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1.0. Introduction

This document provides release information and installation instructions for Concurrent Real-Time's RedHawk Architect™ Version 7.5.

1.1 Product Description

RedHawk Architect is an easy-to-use GUI interface for configuring, building and flashing embedded solutions.

RedHawk Architect greatly simplifies the following tasks to create and maintain a runtime and development environment for single board computers (SBCs):

- installing custom configurations of the CentOS® or Red Hat® Enterprise Linux distribution
- installing and configuring the RedHawk™ Linux® operating system
- installing NightStar™ RT application development tools
- maintaining and reconfiguring an SBC's root file system
- deploying root file system images to target systems

1.2 Related Publications

The following table lists Concurrent Real-Time documentation for RedHawk Architect and the components that can be installed using RedHawk Architect. Depending upon the document, they are available online on RedHawk Linux systems or from the Concurrent Real-Time documentation web site at <http://redhawk.concurrent-rt.com/docs>.

RedHawk Architect	Pub. Number
<i>RedHawk Architect Release Notes</i>	0898600
<i>RedHawk Architect User Guide</i>	0898601
RedHawk Linux	
<i>RedHawk Linux Release Notes</i>	0898003
<i>RedHawk Linux User's Guide</i>	0898004
<i>RedHawk Linux FAQ</i>	N/A
NightStar RT Development Tools	
<i>NightView User's Guide</i>	0898395
<i>NightTrace User's Guide</i>	0898398
<i>NightProbe User's Guide</i>	0898465
<i>NightTune User's Guide</i>	0898515

1.3 Syntax Notation

The following notation is used throughout this document:

<i>italic</i>	Books, reference cards, and items that the user must specify appear in <i>italic</i> type. Special terms may also appear in <i>italic</i> .
list bold	User input appears in list bold type and must be entered exactly as shown. Names of directories, files, commands, options and man page references also appear in list bold type.
list	Operating system and program output such as prompts, messages and listings of files and programs appears in list type.
[]	Brackets enclose command options and arguments that are optional. You do not type the brackets if you choose to specify these options or arguments.

2.0. Prerequisites

Architect 7.5 can be installed on host systems running one of the following Linux distributions:

- RedHawk 7.0, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5 (both CentOS and RHEL bases supported)
- RHEL 7.0, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5 (Workstation and Server)
- CentOS 7.0, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5
- Fedora 18 through 28

Note that only 64-bit host systems are supported and only 64-bit target images can be created.

Architect 7.5 supports creating RedHawk 7.0, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5 target images.

It is also important to be aware of the following host system assumptions:

- The host system is assumed to be a separate system than the target system. In particular, the host system must have a working DVD/CD drive in order to load the media required for target installation. In addition, it is expected that the host system will have a free USB port for use in flashing the target image.
- If you are going to be configuring custom kernels using the [Kernel Manager](#) page in Architect, the host system must have the “Qt Development” and possibly “Qt Core” RPMs installed or you will not be able to successfully build custom kernels.
- At this time Architect does not work correctly with the *enforcing* mode of SELinux. It is recommended that the host system should set SELinux to *disabled* or *permissive* mode when Architect is being installed and used. If SELinux must be set to *enforcing* mode, you will be unable to perform various key actions, including building target images.
- The network installation and diskless deployment features of Architect require network access between the host system and the targets. It is recommended that any firewall on the host be disabled during all network deployments. If disabling the host firewall is not permitted at your site, the system administrator must ensure that the DHCP, TFTP and NFS protocols are allowed in both directions through the host firewall.
- By default Architect root images are placed under the `/var/lib/architect` directory. In addition, network installation and diskless deployment target images are placed under `/var/lib/tftpboot`. To avoid disk space problems it is recommended that Architect host systems have adequate space configured for the host system’s `/var` disk partition. In addition, you can configure the Architect [Default image directory](#) preference to specify a directory on a different partition or disk that has ample free space.
- It is necessary to run Architect on the host system with root permissions. To do this it is recommended that `sudo (8)` be properly configured and used on the host system. If using `sudo` is not an option, you may log in as root or alternatively issue the `su` command.

