

[How to Manage the User\(s\) in MariaDB?](#)

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[The previous article](#) already explained how to create a database and a table in MariaDB. This article will explain how to manage the user(s) in MariaDB.

Problem

How to manage the user(s) in MariaDB?

Solution

Here are the commands to manage user(s) in MariaDB:

INFO

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1. Display all users

Type the command below to display all the users in MariaDB:

```
SELECT User,Host FROM mysql.user;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
+-----+-----+
| User      | Host      |
+-----+-----+
| mariadb.sys | localhost |
| mysql      | localhost |
| root       | localhost |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.007 sec)
```

Display all users in MariaDB



You can see in the picture above that by default, there are only 3 users in MariaDB.

2. Create a user with a password

Use the format below to create a user with a password:

```
CREATE USER 'username'@'ip_address' IDENTIFIED BY 'password_user';
```

For example, If you want to create a user with the name james and its password 123456, then type the command below:

```
CREATE USER 'james'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY '123456';
```

If you want to create a John user with a qwerty password but the user can only access the database via the IP with subnet 192.168.56.0/24, type the command below:

```
CREATE USER 'john'@'192.168.56.%' IDENTIFIED BY 'qwerty';
```

But if you also want to create a judith user with a password 1q2w3e4r and the user can access the database from any network, then type the command below:

```
CREATE USER 'judith'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '1q2w3e4r';
```

```

MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE USER 'james'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY '123456';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.051 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE USER 'john'@'192.168.56.%' IDENTIFIED BY 'qwerty';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.043 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE USER 'judith'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '1q2w3e4r';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.047 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
+-----+-----+
| User          | Host          |
+-----+-----+
| judith        | %             |
| john          | 192.168.56.% |
| james         | localhost     |
| mariadb.sys   | localhost     |
| mysql         | localhost     |
| root          | localhost     |
+-----+-----+
6 rows in set (0.004 sec)

```



Create the users

To see the options for this command, you can go [to this page](#).

4. Rename user

Use the format below to change the user name:

```
RENAME USER 'username1'@'ip_address' TO 'username2'@'ip_address'
```

For example, you want to change the name of james to bob by typing the command below:

```
RENAME USER 'james'@'localhost' TO 'bob'@'localhost';
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
judith	%
john	192.168.56.%
james	localhost
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
6 rows in set (0.003 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> RENAME USER 'james'@'localhost' TO 'bob'@'localhost';
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.043 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
judith	%
john	192.168.56.%
bob	localhost
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
6 rows in set (0.003 sec)
```



Rename the user

You can also change the IP address using the command:

```
RENAME USER 'bob'@'localhost' TO 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
judith	%
john	192.168.56.%
bob	localhost
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
6 rows in set (0.005 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> RENAME USER 'bob'@'localhost' TO 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.046 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
judith	%
bob	192.168.56.%
john	192.168.56.%
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
6 rows in set (0.003 sec)
```



Rename the IP address

To see the options for this command, you can go [to this page](#).

5. Alter user

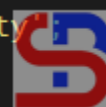
Use the format below to change the user in MariaDB:

```
ALTER USER 'username' option1 option2 ... optionN;
```

For example, if you want to change the user james' password, then use the command below:

```
ALTER USER 'james'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'qwerty';
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> ALTER USER 'james'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'qwerty';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.006 sec)
```



Change the password using the alter command

To see the options for this command, you can go [to this page](#).

6. Grant a user

If you only make a user in Mariadb without giving access to the user, then the user will not be able to enter the existing database in Mariadb. By default, only the root user gets access to all databases in Mariadb. To add a user to have access, use the format below:

```
GRANT option1 ON option2 TO 'username'@'ip_address';
```

Option1 is for privileges options at a database or a table level, and option2 is for which database or table the user can access by the user. To see the options for this command, you can go [to this page](#). For example, the user bob can only access the db_office database and then use the command below:

```
GRANT ALL ON db_office.* TO 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
```

If you want to provide access to the user john to only be able to do the **select** command for the employee table in the db_office database, then use the command below:

```
GRANT SELECT ON db_office.employees TO 'john'@'192.168.56.%';
```

and provide a judith user to access the entire database, use the command below:

```
GRANT ALL ON *.* TO 'judith'@'%';
```

You can also combine the grant command by giving a password to a user by typing the command below:

```
GRANT ALL ON db_office.* TO 'richard'@'192.168.56.%' IDENTIFIED BY 'qwerty';
```

To see the grant of a user, for example, a judith user, type the command below:

```
SHOW GRANTS for 'judith';
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW GRANTS for 'judith';
+-----+
| Grants for judith@%                               |
+-----+
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO `judith`@`%` IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '*DB469070DB0AD0CA0B93040D166D7FC4713D6961' |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.000 sec)
```

Display grant for a user

Warning

If you want to see the grant of a user but you do not enter the IP address of the user's host, as in the picture above, then by default, MariaDB will assume '%' as the host. Therefore, it is recommended that you type the IP address of the user to display the grant status of the user.

If you want to see what grant access is given to a user but forget each IP host address from the user-user in MariaDB, then use this command:

```
select distinct concat('SHOW GRANTS FOR ', QUOTE(user), '@', QUOTE(host), ';') as query from mysql.user;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> select distinct concat('SHOW GRANTS FOR ', QUOTE(user), '@', QUOTE(host), ';') as query from mysql.user;
+-----+
| query                                                                                               |
+-----+
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'judith'@'%';                                                                    |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';                                                            |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'john'@'192.168.56.%';                                                         |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'richard'@'192.168.56.%';                                                       |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'mariadb.sys'@'localhost';                                                      |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'mysql'@'localhost';                                                            |
| SHOW GRANTS FOR 'root'@'localhost';                                                             |
+-----+
7 rows in set (0.009 sec)
```

Display all grants for each user

7. Make a role

By default, if you have many users and sometimes these users have the same access, it is recommended to create a role. A role bundles many privileges together. Use the format below to create a role:

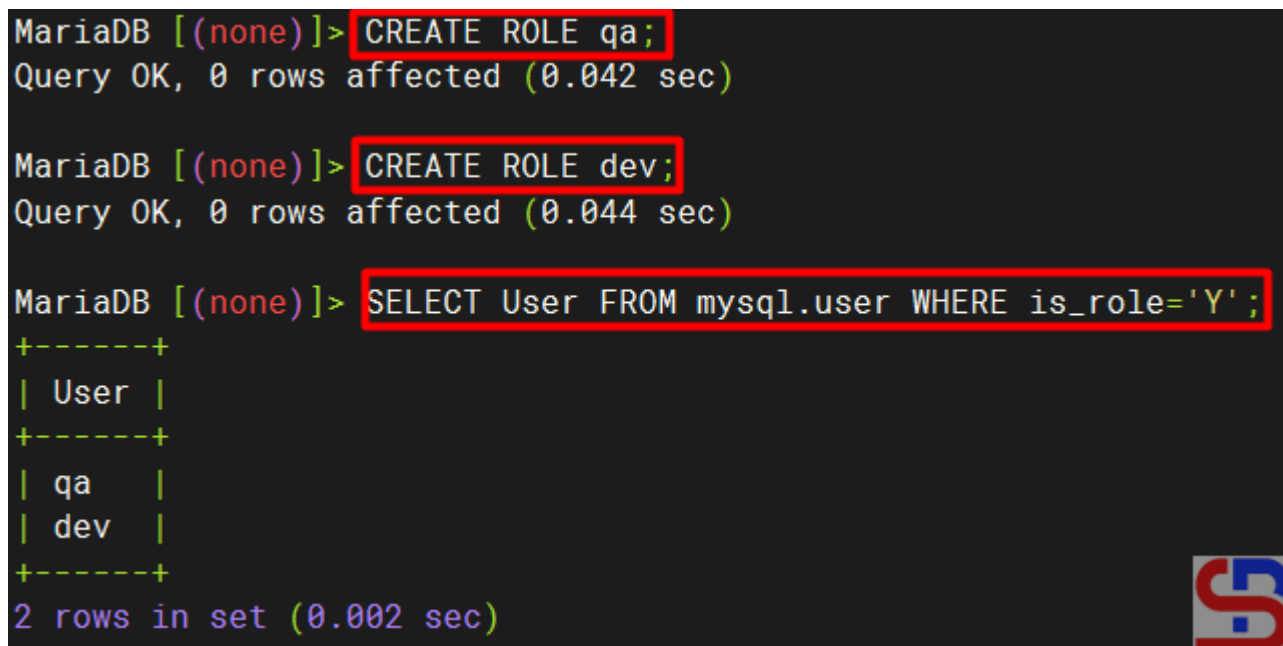
```
CREATE ROLE role_name;
```

To see the options in this command, please go [to this page](#). For example, if you want to make a qa and a dev role in MariaDB, then use the command below to make the role:


```
CREATE ROLE qa;  
CREATE ROLE dev;
```

