Product Bulletin 111

Product:	Xcellis Workflow Director and Xcellis Workflow Extender
Summary:	Statement on Red Hat Changes to CentOS Programs
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Overview

Recently, Red Hat announced the discontinuation of the CentOS Linux distribution in favor of CentOS Stream.

We do not anticipate the discontinuation of CentOS by Red Hat to be a disruptive change for our customers with regards to StorNext or StorNext Appliances (both physical and virtual).

We are evaluating the change from Red Hat for CentOS, and deciding the path forward based on what we learn and the available options. Already, at least one community project has launched to replace CentOS as a downstream build of RHEL.

In the short term, we will not be changing our embedded platforms to CentOS 8 to follow along with Red Hat's support lifecycle for the CentOS versions. CentOS 7 will be supported from Red Hat until 2024. As security patches and other updates are released for CentOS 7, we will evaluate them and incorporate them into the platform as part of the normal release process as usual.

We will continue to support RHEL/CentOS 8 as a StorNext client, and plan to continue adding client support for future RHEL versions.