3.0. Target Boards

3.1 Supported Target Boards

In addition to creating target images that work with generic hardware configurations, RedHawk Architect Version 7.5 provides optimized support for the following target boards:

- Concurrent Technologies VR E1x/msd (VPX)
- Concurrent Technologies VP B1x/msd (VME)
- Concurrent Technologies VP 92x/41x (VME)
- Concurrent Technologies VP 92x/01x (VME)
- Concurrent Technologies VP 717/08x (VME)
- Concurrent Technologies VP 426/231 (VME)
- Concurrent Technologies TP 442/34x (CompactPCI)
- GE Fanuc V7812 (VME)
- GE Fanuc V7865 (VME)
- GE Fanuc mITX-945E-P (Mini-ITX)
- Intel Desktop Board D945GCLF2 (Mini-ITX)

3.2 Board Support Packages

Many Single Board Computers (SBCs) require a Board Support Package (BSP) to enable devices that are not supported by the standard RedHawk kernels.

This software is typically proprietary and cannot be distributed as source code. It usually requires a special agreement between Concurrent Real-Time and the copyright holder.

For example, a board support package might be required to enable a PCI-VME bridge chip or for utilities such as EEPROM flash programs.

Contact Concurrent Real-Time (see "Direct Software Support" on page 12) for more information on obtaining board support packages.

4.0. Changes in This Release

The following changes have been made in Version 7.5 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for RedHawk 7.5 target image.
- Added support for RedHawk 7.5, CentOS 7.5 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.5 hosts.
- Added support for Fedora 28 hosts.
- Added support for NightStar 4.6.
- Added support for special file system types **tmpfs** and **bind**.
- Implemented a new PXE diskless booting method using a Live RAMDISK. This method does not use NFS and does not require an ethernet connection after the PXE boot. The Live RAMDISK option is not available in target images populated with the RedHawk Linux 7.0 release.

The following changes have been made in Version 7.3-1 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for booting and installing target systems configured with UEFI firmware. With the exception of DVDs, all methods of deployment now support UEFI.
- Added support in the kernel for installing on a wider range of target hardware, including UEFI systems.
- Added the ability to kill or disconnect from a running virtual machine and to reconnect to a virtual machine previously disconnected.
- Added support to the graphical interface to be able to select and deselect multiple packages at the same time.
- Added the capability to enable and disable (mask/unmask) static and indirect systemd services.
- Added advanced configuration of read-only root file systems.
- Added non-modal windows strategically throughout the GUI.
- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

The following changes have been made in Version 7.3 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for RedHawk 7.3 target images.
- Added support for NightStar 4.5 SR4 installation in target images.
- Updated on-target installer kernel to support a wider range of target hardware.
- Added support for exporting VM images into the Virtual Machine Manager.
- Added ability to download the latest RedHawk and NightStar updates from redhawk.ccur.com and install them directly into target images.
- Allow the Media ISO Manager, PXE Image Manager and PXE Target Manager windows to function independently of the Architect main window.
- Integrated new Concurrent Real-Time, Inc. logos and branding.
- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

Changes in This Release

The following changes have been made in Version 7.2-2 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for Concurrent Technologies VR E1x/msd family of VPX boards, including the VR E14/034.

The following changes have been made in Version 7.2-1 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for choosing distribution package base environments.
- Reduced the minimum size of target images.
- Optimized file system configuration page for clarity.
- Improved on-target handling of missing disks during installation.
- Allowed some NightStar servers to be installed even if other NightStar servers could not be installed due to missing package dependencies.
- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

The following changes have been made in 7.2 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for RedHawk 7.2 target images.
- Added support for RedHawk 7.2, CentOS 7.2 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2 hosts.
- Added support for Fedora 23 hosts.
- Added support for NightStar 4.5 installation in target images.
- Added various features to help reduce the size of target images.
- Updated on-target installation kernel to support installations on a wider range of target hardware.
- Added support for GPT formatted disks.
- Added support for target systems with UEFI firmware.
- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