To see all the roles in MariaDB, use the command below:

```
SELECT User FROM mysql.user WHERE is_role='Y';
```



```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE ROLE qa;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.042 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE ROLE dev;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.044 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT User FROM mysql.user WHERE is_role='Y';  
+-----+  
| User |  
+-----+  
| qa   |  
| dev  |  
+-----+  
2 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```



Create the role

After that, use the grant command to access the db_office database based on the roles as the command below:

```
GRANT SELECT ON db_office.* TO qa;  
GRANT ALL ON db_office.* TO dev;
```

Then enter the user bob into the qa role and judith into the dev role with the command below:

```
GRANT qa TO 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';  
GRANT dev to 'judith'@'%';
```

To see users who have entered into the roles in Mariadb, use the command below:

```
SELECT * FROM mysql.roles_mapping;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT SELECT ON db_office.* TO qa;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.041 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT ALL ON db_office.* TO dev;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.048 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT qa TO 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.047 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT dev TO 'judith'@'%';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.044 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT * FROM mysql.roles_mapping;  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| Host      | User   | Role  | Admin_option |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| localhost | root   | qa    | Y             |  
| localhost | root   | dev   | Y             |  
| 192.168.56.% | bob    | qa    | N             |  
| %         | judith | dev   | N             |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
4 rows in set (0.003 sec)
```



Grant role to the user

8. Delete access

If you want to delete access to a user, whether it's a role or a grant. Use the format below if you want to delete a user's role:

```
REVOKE role_name FROM 'user'@'ip_address';
```

For example, if you want to delete the qa role from the user bob, use the command below:

```
REVOKE qa FROM 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM mysql.roles_mapping;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Host      | User  | Role  | Admin_option |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| localhost | root  | qa    | Y             |
| localhost | root  | dev   | Y             |
| 192.168.56.% | bob   | qa    | N             |
| %         | judith | dev   | N             |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> REVOKE qa FROM 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.045 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM mysql.roles_mapping;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Host      | User  | Role  | Admin_option |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| localhost | root  | qa    | Y             |
| localhost | root  | dev   | Y             |
| %         | judith | dev   | N             |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]>
```



Revoke a user's role

Use the format below if you want to delete a grant:

```
REVOKE option1 ON option2 FROM 'user'@'ip_address';
```

Option1 is for privileges options at a database or a table level, and option2 is for which database or table. If you want to see a deeper explanation of this command, go [to this](#)

[page](#). For example, if you want to delete richard's grant in the db_office database, then use the command below:

```
REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON db_office.* FROM 'richard'@'192.168.56.%';
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'richard'@'192.168.56.%';
+-----+
| Grants for richard@192.168.56.% |
+-----+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `richard`@`192.168.56.%` IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '*AA1420F182E88B9E5F874F6FBE7459291E8F4601' |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `db_office`.* TO `richard`@`192.168.56.%` |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON db_office.* FROM 'richard'@'192.168.56.%';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.042 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'richard'@'192.168.56.%';
+-----+
| Grants for richard@192.168.56.% |
+-----+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO `richard`@`192.168.56.%` IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '*AA1420F182E88B9E5F874F6FBE7459291E8F4601' |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.004 sec)
```

Revoke the user's grant

9. Delete a user

To delete a user, use the format below:

```
DROP USER username;
```

If you want to see a deeper explanation of this command, please go [to this page](#). For example, if you want to delete the judith user in MariaDB, then use the command below:

```
DROP USER judith;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT USER,HOST FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
dev	
qa	
judith	%
bob	192.168.56.%
john	192.168.56.%
richard	192.168.56.%
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
9 rows in set (0.004 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> DROP USER judith;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.059 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT USER,HOST FROM mysql.user;
```

User	Host
dev	
qa	
bob	192.168.56.%
john	192.168.56.%
richard	192.168.56.%
mariadb.sys	localhost
mysql	localhost
root	localhost

```
8 rows in set (0.004 sec)
```



Delete the user

But if you find a user who has 2 names that are the same, but the IP host address is different, then you must use the format below:

```
DROP USER 'username'@'ip_address';
```

For example, you want to delete one of the user bobs that

has an IP 192.168.56.%, Then use the command below:

```
DROP USER 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT USER,HOST FROM mysql.user;
+-----+-----+
| User      | Host      |
+-----+-----+
| dev       |           |
| qa        |           |
| bob       | %         |
| bob       | 192.168.56.% |
| john      | 192.168.56.% |
| richard   | 192.168.56.% |
| mariadb.sys | localhost |
| mysql     | localhost |
| root      | localhost |
+-----+-----+
9 rows in set (0.003 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> DROP USER 'bob'@'192.168.56.%';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.046 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT USER,HOST FROM mysql.user;
+-----+-----+
| User      | Host      |
+-----+-----+
| dev       |           |
| qa        |           |
| bob       | %         |
| john      | 192.168.56.% |
| richard   | 192.168.56.% |
| mariadb.sys | localhost |
| mysql     | localhost |
| root      | localhost |
+-----+-----+
8 rows in set (0.004 sec)
```



Delete the user with a certain IP

Note

To provide grant access to one of the users, it must first be asked what his needs are for accessing a database so that the MariaDB database can be more secure.

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How to Manage a Database and its Table(s) in MariaDB?

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After [installing MariaDB on your Linux server](#), you must know some basic MariaDB commands.

Problem

How to manage a database and its table(s) in MariaDB?

Solution

Below are the basic commands of MariaDB to manage a database and its table(s):

1. Access to the MariaDB database

Use the format below to access MariaDB:

```
mariadb -h ip_address -u username -p
```

If you access MariaDB from the server using the root user directly, type the command below:

```
mariadb -u root -p
```

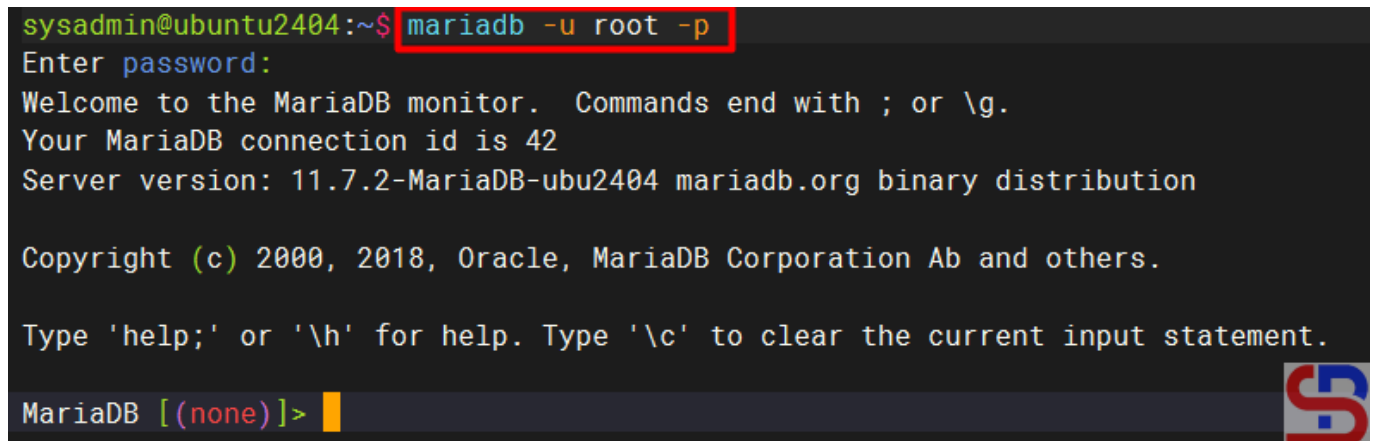
Enter the password for the root in MariaDB, and if the password is appropriate then you can access MariaDB as in the image below:

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ mariadb -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MariaDB monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MariaDB connection id is 42
Server version: 11.7.2-MariaDB-ubu2404 mariadb.org binary distribution

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

MariaDB [(none)]>
```

A terminal window showing the process of logging into MariaDB. The user runs the command 'mariadb -u root -p'. The terminal prompts for a password, then displays a welcome message, connection ID (42), and server version (11.7.2-MariaDB-ubu2404). It also shows copyright information and instructions on how to use help and clear the input. The prompt 'MariaDB [(none)]>' is visible at the bottom. A small logo is in the bottom right corner of the terminal window.

