

Image Promotion

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Discussion

Image Promotion is the controlled transition of a [Machine Image](#) from one lifecycle status, usage scope, or operating context to another.

The transition may authorize the image for broader testing, staging, production deployment, a different organizational domain, or another approved environment.

Image Promotion evaluates the applicable build records, test results, compliance findings, integrity information, provenance, approvals, and target-context requirements before changing the image status.

The process changes the image's permitted use or governance status. It does not necessarily modify the image content.

Definition

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Source

Generalized from release management, artefact management, software delivery, configuration management, and machine-image governance usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

Image Promotion differs from copying or uploading an image. A transfer changes location or availability, while Image Promotion changes the image's authorized status or permitted use.

A promoted image should retain the identity, integrity, information, evidence, and provenance associated with the evaluated image.

Example

After a [Red Hat Enterprise Linux \(RHEL\)](#) p Hardened Image passes integration testing, compliance assessment, signature verification, and governance review, the organization promotes it from the test catalog to the production-approved catalog.

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