The following changes have been made in Version 7.0-1 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for Concurrent Technologies VP B1x/msd family of VME boards, including the VP B14/443-42.
- Added support for configuring **systemd** services in a target image.
- Added support for read-only file-systems when using advanced partitioning.
- Added support for editing kernel boot options in the Kernel Manager.
- Added support for editing QEMU command-line options for Virtual Machine deployment.
- Modified PXE installer to mount host NFS file-system with **tcp** option.
- Better integration with the GNOME desktop media auto-mounting feature.
- Added new user preference to exclude optional packages when selecting Base Distro package groups.
- Updated the PXE installer kernel to support a wider range of target systems.

- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

The following changes have been made in Version 7.0 of RedHawk Architect:

- Added support for RedHawk 7.0 target images.
- Added support for RedHawk 7.0, CentOS 7.0 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.0 hosts.
- XFS is now the default file system used for all partitions.
- Various minor enhancements and bug fixes.

5.0. Installation & Upgrade Procedures

Perform the following installation steps as the root user to both install and upgrade Architect:

1. Insert the installation CD in the CD-ROM drive.
2. The CD should normally be automatically mounted under the `/run/media/root` directory. If it does not mount automatically, create a mount point directory and invoke the `mount` command as follows:

```
mount /dev/cdrom /media/cdrom
```

NOTE

`/media/cdrom` is used in the examples in this section, however any other unique mount point directory can be used instead.

3. Change the current working directory to the directory containing the installation script:

```
cd /media/cdrom
```

4. Invoke the installation script:

```
./install-architect
```

When prompted, you must accept EULA to continue.

5. When installation is complete, change the current working directory outside of `/media/cdrom`:

```
cd /
```

6. Unmount the CD-ROM device (may be required to remove the installation CD from the CD-ROM device):

```
umount /media/cdrom
```

6.0. Software Removal

Should you desire to uninstall RedHawk Architect, perform the following steps as the root user.

1. Insert the installation CD in the CD-ROM drive.

2. Mount the CD-ROM drive:

```
mount /dev/cdrom /media/cdrom
```

Note: Your CD device mount point may be different.

3. Change the current working directory to the directory containing the installation script:

```
cd /media/cdrom
```

4. Invoke the uninstall script:

```
./uninstall-architect
```

5. When the uninstall is complete, change the current working directory outside of `/media/cdrom`:

```
cd /
```

6. Unmount the CD-ROM device (may be required to remove the installation CD from the CD-ROM device):

```
umount /media/cdrom
```

7.0. Known Issues

Special consideration should be given to the following areas.

Live RAMDISK Size Limitation

When the deployment method is PXE diskless, two different implementations are available; one uses NFS and the other a Live RAMDISK. With the Live RAMDISK option, **syslinux** may impose a limit on the file size of the Live RAMDISK that can be loaded. Also note that the Live RAMDISK option is not supported for target images populated with the RedHawk Linux 7.0 release.

DVD Installer does not support UEFI

The DVD installer deployment method does not currently support booting and installing target systems configured with UEFI firmware.

Architect session file version compatibility

Session files created by versions of Architect older than Architect 7.0 are *not* compatible with Architect 7.5. Only session files created by Architect 7.0, 7.0-1, 7.2, 7.2-1, 7.3, 7.3-1, and 7.5 can be used with Architect 7.5.

However, note that Architect 7.5 session files are *not* compatible with any previous versions of Architect and may only be used with Architect 7.5.

Whitespace characters in directory names breaks building custom kernels

The Linux kernel Makefiles do not correctly handle whitespace characters in directory names; if you plan to build custom kernels in a target image, you cannot choose an Image Name with any embedded whitespace characters, and you cannot have any embedded whitespace characters in any directory of the image's leading path.