Access to MariaDB

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2. Creating a new database

Use the format below to create a new database:

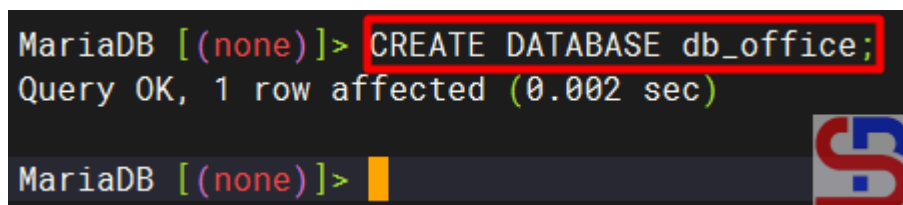
```
CREATE DATABASE database_name;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to create a new database called **db_office**, use the command below;

```
CREATE DATABASE db_office;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE DATABASE db_office;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]>
```

A terminal window showing the execution of the 'CREATE DATABASE db_office;' command. The terminal displays 'Query OK, 1 row affected (0.002 sec)'. The prompt 'MariaDB [(none)]>' is visible at the bottom. A small logo is in the bottom right corner of the terminal window.

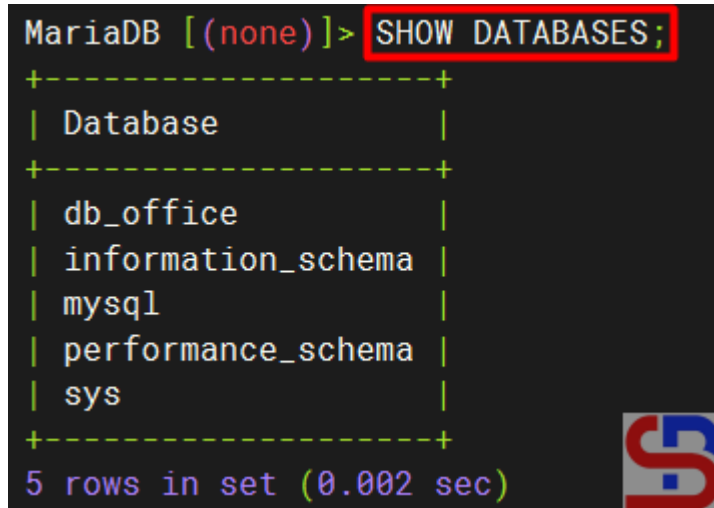
Create a new database

3. See the entire database

Type the command below to see all the databases stored in MariaDB:

```
SHOW DATABASES;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW DATABASES;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| db_office |
| information_schema |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
| sys |
+-----+
5 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```



Display all databases

4. Select a database

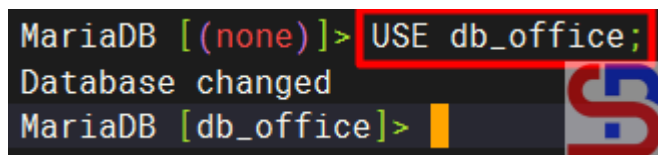
Use the format below to select the database you want to access:

```
USE db_name;
```

For example, if you want to access the db_office database, then type the command below:

```
USE db_office;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> USE db_office;
Database changed
MariaDB [db_office]> |
```



Select the database

5. Create a table

Use the format below to create a new table:

```
CREATE TABLE table_name (name_of_column1 column_data_type1, name_of_column2
```

```
column_data_type2, ...);
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). Type the command below to create an employee table:

```
CREATE TABLE employee (name varchar (100), age int (3));
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> CREATE TABLE employee (name VARCHAR(100), age INT(3))  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.074 sec)
```



Create a new table

You can see data types that can be used [on this page](#).

6. Display the entire table(s)

Use the command below to display the entire table in a database:

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW TABLES;  
+-----+  
| Tables_in_db_office |  
+-----+  
| employee            |  
+-----+  
1 row in set (0.003 sec)
```



Show all tables

7. Display the table structure

Use the command below to display the table structure:

```
DESC table_name;
```

For example, if you want to see the employee table structure, then use the command below:

```
DESC employee;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> DESC employee;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name  | varchar(100)  | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| age   | int(3)        | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.004 sec)
```

Display a table structure

8. Add a column

Use the format below to make a column in table:

```
ALTER TABLE db_name ADD COLUMN column_name type (nnn);
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to add to the city column in the employee table, use the command below:

```
ALTER TABLE employee ADD COLUMN city VARCHAR (100);
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> ALTER TABLE employee ADD COLUMN city VARCHAR (100);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.063 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [db_office]> DESC employee;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name  | varchar(100)  | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| age   | int(3)        | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| city  | varchar(100)  | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```

Add a new column

9. Insert data into the table

Use the format below to enter data in a table:

```
INSERT INTO table_name (Column1, Column2,..., ColumnN) VALUES (Value1,...ValueN),
(Value1,...ValueN);
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). Type the command below if you want to insert 2 data to the employee table:

```
INSERT INTO employee (name,age,city) VALUES ('bob',21,'New York'),
('John',22,'Chicago');
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> INSERT INTO employee (name,age,city) VALUES ('bob',21,'New York'), ('John',22,'Chicago');
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.008 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

Insert data into the table

INFO

If you want to insert a value in the form of a number, the number does not have to be flanked with an apostrof ('...') sign, whereas if it is a character or a combination of characters and numbers, it must be flanked with an apostrof ('...').

10. Displays data in a table

Use the format below to display all data in a table:

```
SELECT option1 FROM table_name option2;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, use the command below to display all data in the employee table:

```
SELECT * FROM employee;
```

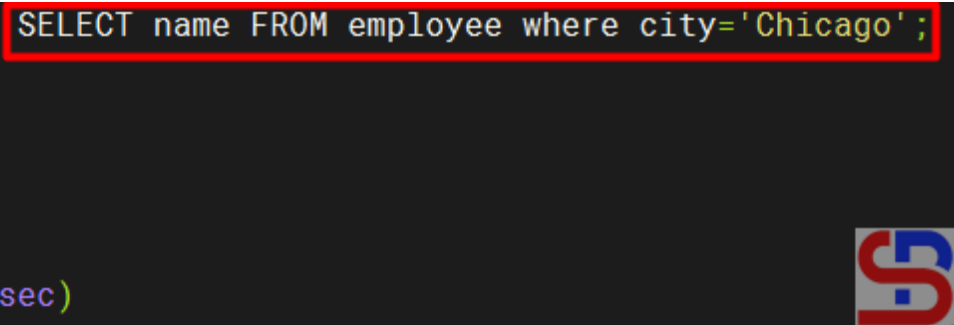
```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
+----+-----+-----+
| name | age  | city   |
+----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 21   | New York |
| John | 22   | Chicago |
+----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```

Display all the data

Or, if you want to display the name of the user who lives in the city of Chicago then use the command below:

```
SELECT name FROM employee where city='Chicago';
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT name FROM employee where city='Chicago';
+-----+
| name |
+-----+
| John |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.003 sec)
```



Display the data with a condition

11. Update data

Use the format below to update data in a table:

```
UPDATE table_name SET columnX=valueX WHERE columnY=valueY;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to update the age of the employee named Bob, use the command below:

```
UPDATE employee SET age=23 WHERE name='bob';
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | age | city |
+-----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 21 | New York |
| John | 22 | Chicago |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.004 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> UPDATE employee SET age=23 WHERE name='bob';
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.046 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | age | city |
+-----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 23 | New York |
| John | 22 | Chicago |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```



Update data

12. Delete Data

Use the format below to delete one or more rows of a table:

```
DELETE FROM table_name WHERE column=value;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to delete the data where the user is in Chicago, then use the command below:

```
DELETE FROM employee WHERE city='Chicago';
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | age | city |
+-----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 23 | New York |
| John | 22 | Chicago |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.003 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> DELETE FROM employee WHERE city = 'Chicago';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.055 sec)
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | age | city |
+-----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 23 | New York |
+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.003 sec)
```



Delete the data

13. Delete the column

Use the format below to make changes in the table:

```
ALTER TABLE db_name DROP COLUMN column_name;
```

If you want to delete the column, for example, city, you can use the following command:

```
ALTER TABLE employee DROP COLUMN city;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> DESC employee;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name  | varchar(100) | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| age   | int(3)        | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| city  | varchar(100) | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.001 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> ALTER TABLE employee DROP COLUMN city;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.022 sec)
Records: 0 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [db_office]> DESC employee;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name  | varchar(100) | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
| age   | int(3)        | YES  |     | NULL    |      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.001 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> 
```



Delete the column

14. Empty the table

You can delete all data in a table with the format as below:

```
TRUNCATE table_name;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to delete all the data in the employee table, then type the command below:

```
TRUNCATE employee;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | age | city      |
+-----+-----+-----+
| bob  | 23  | New York  |
+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.004 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> TRUNCATE employee;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.073 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> SELECT * FROM employee;
Empty set (0.007 sec)
```

Truncate the table

15. Change a table name

You can change the name of the table using the format below:

```
RENAME TABLE old_table_name TO new_table_name;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). Use the command below if, for example, you want to change the name of the employee table to employees:

```
RENAME TABLE employee to employees;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_db_office |
+-----+
| employee            |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.003 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> RENAME TABLE employee to employees;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.082 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_db_office |
+-----+
| employees           |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.004 sec)
```



Rename the table

16. Delete a table

Use the format below to delete a table:

```
DROP TABLE table_name;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to delete the employee table, then use the command below:

```
DROP TABLE employees;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_db_office |
+-----+
| employees           |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.003 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> DROP TABLE employees;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.087 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW TABLES;
Empty set (0.002 sec)
```



Delete the table

17. Delete a database

To delete a database, use the format below:

```
DROP DATABASE database_name;
```

You can see the options for this command [on this page](#). For example, if you want to delete the db_office database, then type the command below:

```
DROP DATABASE db_office;
```

```
MariaDB [db_office]> SHOW DATABASES;
+-----+
| Database           |
+-----+
| db_office          |
| information_schema |
| mysql              |
| performance_schema |
| sys                |
+-----+
5 rows in set (0.006 sec)

MariaDB [db_office]> DROP DATABASE db_office;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.072 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW DATABASES;
+-----+
| Database           |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| mysql              |
| performance_schema |
| sys                |
+-----+
4 rows in set (0.002 sec)
```



Delete the database

18. Quit from the database

To quit from the database, run the command below:

```
\q
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> \q
Bye
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Quit from the database

Note

[The next article](#) will explain how to access a database using a user.

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[How to Manage Networking in Docker?](#)

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Docker has a network system to regulate communication between one container and another container, your Docker host(server), and the outside world.

Problem

How to manage networking in Docker?

Solution

Docker provides six network drivers that you can use, as shown in the image below:

Driver	Description
bridge	The default network driver.
host	Remove network isolation between the container and the Docker host.
none	Completely isolate a container from the host and other containers.
overlay	Overlay networks connect multiple Docker daemons together.
ipvlan	IPvlan networks provide full control over both IPv4 and IPv6 addressing.
macvlan	Assign a MAC address to a container.

The six network drivers in Docker (Image credit for docs.docker.com)

You can see from the image above that the bridge is a default network driver, so if you do not specify a driver, then this type of network is created. To see the types of network drivers on your server, use the command below:

```
docker network ls
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network ls
NETWORK ID          NAME       DRIVER  SCOPE
e1d4ed8ee8af       bridge    bridge  local
3fe9d2c18c30       host      host    local
e4e911392a2c       none      null    local
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

List the network drivers in Docker on your server

To see the configuration details of each network driver, use the command below:

```
docker network inspect bridge host none
```

```

sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network inspect bridge host none
[
  {
    "Name": "bridge",
    "Id": "cf222e15cb997e14f4031803146097fa437d0b48f9286ab8933bb8ef3de27927",
    "Created": "2025-04-15T15:55:17.718291848Z",
    "Scope": "local",
    "Driver": "bridge",
    "EnableIPv6": false,
    "IPAM": {
      "Driver": "default",
      "Options": null,
      "Config": [
        {
          "Subnet": "172.17.0.0/16",
          "Gateway": "172.17.0.1"
        }
      ]
    },
    "Internal": false,
    "Attachable": false,
    "Ingress": false,
    "ConfigFrom": {
      "Network": ""
    },
    "ConfigOnly": false,
    "Containers": {
      "2a4eadaffcd4899dce3201f8e110489e77d5c0f6d4a9bac8af91f48a06adf35": {
        "Name": "webapp1",
        "EndpointID": "2221b3ad69895615cec2fe8214bbb4e44155a153d8429710ce8cb720ea5300a9",
        "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:11:00:02",
        "IPv4Address": "172.17.0.2/16",
        "IPv6Address": ""
      }
    }
  }
]

```

Display detailed information about the network on each network driver

To see the type of driver network used in each container, use the command below:

```

docker ps -q | xargs docker inspect | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({(.key): .value.Driver}) | add)}]'

```

```

sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps -q | xargs docker inspect | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({(.key): .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
[
  {
    "Name": "webapp1",
    "Networks": {
      "bridge": null
    }
  },
  {
    "Name": "nginx",
    "Networks": {
      "bridge": null
    }
  }
]
sysadmin@docker:~$

```

Display the network drivers in each container

To see the IP of each container, for example, in the nginx container, use the command below:

```
docker inspect -f '{{range.NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' nginx
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect -f '{{range.NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' nginx
```

Display of the IP of a container

To communicate between one container with another container, both containers must have the same gateway. For example, you have made two containers, so by default, the two containers will use a network bridge driver so that it has the same gateway. Use the command below to see the two container IPs:

```
docker ps -q | xargs docker inspect | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], IPAddress: .NetworkSettings.IPAddress, Gateway: .NetworkSettings.Gateway}]'
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps -q | xargs docker inspect | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], IPAddress: .NetworkSettings.IPAddress, Gateway: .NetworkSettings.Gateway}]'
```

Display all the IPs in each container

Then try to enter one of the containers and ping to another container using the command:

```
docker exec webapp1 ping -c2 172.17.0.2
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec webapp1 ping -c2 172.17.0.2
PING 172.17.0.2 (172.17.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.17.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.141 ms
64 bytes from 172.17.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.055 ms

--- 172.17.0.2 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 1062ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.055/0.098/0.141/0.043 ms
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Ping between containers

And the containers should be able to communicate with each other like the image above.

WARNING

If you can't ping on your container, then you have to install ping in your container by accessing one of your containers and installing the ping package. If your container uses Ubuntu, then you can install it using the command:

```
apt update;apt install iputils-ping
```

A. Create a new network

You can create a new network on the server for your own needs using the format below:

```
docker network create network_name --driver driver_name
```

For example, you want to create an app-network network using a bridge driver, then use the command below:

```
docker network create app-network --driver bridge
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network create app-network --driver bridge
8ec63b0ea106fe3afce45e0b13164dd96050089a7cd7be03cfaa931b289cb641
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network ls
NETWORK ID          NAME                DRIVER              SCOPE
8ec63b0ea106       app-network         bridge              local
cf222e15cb99       bridge              bridge              local
3fe9d2c18c30       host                host                local
e4e911392a2c       none                null                local
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Create a new network

INFO

You may not write the option `--driver` if you want to create a new network using a bridge driver because bridge is a default network driver in Docker.

After that, try to use the command below to see the detailed information of the app-network:

```
docker network inspect app-network
```

You can see from the picture above that the IP and Gateway from the app-network have been made automatically. You can make an IP and a Gateway according to what you want. For example, you want to create a new network with the name db-network, which has a range of IP 10.10.1.0/24 and Subnet 10.10.0.0/16 and Gateway 10.10.1.254, then use the command below:

```
docker network create -d bridge db-network \
--subnet=10.10.0.0/16 \
--ip-range=10.10.1.0/24 \
--gateway=10.10.1.254
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network inspect app-network
[
  {
    "Name": "app-network",
    "Id": "5953916e1c5328a18728eca908f8a51ae1098fc68979e1dcd2cf2cdba9a4ca56",
    "Created": "2025-04-15T16:45:54.466051473Z",
    "Scope": "local",
    "Driver": "bridge",
    "EnableIPv6": false,
    "IPAM": {
      "Driver": "default",
      "Options": {},
      "Config": [
        {
          "Subnet": "172.18.0.0/16",
          "Gateway": "172.18.0.1"
        }
      ]
    },
    "Internal": false,
    "Attachable": false,
    "Ingress": false,
    "ConfigFrom": {
      "Network": ""
    },
    "ConfigOnly": false,
    "Containers": {},
    "Options": {},
    "Labels": {}
  }
]
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Create a new network with the custom values

Use the command below to display network information details

easily:

```
docker network inspect db-network -f '{{json .IPAM}}' | python3 -m json.tool
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network inspect db-network -f '{{json .IPAM}}' | python3 -m json.tool
{
  "Driver": "default",
  "Options": {},
  "Config": [
    {
      "Subnet": "10.10.0.0/16",
      "IPRange": "10.10.1.0/24",
      "Gateway": "10.10.1.254"
    }
  ]
}
```

Display the value of the network in a container

From the image above, you can see that the IP, Subnet, and Gateway on the network are the same as what you want.

B. Connecting a network to a container

If you connect the current container to a network, use the format below:

```
docker network connect network-name container-name
```

For example, if you want to connect the webapp1 container to the app-network network, use the command below:

```
docker network connect app-network webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect webapp1 | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({key: .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
```

```
{
  "Name": "webapp1",
  "Networks": {
    "bridge": null
  }
}
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network connect app-network webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect webapp1 | jq '[.[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({key: .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
```

```
{
  "Name": "webapp1",
  "Networks": {
    "app-network": null,
    "bridge": null
  }
}
```

Connecting a network to a container

If you want to create a new container by directly connecting to a network, use the format below:

```
docker container run --name container_name --network network_name image:tag
```

For example, if you want to create a db-mysql container on the db-network network, use the command below:

```
docker run -d --name db-mysql --network db-network -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD='q1w2e3r4' mysql
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker run -d --name db-mysql --network db-network -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD='q1w2e3r4' mysql
2fd039880269153882f303435bf9a197fd1aefed5b96c5df0fe2a8e291266cb3
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect db-mysql | jq '["[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({(.key): .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
```

