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Description

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Priority

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Area

ClearOS (deprecated)
Kimchi (including KVM)

Details

For some reason, RPM installation of KVM/Libvirtd misses the "default" net and pool settings. This results in errors and hence hides the "Virtualization" tab in the Wok/Kimchi Admin Console.

In order to overcome this problem, I suggest adding a feature to the app to check for default settings. If they don't exist, then the app should ask for user's permission to generate them, as in the attached mockup.

The app may use libvirt-php or may directly execute virsh commands in order to do the settings' checking and generation.

1. Check for net default setting:
If shell_exec("virsh -c qemu:///system net-info default") is null, then it's missing.

If it exits, then the app should also check its activeness, as inactive default setting may also hinders prober functionality of Kimchi (see #3 below).

2. Check for pool default setting:
If shell_exec("virsh -c qemu:///system pool-info default") is null, then it's missing.

3. Add net default settings:
virsh -c qemu:///system net-define /usr/share/libvirt/networks/default.xml
virsh -c qemu:///system net-start default
virsh -c qemu:///system net-autostart default

The app may incorporate the default.xml file instead of relaying on the one that comes with the libvirt installation.

The default net setting may result in conflict between ClearOS' dnsmasq and Libvirtd's dnsmasq as explained
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here: https://wiki.libvirt.org/page/Libvirtd_and_dnsmasq. The app can adopt the solution in the given link, but I'm not sure how this solution will affect ClearOS. So, this needs farther testing.

4. Add pool default settings:
No default.xml pool settings file comes with KVM installation, so:

```bash
virsh -c qemu:///system pool-define /dev/stdin <<EOF
<pool type='dir'>
<name>default</name>
<target>
<path>/var/lib/libvirt/images</path>
</target>
</pool>
EOF
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virsh -c qemu:///system pool-start default
virsh -c qemu:///system pool-autostart default

PS: this feature request originated from here: https://github.com/WikiSuite/app-kimchi/issues/3#issuecomment-349730319

Attachment
1. Screen Shot 2017 12 08 At 5.12.21 AM Copy

Related
- ClearOS in Gateway Mode Refuses to Route KVMs

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Comments

Marc Laporte 2017-12-07 22:19

Thank you for this very detailed report. And I love the mock-up you made!

On https://github.com/WikiSuite/app-kimchi/issues/3#issue-279643954, you indicate "I've already installed KVM as per:
https://www.clearos.com/resources/documentation/clearos/content:en_us:kb_7_install_virtualization_using_kvm"

app-kimchi installs KVM as a dependency. Can you confirm that you tried just yum
install app-kimchi on a fresh install and have this issue?

Thanks!

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**techana** 2017-12-08 08:07

Yes, I tried yum install app-kimchi on a fresh clearos 7.4 installation and the Virtualisation tab went missing. I had to activate the default settings as described above in order to get that tab.

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**techana** 2017-12-08 11:47

Let me add that my clearos runs in Gateway mode.

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**Marc Laporte** 2017-12-08 13:25

ah that could be something. My gateway is a distinct ClearOS.

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**Marc Laporte** 2018-01-23 22:53

Do you think solving item266-ClearOS-in-Gateway-Mode-Refuses-to-Route-KVMs will also solve this?

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**techana** 2018-01-24 00:19

This (item259) is about some missing files/settings (default net and pool). The other one (item266) is about routing VMs traffic through clearOS running as a gateway.

Item266 has higher priority for sure and
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fixing it by enabling a "default" bridge network for example would most properly solve part of item259 as well.

Marc Laporte 2021-07-24 12:27
https://wikisuite.org/blogpost16-WikiSuite-will-now-support-all-major-Linux-distros