Desktop media automounting might confuse Architect

Recent versions of the GNOME desktop automatically mount loopback-mountable media images (e.g. ISO images and virtual machine hard drive images). This feature can confuse Architect because Architect also needs to periodically mount and unmount media images.

Architect has been modified to be more compatible with automatic media image mounting, and these changes are discussed in "GNOME/MATE Desktop Integration" on page 11 of this document.

Error "passwd: Authentication token manipulation error"

If SELinux is set to *enforcing* mode you will see the following error displayed whenever you attempt to build or configure an image:

```
Cannot configure 'root_passwd':
Cannot set root password:
passwd: Authentication token manipulation error
```

To prevent these errors, change the SELinux mode to either *disabled* or *permissive*.

8.0. GNOME/MATE Desktop Integration

When running on GNOME and MATE desktops, Architect attempts to automatically disable and enable the desktop media automounting feature when it would interfere with Architect usage. Architect does this by manipulating the `/org/gnome/desktop/media-handling/automount` or `/org/mate/desktop/media-handling/automount` **dconf** key for the current desktop session. See **dconf(7)** for more information.

Architect will always manage media automounting correctly if the current desktop session is initiated by the root user. However, some issues may be encountered if **sudo** or **su** is used to run Architect from a desktop session belonging to a non-root user.

To ensure that Architect can manage media automounting correctly when the desktop session belongs to a non-root user, start Architect using one of the following techniques:

1. Run **sudo** with the *preserve user environment* option, as in the following example:

```
# sudo -E architect
```

2. Run **su** as in the following example:

```
# su -c architect
```

Alternatively, you can choose to simply disable the media automounter by issuing one of the following commands as the desktop session user:

```
$ dconf write /org/gnome/desktop/media-handling/automount false
$ dconf write /org/mate/desktop/media-handling/automount false
```

If desired, you can re-enable the media automounter after you have exited Architect by issuing one of the following commands:

```
$ dconf write /org/gnome/desktop/media-handling/automount true
$ dconf write /org/mate/desktop/media-handling/automount true
```

9.0. Software Updates and Support

9.1 Direct Software Support

Software support is available from a central source. If you need assistance or information about your system, please contact the Concurrent Real-Time Software Support Center at our toll free number 1-800-245-6453. For calls outside the continental United States, the number is 1-954-283-1822. The Software Support Center operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Calling the Software Support Center gives you immediate access to a broad range of skilled personnel and guarantees you a prompt response from the person most qualified to assist you. If you have a question requiring on-site assistance or consultation, the Software Support Center staff will arrange for a field analyst to return your call and schedule a visit.

You may also submit a request for assistance at any time by using the Concurrent Real-Time web site at <http://www.concurrent-rt.com/support>.

9.2 Software Updates

Updates to Concurrent Real-Time software can be obtained via Concurrent Real-Time's Software Portal. There are three ways of installing product updates:

- Using the Network Update Utility (NUU) installed on your RedHawk system
- Manual installation after browsing and downloading individual RPMs from Concurrent Real-Time's software repositories
- Building a customized Update CD using Concurrent Real-Time's web site for immediate download

9.2.1 Updating via NUU

NUU supports installation and updating of software products from Concurrent Real-Time software repositories over a network. NUU utilizes Yum and the RPM subsystems to install and update software.

NUU is installed automatically with RedHawk, however, you should configure it to include all of the Concurrent Real-Time software products installed on your system.

Clicking on the "Updates (NUU)" icon on your desktop launches NUU to check to see if Concurrent Real-Time updates are available for your system.

Instructions for configuring NUU can be found in the **QuickStart.pdf** document available at <http://redhawk.concurrent-rt.com/updates/QuickStart.pdf>.