```
{
  "Name": "db-mysql",
  "Networks": {
    "db-network": null
  }
}
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Connecting a network when creating a new container

C. Disconnect a network in the container

To disconnect a network in the container, use the format below:

```
docker network disconnect network_name container_name
```

For example, if you want to break the app-network network from the webapp1 container, use the format below:

```
docker network disconnect network1 webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect webapp1 | jq '["[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({(.key): .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
```

```
{
  "Name": "webapp1",
  "Networks": {
    "app-network": null,
    "bridge": null
  }
}
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network disconnect app-network webapp1
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker inspect webapp1 | jq '["[] | {Name: .Name[1:], Networks: (.NetworkSettings.Networks | to_entries | map({(.key): .value.Driver}) | add)}]'
```

```
{
  "Name": "webapp1",
  "Networks": {
    "bridge": null
  }
}
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Disconnect a network from a container

D. Removing a network

To remove a network, use the format below:

```
docker network rm network_name
```

For example, I want to delete the app-network network, use the command below:

```
docker network rm app-network
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network ls
NETWORK ID          NAME                DRIVER              SCOPE
8ec63b0ea106       app-network         bridge              local
f36fe308a5e6       bridge              bridge              local
a292d347df19       db-network          bridge              local
3fe9d2c18c30       host                host                local
e4e911392a2c       none                null                local
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network rm app-network
app-network
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker network ls
NETWORK ID          NAME                DRIVER              SCOPE
f36fe308a5e6       bridge              bridge              local
a292d347df19       db-network          bridge              local
3fe9d2c18c30       host                host                local
e4e911392a2c       none                null                local
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Remove a network

WARNING

You cannot remove a network if the network is still connected to a container. First, disconnect the network connection from the container, and then you can delete the network.

Note

You must be careful when setting the network in Docker

because if you set the wrong network, one or several containers will not be connected, which causes the application that runs on the Docker will be disturbed.

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[How to Move a File/Folder From the Server to the Container And Vice Versa?](#)

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[The previous article](#) explained how to access a container in Docker. Now, I need to move a file/folder from the server to the container and vice versa.

Problem

How to move a file/folder from the server to the container and vice versa?

Solution

These are how to move a file/folder from the server to the container and vice versa:

A. Move from the server to the container

To move a file from the server to the container, use the format below:

```
docker cp src_path container:dest_path
```

For example, I want to move the nginx.tgz file from the server to the webapp1 container in the folder /home, so I use the command below:

```
docker cp nginx.tgz webapp1:/home
```

And the file will move to the /home folder in the container, like in the image below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ ls
all_images.tar  all_images.tgz  get-docker.sh  mysql.env  nginx.tar  nginx.tgz
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                               NAMES
2a4eadaffcd   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 9 hours ago   Up 4 hours   0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp  webapp1
e6d61413d2af   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 10 hours ago  Up 10 hours  80/tcp                               nginx
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker cp nginx.tgz webapp1:/home
Successfully copied 70.8MB to webapp1:/home
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec webapp1 ls /home
nginx.tgz
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Move the file from the server to the container

B. Move from the container to the server

To move a file from the server to the container, use the format below:

```
docker cp container:src_path dest_path
```

For example, you want to move the docker-entrypoint.sh file in the container to the server in the folder /tmp, use the command below to move the file:

```
docker cp webapp1:docker-entrypoint.sh /tmp
```

And the file should be transferred to the folder /tmp on the server as shown below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker cp webapp1:docker-entrypoint.sh /tmp
Successfully copied 3.58kB to /tmp
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ ls /tmp/
docker-entrypoint.sh
snap-private-tmp
systemd-private-90daf0a2835c40f4ab88a0e704616579-fwupd.service-ucY5vF
systemd-private-90daf0a2835c40f4ab88a0e704616579-ModemManager.service-7Tcd3J
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systemd-private-90daf0a2835c40f4ab88a0e704616579-upower.service-Ht1JcL
```

Move the file from the container to the server

Note

You can move the folder and its contents from the server to the container and vice versa by using the format above without the need to add the `-r` option, as shown in the image below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ ls
all_images.tar  all_images.tgz  get-docker.sh  mysql.env  nginx.tar  nginx.tgz  test
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker cp test/ webapp1:/
Successfully copied 24.6kB to webapp1:/
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec webapp1 ls
bin
boot
dev
docker-entrypoint.d
docker-entrypoint.sh
etc
home
lib
lib64
media
mnt
opt
proc
root
run
sbin
srv
sys
test
tmp
usr
var
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec webapp1 ls /test
get-docker.sh
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Move the folder into and out of the container

WARNING

You cannot move more than one file or folder from the server to the container or vice versa.

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[How to Reboot Windows OS in One Click?](#)

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[The previous article](#) explained how to shut down Windows OS in one click. This article will explain how to reboot Windows OS in one click.

Problem

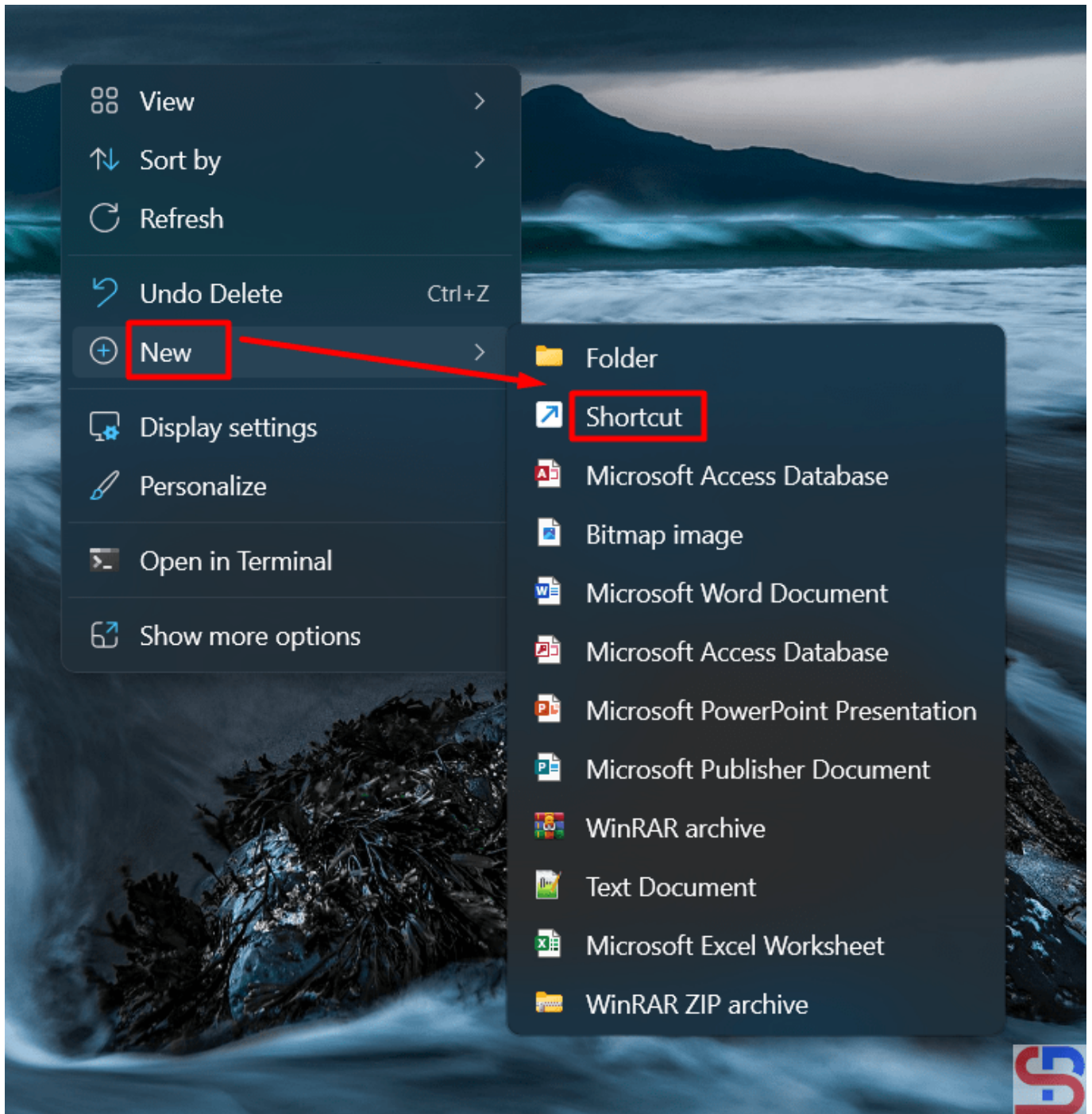
How to reboot Windows OS in one click?

Solution

The following steps to reboot the Windows OS in one click:

1. Create a shortcut

Go to the desktop, then right click and select **New – Shortcut** as shown below:



Click New – Shortcut

2. Write a script

Write the script below:

