Foreman - Feature #2861

[RFE] Change the "Host" terminology to "Machine" and add "Machine Type/Role" column in the main "Hosts" view

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Description

I'm not sure it's accurate to use the "Host" terminology for all machine types, "Host" phrase does usually used as a generic name for machine but now that Foreman has virtualization/cloud management systems integration - the "Host" phrase might imply to machines that run virtual machines (guests) and may be confusing.

I think that a better phrase would be "Machines", their type/role/whatever-name-fits-here could be one of this list ['host', 'guest'/'virtual machine', 'server', 'desktop', 'gateway', 'unspecified', ...], this info should appear as an additional column in the "Hosts" main view.

History

#1 - 08/02/2016 03:25 AM - Marek Hulán

- Description updated

- Status changed from New to Rejected

Could you use host groups or config groups for machine roles you described?

I don't think we host would cause too much confusion, even though I got your point. It's always matter of looking angle. From virtualization perspective, you're right about host and guest terminology. On the other hand, each guest is also host (nested virtualization). If i don't care about virtualization, I tend to call any machine a host, since it host some service.

The benefit is not that big IMHO. The amount of work we'd have to do is. E.g. fixing the whole manual, keeping api compatible, etc. I'm closing the issus, if anyone disagree, please reopen or add a comment and I will reopen.