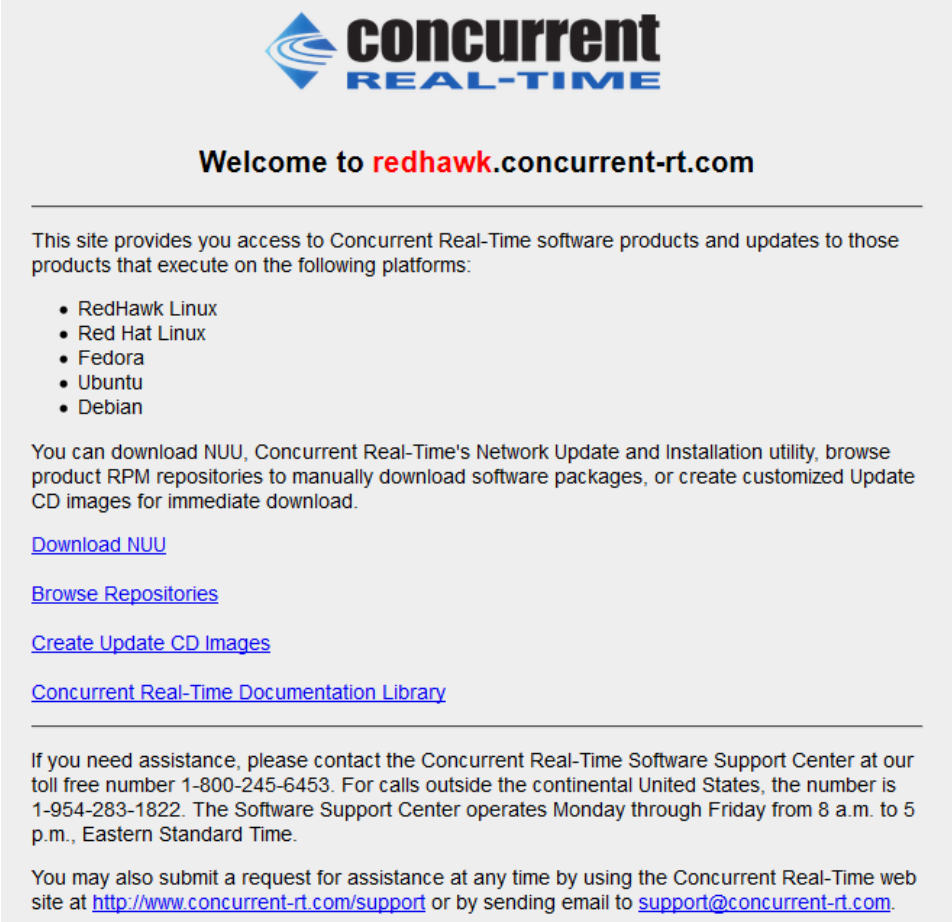
The first time you invoke NUU you will need to specify your redhawk.concurrent-rt.com Login ID and Password that were provided in the shipping documents accompanying your system. If you require assistance, refer to "Direct Software Support" on page 12.

Before using NUU to install any updated software modules, check for NUU updates separately. Apply any NUU updates and then restart NUU before applying any other updates.

9.2.2 Installing Manually Downloaded RPMs


You can browse Concurrent Real-Time's software repositories to locate updated RPMs and download them for manual installation.

Access the RedHawk Updates web site (<http://redhawk.concurrent-rt.com>) by clicking on the "Concurrent Real-Time Software Portal" icon on the desktop. Accessing this web site displays the following screen:



The screenshot shows the Concurrent Real-Time website. At the top center is the logo for "concurrent REAL-TIME", with "concurrent" in black and "REAL-TIME" in blue. Below the logo is the heading "Welcome to redhawk.concurrent-rt.com". A horizontal line separates the heading from the main content. The main content starts with a paragraph: "This site provides you access to Concurrent Real-Time software products and updates to those products that execute on the following platforms:". This is followed by a bulleted list of operating systems: RedHawk Linux, Red Hat Linux, Fedora, Ubuntu, and Debian. Below the list is another paragraph: "You can download NUU, Concurrent Real-Time's Network Update and Installation utility, browse product RPM repositories to manually download software packages, or create customized Update CD images for immediate download." This is followed by four blue underlined links: "Download NUU", "Browse Repositories", "Create Update CD Images", and "Concurrent Real-Time Documentation Library". A horizontal line separates this section from the final paragraph, which provides contact information for the Concurrent Real-Time Software Support Center, including a toll-free number (1-800-245-6453) and an email address (support@concurrent-rt.com).