```
shutdown.exe /r /t 0
```

In the section as shown below:



← Create Shortcut

What item would you like to create a shortcut for?

This wizard helps you to create shortcuts to local or network programs, files, folders, computers, or Internet addresses.

Type the location of the item:

shutdown.exe /r /t 0

Browse...

Click Next to continue.

Next

Cancel



Write the script

Then press the **Next** button, and then there will be a display as below:



← Create Shortcut

What would you like to name the shortcut?

Type a name for this shortcut:

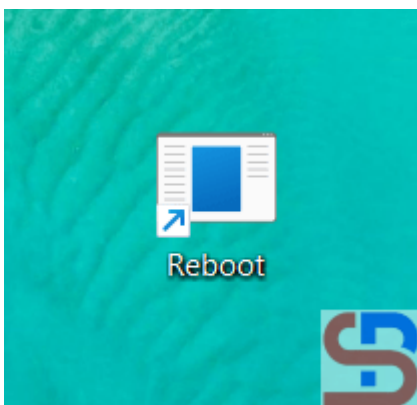
Reboot

Click Finish to create the shortcut.



Create a name for the shortcut

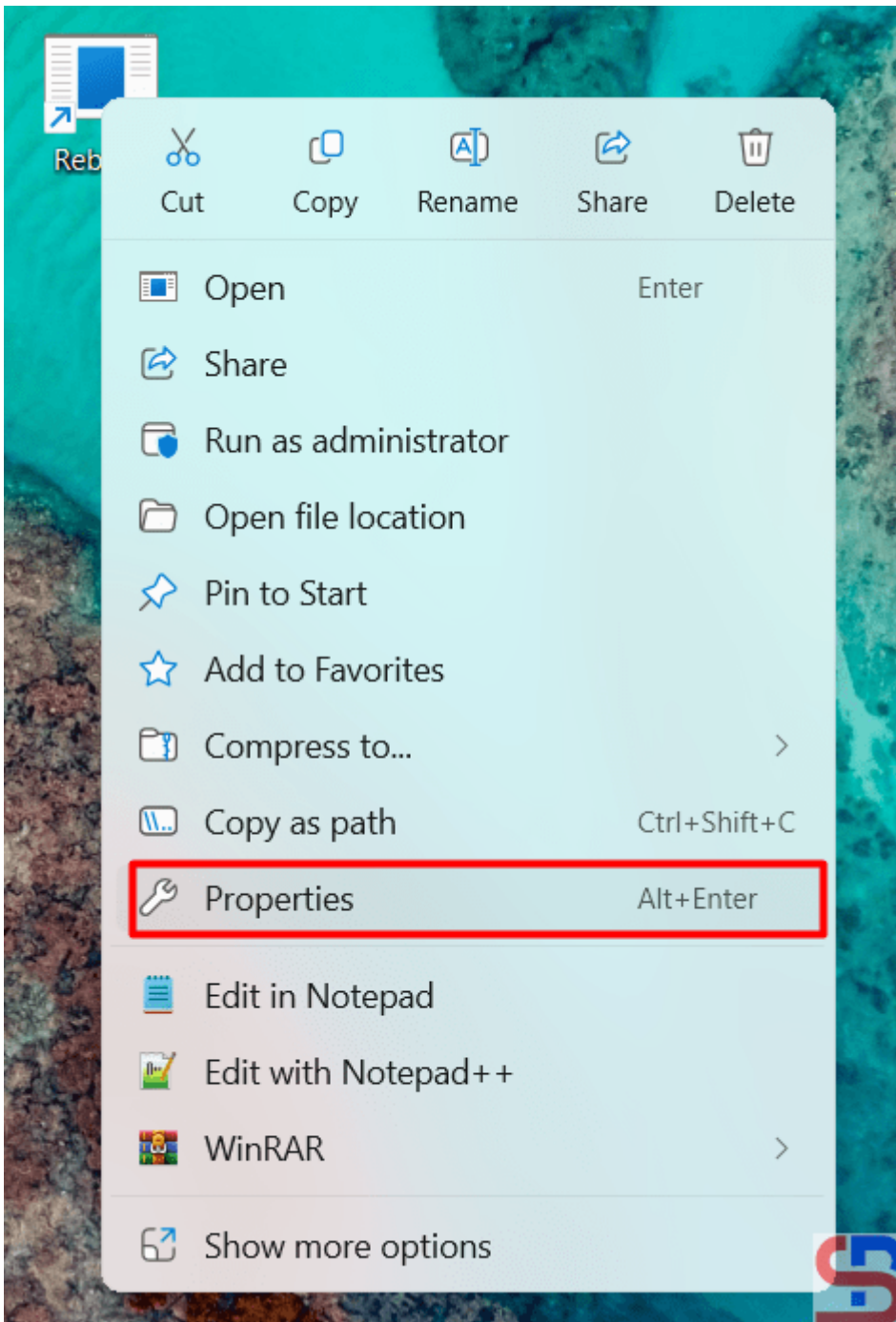
You can change the name for the shortcut, and after that, press the **Finish** button, then there will be a display as below:



Display of the shortcut icon

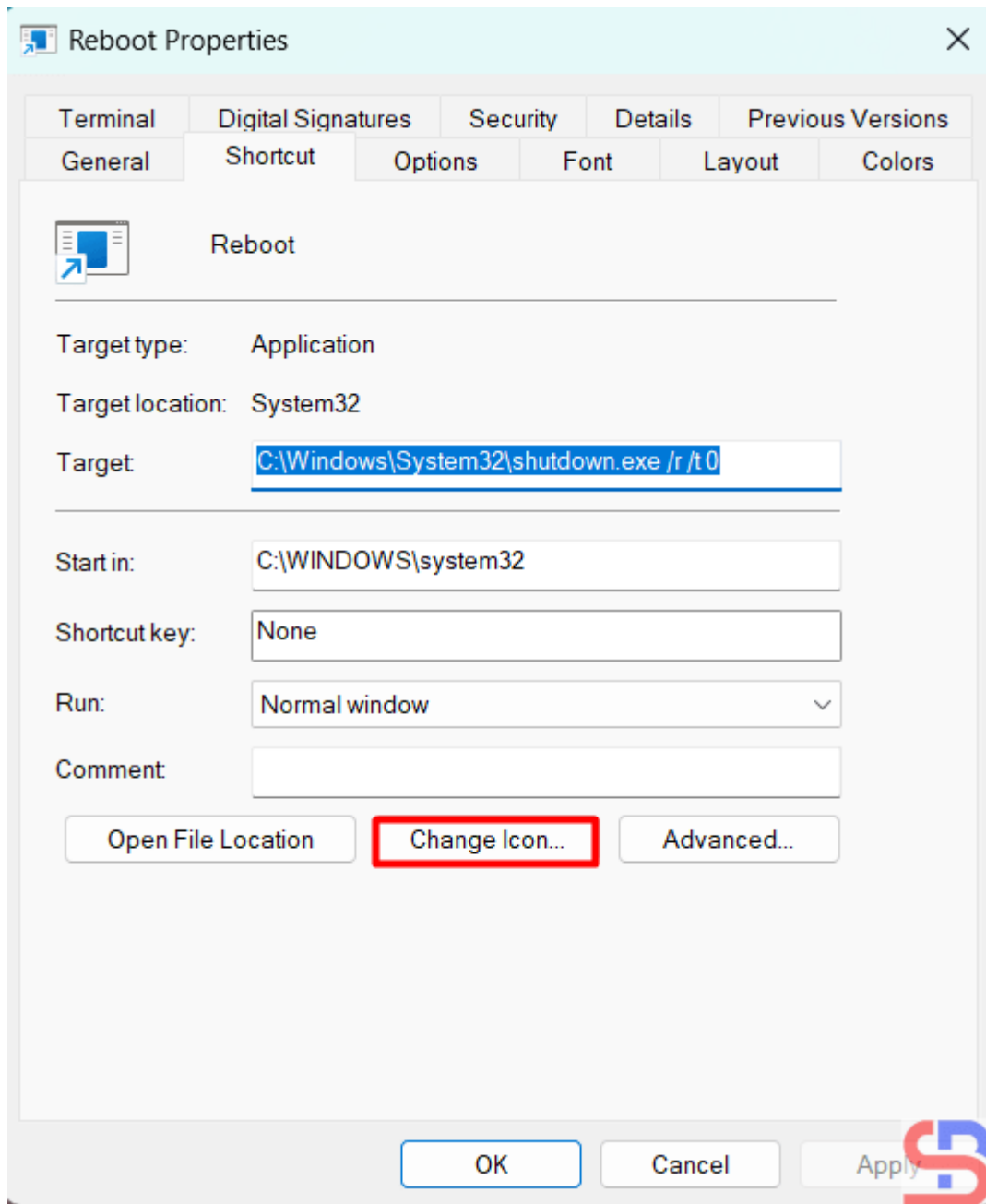
3. Change the icon

Right-click on the icon, select **Properties** as shown below:



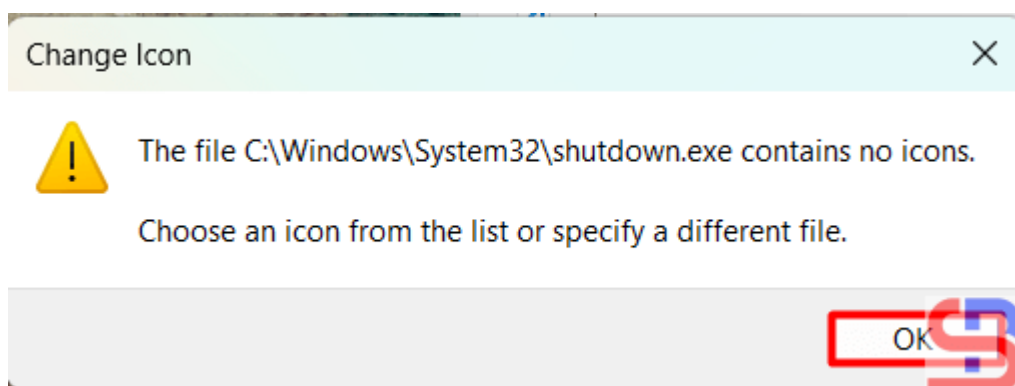
Click the Properties

Then click **the Change Icon** button, and there will be a display as below:



