



TOOLBX

Recent updates

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I am ...

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- Red Hat Display Systems Team
(formerly Desktop Team)
- Fedora Silverblue & Workstation
- GNOME



I am ...

- Unfortunately, I have a conflict so I will be leaving earlier today
- Feel free to reach out through other channels



Toolbx

- <https://containertoolbx.org/>
- <https://containertoolbx.org/articles/>
- Formerly Toolbox or Fedora Toolbox



Toolbx



- Changes/ToolbxReleaseBlocker for Fedora 39
- <https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Changes/ToolbxReleaseBlocker>
- “Up to date fedora-toolbox OCI images must be published on registry.fedoraproject.org as release-blocking deliverables ...”
- “... there must be release-blocking test criteria to ensure usable toolbox RPMs.”

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- Improve the quality of the Toolbx environments on Fedora
- Make them as reliable as similar environments running directly on Fedora hosts



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- Toolbx integrates with too many parts of the OS
 - Removable devices
 - SSH agent socket
 - Wayland sock



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- Toolbx integrates with too many parts of the OS
 - Needs more formal testing



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- Toolbx has two parts — an OCI image, which defaults to fedora-toolbox on Fedora hosts, and the toolbox RPM
 - The images could be stale



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- fedora-toolbox images are built by the nightly composes
 - fedora-kickstarts, pungi-fedora
 - Image Factory



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- fedora-toolbox images are built by the nightly composes
 - No more Dockerfile
 - No more OpenShift Build Service



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- fedora-toolbox images are built by the nightly composes
 - Built as a separate base image
 - No more layered images



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- fedora-toolbox images are built by the nightly composes
 - No need to unminimize the base fedora image



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- <https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Changes/ToolbxReleaseBlocker>
- Negatives:
 - Container/Dockerfile was easier for upstream CI
 - Image Factory is also considered uncool
 - RHEL/UBI images still defined as Dockerfile

Toolbx

- Built-in support for OSes outside the Fedora family
- `$ toolbox create --distro`

- Arch Linux
- Ubuntu



Toolbx

- Built-in support for OSes outside the Fedora family
- Hard to do CI with non-Ubuntu hosts
- Software Factory for CentOS Stream 9 and Fedora
- Impossible to provide first-class support without upstream CI



Toolbx

- Better integration with the terminal emulation stack in GNOME and Fedora
- <https://boxi.dev/>
- <https://gitlab.gnome.org/cherkert/prompt/>

- `tcgetpgrp(3)` doesn't work across nested PTY pairs



Toolbx

- Explore using a OCI library instead of Podman
 - More control over how things are set-up
 - Better backwards compatibility
 - Better error handling and progress reporting



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