Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'rocky.1'

$ man rocky.1

man(1)   Rocky Linux (Blue Onyx)   man(1)

NAME

   Rocky Linux - A Community Enterprise Operating System

DESCRIPTION

   Rocky Linux is a community enterprise operating system designed and

   built to be binary compatible with the world's top enterprise Linux

   distribution, Red Hat Enterprise Linux. Rocky Linux is led by Gregory

   Kurtzer, a founder of the CentOS project.

HISTORY OF THE NAME

   The name "Rocky" was chosen as a tribute to Rocky McGaugh, a co-founder

   of CentOS. In the words of Gregory Kurtzer, "He is no longer with us,

   so as a H/T to him, who never got to see the success that CentOS came

   to be, I introduce to you Rocky Linux."

GOALS

   Rocky Linux, as a distribution, has a primary goal of being a community

   enterprise distribution that the world can install and use to their

   liking, as an alternative to Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) or another

   Enterprise Linux derivative. As a community, there are other goals for

Rocky (from our Community Charter missions):

? Build a community of individuals and organizations to develop and
  foster enterprise-grade, open source solutions.

? Work together to provide for the needs of the enterprise community.

? The security, stability, and integrity of our projects are paramount.

? Enable knowledge sharing, inclusiveness, collaboration, and open com?
  munication.

? Coordinate with the commercial, research, academic, and public sec?
  tors to help bring their products, technologies, and support into en?
  terprise environments.

? Always make decisions in the best interest of the enterprise commu?
  nity while being beholden to no specific organization(s)

More information is in our community charter found at
/usr/share/doc/rocky-release/COMMUNITY-CHARTER and https://rock?
ylinux.org/community-charter/

COMMUNICATION

There are many ways you can communicate with the community.

? IRC: irc.libera.chat/#rockylinux

? Matrix: https://matrix.to/#/!rHvPOeKWNBOYSKTiBr:matrix.org?via=ma?
  trix.org

? Mattermost: https://chat.rockylinux.org

? Forums: https://forums.rockylinux.org

? Reddit: https://reddit.com/r/RockyLinux

WHY?

You're probably wondering what this is for, whether you found it on ac?
cident or you were hunting for easter eggs.

It was your average monday with standup with Release Engineering. We
were discussing the path to what would be 8.4 and what's next, whether
that was patches we needed to do at the time and PR's upstream to re?
duce future work. It got us thinking about easter eggs to put into the
distribution. Nothing too crazy, just the small things. Things that we
would hope would be found and perhaps shared through our various commu?
nication mediums (such as twitter and mattermost). So this man page was

born as a direct result of those ideas.

Now you might be asking yourself, 'well where does the name come in?' That's also a good question, because originally we weren't going to have a code name for our releases. We realized really quickly that we should add one to satisfy vendors (and others in the community that ex? pect one), instead of putting a name somewhere and hoping someone would find it. While that last part was technically still true, we figured it wouldn't hurt to add one. The code names don't affect the functionality of the distribution. To be honest, I see them as aesthetics more than anything. In the end, we all thought it was a good idea and decided we should put one in and use that to push forward core themes and ideas for the major version.

'Why didn't you just name them based on characters from Rocky Balboa?' We really did consider that during the Green Obsidian days. "Rocky" managed to create its own set of memes when it started (some of the memes were pretty good). It almost seemed fitting that we'd use a name from the series. Realistically though, we'd run out of names. We could've named Rocky 8 "Adrian" (secretly it is) and left it be. But instead, we decided let's use the names of actual rocks/minerals. I also figured that we can't just use a rock name. Rocks have colors or other adjectives that describe them.

(Secretly we have internal code names based on the movies, but don't tell anyone)

Blue Onyx was chosen for our 9 release. Onyx is a variety of stone that comes from chalcedony, a silicate mineral made of calcite (similar to marble or granite). Onyx usually features contrasting layers of color. Onyx has parallel bands that can range from black to almost every color, with black and white being the most common. Blue Onyx in this case is a special variety of the onyx stone. For those who know their color theory, you may already know that blue is a calming, serene color that represents intelligence, responsibility, tranquility, trustworthi? ness, peacefulness, among many other things. Blue Onyx as itself is a provider of strength and support. Choosing blue as this release's color

felt like the right choice as the community has trusted and believed in our pursuit to bring to them a community-based Enterprise Linux distri? bution.

Before I let you go, I want to personally thank you for installing Rocky Linux. This distribution would not be possible without the hard work, dedication, and passion of the community to want to keep an al? ways free Enterprise Linux distribution. We hope that you enjoy using this distribution and continue to support us in the future.

AUTHOR

Louis Abel <label@rockylinux.org> @nazunalika

SPECIAL THANKS

Mustafa Gezen - For the amazing Peridot build system and the utilities Rocky uses

Neil Hanlon - For empowering our build system and community with POWER and Z systems to match upstream

Sherif Nagy - Without you, secure boot for Rocky Linux would not be possible.

Trevor Cooper and the rest of the Testing Team - For continuously work? ing on a testing suite that can be used for all versions and variants of Rocky going forward

Peter Ajamian - Maintaining the migration tools and assisting the com? munity in IRC and Forums whenever possible.

Skip and Everyone in the Mattermost Dev channel - For discovering and assisting on build issues for 9 (and likely beyond)

 ... and you: The Community, for supporting and believing in this project.

SEE ALSO

? /usr/share/doc/rocky-release/COMMUNITY-CHARTER

? https://rockylinux.org

? https://twitter.com/rocky_linux

? https://chat.rockylinux.org

? https://forums.rockylinux.org

? https://reddit.com/r/RockyLinux

COPYRIGHT

2022, Rocky Enterprise Software Foundation, Licensed under the 3-Clause

BSD License