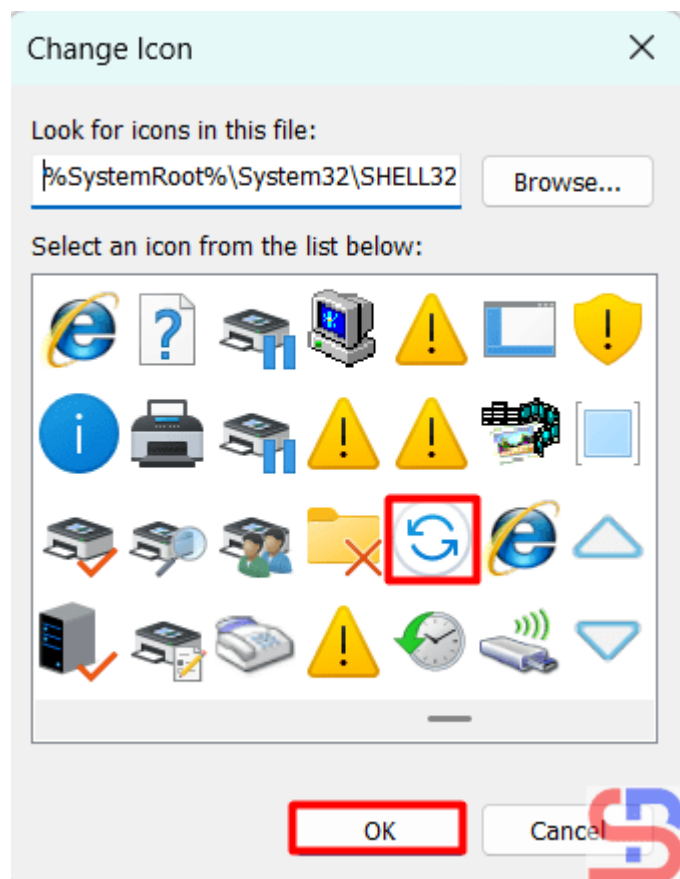
Click the Change Icon button

There will be a display as below:



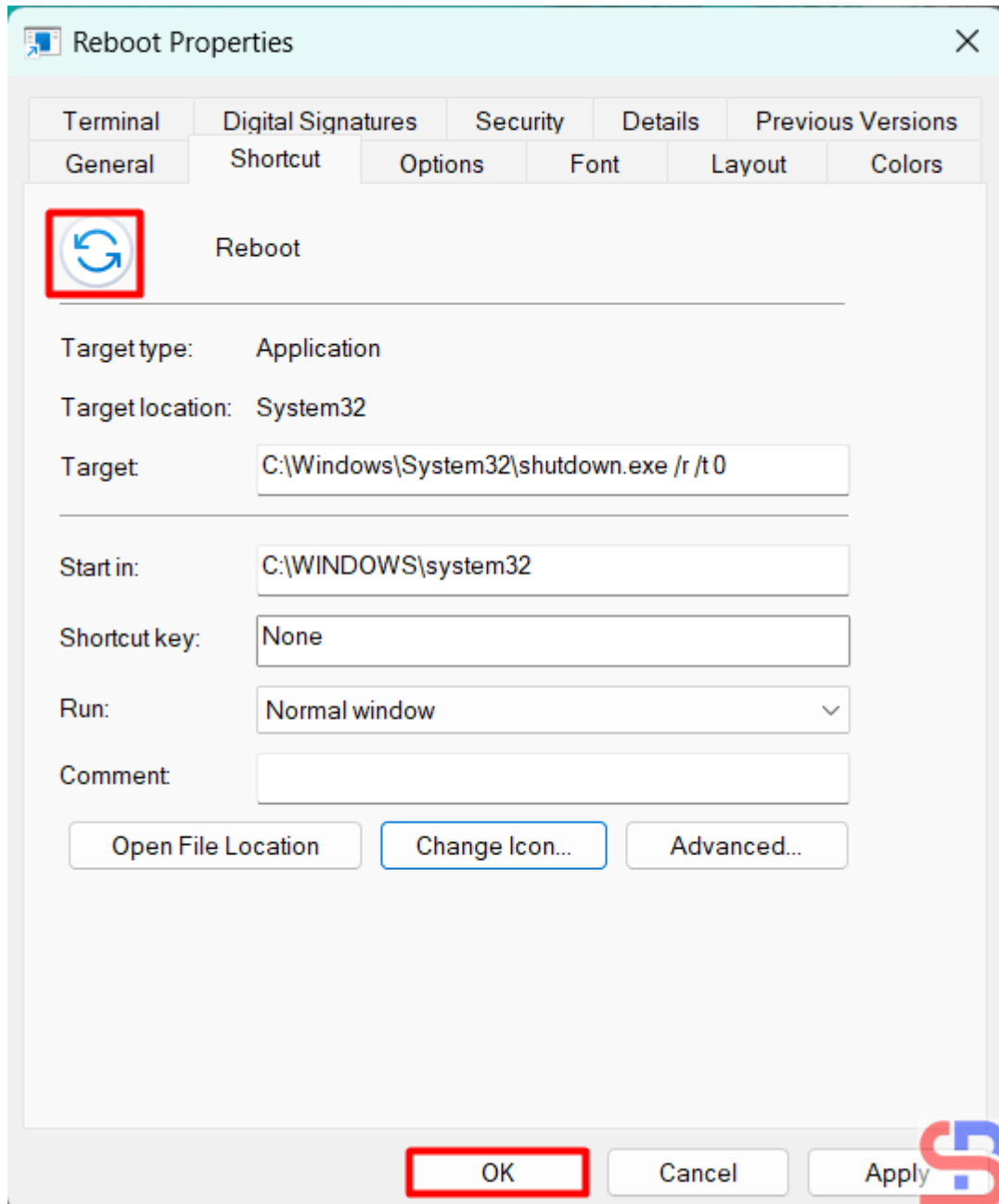
Click the OK button

Click the **OK** button, and after that, you can choose the icon you like, but I chose the icon like in the red box, press **OK**, then there will be a display as below:



Choose the icon

The shortcut icon will change to what you chose in the previous section. After that, press **OK**, the shortcut icon will change the image according to what you choose.



The icon is changed

4. Move the icon

Move the icon to the taskbar by dragging it as shown below:



Drag the icon to the Taskbar

After the icon has been moved to the taskbar, you can delete the icon from the desktop.

5. Test the result

After that, try clicking the icon in the taskbar, and your Windows OS should do the shutdown process.

Note

In this article, the time used is 0, so there is no time lag after you click the icon with the shutdown process. You can change it to the time you want, for example, to 5 seconds, so that the script becomes like below:

