt  
XPU0aIoh5GqiXa+k0JBWp3LgDeJooVrl88mpPs2ZRMPC+k5HvoZDXvsreqRrqrFR3vk7S2PlqmLxYf0bNB  
ly4dlhrloBwwFkFuJaiU/M+ZGPEXgILdVyXumI88VYx8m/Z5SxEj0bFQGUy8UHRUYW/Ay8fhPfYe jWuSgp  
v3OrIThH9CVj1Dmrp/k4yOuHyTz5gLgq4A0h33vB5O99aOIJW5UX4XDKvQgmqX5kytRlR1SseWuAbWK jUd  
VOKf2Mk36IbF9/xAKier++LzXESpLMI+MT63AybSDHOBZydoMjLH9C6cPEfGHZWTIBNtT3679Tokf25EK1  
Jw=="
```

License Expiry

When a license expires, you will not be able see the operational state of the system via CLI or BDS API.

License Validation

The process of verifying the validity of the software license is known as license validation. If no license is installed, a 7-day evaluation period will be provided. During this time, there will be no license validation. After the evaluation period ends, the system will check perform license validation every 12 hours. If a valid license is not found, access to the operational state of the system via CLI or BDS API will not be available.

Once a license is installed on the device, it will be validated every 12 hours. If a license is installed within 7 days of evaluation, it is considered the end of the evaluation period, and the license validation will start from that point onward.

Relevant warning or error messages will be generated based on the license validation:

- A warning is generated if the license validity is less than seven days.

- An error message is generated if the license validity is less than one day.
- A critical message is generated if the license has already expired.

Both BDS and file logs are generated for license expiry, and if the Graylog plugin is configured, they are sent to the Graylog. For a list the logs related to license expiry, refer to the section [License Log Messages](#).

To find out the details about the license installed on your system, run the “show system license” command as explained in the section [Viewing the installed license](#).

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