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## **Launch of RHCEng (next generation RHCT & RHCE Examination)**

Effective **May 1, 2009**, the RHCT & RHCE examination would be undergoing a major change in format and delivery mechanism. This is the next generation of our RHCT and RHCE test delivery mechanisms. It represents the biggest change in format and delivery mechanics since the release of the RHCT and RHCE in 2002.

**The new format would be called RHCEng** (*pronounced as R-H-C-E engee*)

### **Item Presentation (Electronic)**

With RHCEng, Red Hat would abstain using hard copies of documents. All documents would be handled electronically, such as, signing the confidentiality agreement will be through a click, rather than a physically signed document and all test items will be presented in electronic format only.

### **Structure of examination and duration**

The mode of the exam remains the same i.e., Performance Based Testing.

# The RHCE exam will become a single section exam of 3.5 hours of testing time instead of two sections of 2.5 hours and 3.0 hours

# The RHCT exam will become a single section exam of 2.0 hours of testing time instead of two sections of 1.0 hours and 2.0 hours

# The format of the exam is 100 percent electronic. No hard copy documents will be printed, thus eliminating the increasingly expensive need to print and store documents

### **Major changes**

We believe that candidate performance will be similar to what it has been. The length of the exams has been changed after considerable statistical analysis of candidate performance over time. Testing time is used more efficiently by consolidating the two sections into one. Most, but not all, of the requirements are the same. One key element that was removed is installation. Eliminating this inefficient use of candidate time allows us to focus on requirements that tell us much more about a candidate's skills and knowledge.



## **Hardware Requirements**

RHCEng uses virtualization to make more efficient and effective use of hardware. The hardware should support PXE booting [Update on hardware requirements would follow shortly]