```
shutdown.exe /r /t 5
```

Then there will be a break of 5 seconds after you finish clicking the icon and the shutdown process.

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[How to Run Environment Variables In Docker?](#)

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Besides providing application images, Docker also provides database images such as PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, MongoDB, and so on for its users. As with databases installed on a physical server, which requires entering a username and

password to access it, Docker also requires you to enter a username and password to use the database, commonly known as an environment variable.

Problem

How to run environment variables in Docker?

Solution

An environment variable is a dynamically named value that can affect how running processes behave on a computer. They are part of the environment in which a process runs. For example, a running process can query the value of the TEMP environment variable to discover a suitable location to store temporary files, or the HOME or USERPROFILE variable to find the directory structure owned by the user running the process. To find out whether a Docker image can use environment variables, you must check the documentation of the Docker image. Still, in general, Docker images in the form of databases such as MySQL, PostgreSQL, or MongoDB use environment variables.

Please note that if you install an image container that uses an environment variable, for example, installing a MySQL database in a container, but you don't include an environment variable like in the command below:

```
docker container run -d \  
--name db_mysql \  
mysql
```

The container will not run as shown in the image below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker container run -d \
--name db_mysql \
mysql
e2df3afd6b89191e7ff3bc6d712a5c8bd431e50c97cb0b79bef48aeb6bf9aed
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
e2df3afd6b89   mysql    "docker-entrypoint.s..."  9 seconds ago  Exited (1) 8 seconds ago          db_mysql
```

Create a container without using environment variables

Docker has parameters that we can use to send environment variables to the application contained in the container by adding the `--env` or `-e` option when we create the container, following the format below:

```
docker container run -d --name container_name --env KEY1="value" --env KEY2="value" image:tag
```

This article will use the MySQL Docker image as a case example. In the documentation, several variables are provided, such as `MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD`, `MYSQL_DATABASE`, and so on. So, if you want to install MySQL in the container, you have to insert the environment variable. So, if you want to create a MySQL container with root password **q1w2e3r4**, then run the command below:

```
docker container run -d \
--name mysql_db \
-e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=q1w2e3r4 \
mysql
```

After that, try to access the MySQL database by running the command below:

```
docker container exec -it db_mysql mysql -pq1w2e3r4
```

You will enter the database in the container, like in the image below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker container run -d \
--name mysql_db \
-e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=q1w2e3r4 \
mysql
1938f0357b16f2af5c70e47bedd13435311c8976a2a8ccc639748f8e082fb7e0c
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                    NAMES
1938f0357b16   mysql    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 5 seconds ago Up 4 seconds    3306/tcp, 33060/tcp    mysql_db
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker container exec -it mysql_db mysql -pq1w2e3r4
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 9
Server version: 9.2.0 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> CREATE DATABASE employees;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql>
```

Create the container using environment variables

And you can use database commands as usual, like in the image above.

Note

Besides using the `-e` or `--env` parameter arguments, you can use a file to save the environment variables, commonly known as Env-File, using the **VAR=VALUE** format. Use the format below to run the container that uses Env-File like in the format below:

```
docker container run -d --name container_name --env-file=filename
container_name
```

First, you create the file, which usually ends with `.env` or `.env.prod` or `.env.dev`, and I create `mysql.env`. After that, you add to the file the script below:

```
MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=q1w2e3r4
```

Run the command below to create a new container for MySQL using the environment file:

```
docker run -d --name db_mysql_file --env-file=mysql.env mysql
```

The MySQL container will be created, and you can access the database in the container like in the command below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ echo 'MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=q1w2e3r4' > mysql.env
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker run -d --name db_mysql_file --env-file=mysql.env mysql
cc42d68e4e34a11b41ca6cb1430deba6d1a5552657e37f1a1b46304d18d8ece2
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                    NAMES
cc42d68e4e34   mysql    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 7 seconds ago  Up 5 seconds  3306/tcp, 33060/tcp     db_mysql_file
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec -it db_mysql_file mysql -uroot -pq1w2e3r4
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 9
Server version: 9.2.0 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql>
```

Create the container with the Env-File

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[How to Access a Container in Docker?](#)

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After you [install Docker](#) and [learn some basic Docker commands to set up a container](#), this article will explain how to access a container in Docker.

Problem

How to access a container in Docker?

Solution

There are 2 ways to access a container in Docker:

A. Via CLI

If you want to access a container in Docker, use the format below:

```
docker exec -it container_id/container_name shell
```

where the **-i** option is interactive to keep the input active, the **-t** option is an argument for pseudo **-tty** (terminal access) allocation, and **shell** is the program contained in the container and it can be different to be different to the code used in the container likes **bash** or **sh** shell, but for more details, please look at the documentation of each image). For example, there is an **nginx** container that is running, and if you want to access the **nginx** container, you can use the command below:

```
docker exec -it nginx bash
```

After that, you should be able to access the container as shown below:

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS          PORTS          NAMES
e6d61413d2af  nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...."  10 minutes ago  Up 10 minutes  80/tcp        nginx
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec -it nginx bash
root@e6d61413d2af:/#
root@e6d61413d2af:/# ls
bin  dev                docker-entrypoint.sh  home  lib64  mnt  proc  run  srv  tmp  var
boot docker-entrypoint.d  etc                   lib   media  opt  root  sbin  sys  usr
```

Access into the container



If you want the results of the command in the container to be shown on the server, then use the format below:

```
docker exec container_name/container_id bash -c "your-linux-commands"
```

For example, use the command below:

```
docker exec webapp1 bash -c "ls -al /bin/sync; echo; ls -al /usr"
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec nginx bash -c "ls -al /bin/sync; echo; ls -al /usr"
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 39824 Sep 20 2022 /bin/sync

total 48
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr 15 04:10 ..
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 bin
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 games
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 include
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 lib
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 lib64
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 libexec
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 local
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 sbin
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 share
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 src
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Run some Linux commands in the container

Or you can also use the format below if you only run a command in the container:

```
docker exec container_name/container_id linux-command
```

For example, use the command below:

```
docker exec nginx ls -al /usr
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker exec nginx ls -al /usr
total 48
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr 15 04:10 ..
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 bin
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 games
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 include
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 lib
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 lib64
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 libexec
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  7 00:00 local
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 sbin
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Apr  8 01:46 share
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar  7 17:30 src
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Run a command in the container

B. Via website

You can access a container through the website, but this method only produces applications that run in the container on the website and do not run commands in the container. Usually, these containers use a web server image such as Apache or Nginx, or applications made by developers. If you want to run these applications and access the application in the browser, use the format below:

```
docker container run -d --name container_name -p port_server:port_container
image_name:tag
```

For example, you want to run an nginx container whose application can be seen by using port 8080 on the server, then use the command below:

```
docker container run -d --name webapp1 -p 8080:80 nginx
```

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker container run -d --name webapp1 -p 8080:80 nginx
2a4eadaffcd4899dce3201f8e110489e77d5c0f6d4a9bac8af91f48a06adf35
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE    COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                                     NAMES
2a4eadaffcd   nginx   "/docker-entrypoint. ..."  5 seconds ago Up 4 seconds  0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp  webapp1
e6d61413d2af   nginx   "/docker-entrypoint. ..."  42 minutes ago Up 42 minutes  80/tcp                                     nginx
```

Run the container with the accessed port

Open your browser and type the url below:

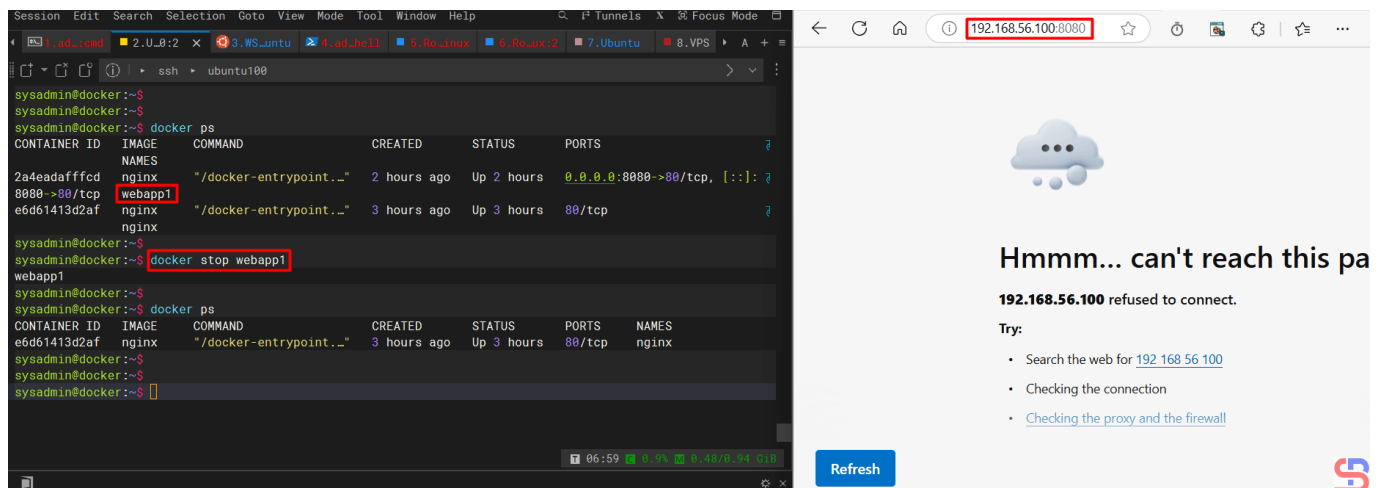
http://your_ip_server:8080

There should be a display as below:



Display the application on the website

If you stop the container, then the application cannot be accessed through a browser as below:



Turn off the container

Note

You can also access a database installed in a container

using the commands [in this article](#).

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