Clicking on the [Browse Repositories](#) link takes you to an authentication page.



Browse Concurrent's Software Repositories



The preferred mechanism for network installation and update is to use [NUU](#), Concurrent's Network Update and installation Utility. NUU analyzes the software installed on your system, contacts Concurrent's software repositories via the Internet, and allows you to install and update software.

For customers who lack network connections to Concurrent's software repositories from their secured systems, web-based browsing is made available. You can locate software updates for your products and download them for subsequent transport to secured systems.

Enter your redhawk.concurrent-rt.com Login and Password and press the browse button to proceed:

Login:

Password:





If you do not have a redhawk.concurrent-rt.com Login and Password or if you need assistance, please contact the Concurrent Software Support Center at our toll free number 1-800-245-6453. For calls outside the continental United States, the number is 1-954-283-1822. The Software Support Center operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

You may also submit a request for assistance at any time by using the Concurrent Real-Time web site at <http://www.concurrent-rt.com/support> or by sending an email to support@concurrent-rt.com.

Enter your redhawk.concurrent-rt.com Login ID and Password and click the **Browse** button.

Select the products of interest and architecture from the following pages to see the list of RPMs in the product software repository.

Index of /home/redhawk/buffet/RedHawk/Architect/7.3

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
 Parent Directory/		-	
 i386/	23-Oct-2017 11:55	-	
 isos/	23-Oct-2017 11:52	-	
 x86_64/	23-Oct-2017 11:55	-	

To locate the latest RPMs in the repository, click on the **Last modified** column header to sort by date. You may need to click twice to set the sort order to newest-to-oldest.

After locating the RPMs of interest and downloading them to your system, you can manually install them.

To install newly downloaded packages, follow these steps:

1. Log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode:
 - a. Right click on the desktop and select **Open Terminal**.
 - b. At the system prompt, type **init 1**.

2. Change directory to the location of the updates and issue the following command:

```
rpm -Uvh * .rpm
```

The time it takes to install will vary depending on the number of updates being installed.

3. When complete, exit single-user mode (Ctrl-D).

NOTE

If you have installed an update containing new RedHawk kernels on a system that has post-installation loadable modules present, those modules must be recompiled for the new kernel; for example, an NVIDIA driver that is a later version than the one included with RedHawk or any third party package that uses loadable modules.

9.2.3 Customized Update CDs

You can use Concurrent Real-Time's Software Portal to create a customized Update CD for your system which you can then download and burn onto physical media, or simply mount as an ISO9660 image.

Update CDs have customized copies of product software repositories and a simple graphical interface for selecting packages for update and installation. These CDs use NUU (described above) to talk to the CD to obtain packages -- no network access is required during installation via Update CDs.

Access the RedHawk Updates web site (<http://redhawk.concurrent-rt.com>) by clicking on the "Concurrent Real-Time Software Portal" icon on the desktop, then click on Create Update CD images.

You will need to enter your redhawk.concurrent-rt.com Login ID and Password and then you can select the products to update. A CD image is built as part of the web session. At the end of the session, you can immediately download it for subsequent installation.

9.2.4 Automatic Notification of Available Updates

When updates, incremental releases or major releases occur, those who have subscribed to Concurrent Real-Time's automatic notification service are automatically sent an email with a link to the redhawk.concurrent-rt.com site describing the updates relative to your company. Multiple email addresses can be subscribed per customer site.

To subscribe, unsubscribe or change notification options, click on the "Subscribe to the Update Notification Service" link on the redhawk.concurrent-rt.com site.

9.3 Documentation Updates

For the latest documents, including updated FAQ, Release Notes and User Guides, go to Concurrent Real-Time's documentation web site at <http://redhawk.concurrent-rt.com/docs>.

