

How to Get The Value Between Two Special Characters on Linux?

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I need to get a value between 2 special characters I use for my other purposes in the log file on the Linux server.

Problem

How to get the value between two special characters on Linux?

Solution

Special characters are the punctuation characters on your keyboard, such as **!**, **@**, **#**, and so on. After I searched on the internet, there were 2 solutions to get the value between these two special characters: using the `grep` command or using the `cut` command.

1. Using the `grep` command

To get the value between two special characters using the `grep` command, use the following format:

```
grep -Po "(?<=\special_character).*?(?=\character_special)"
```

For example, if the special character is brackets or `()`, then the format above changes to:

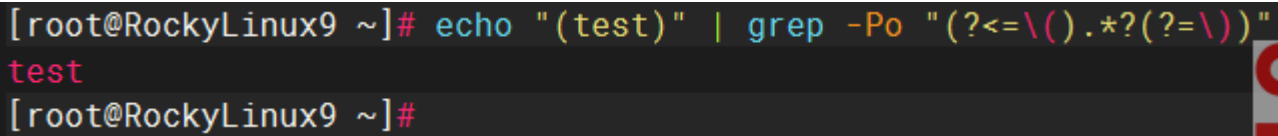
```
grep -Po "(?<=\()).*?(?=\())"
```

Type the command below to get the value between the brackets:

```
echo "(test)" | grep -Po "(?<=\()).*?(?=\())"
```

Look at the example in the image below:

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# echo "(test)" | grep -Po "(?<=\().*?(?=\))"
test
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Using the grep command

2. Using the cut command

To get the value between two special characters using the grep command, use the following format:

```
cut -d "special_character" -f2 | cut -d "special_character" -f1
```

For example, if the special character is pound or #, then the format above changes to:

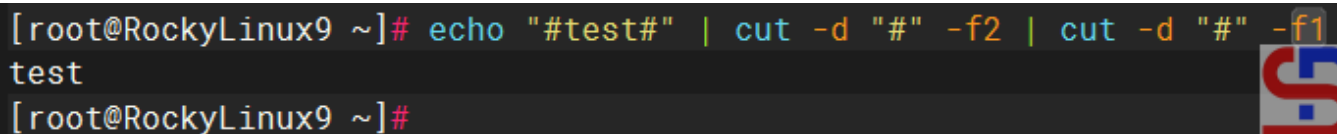
```
cut -d "#" -f2 | cut -d "#" -f1
```

Type the command below to get the value between the pounds:

```
echo "#test#" | cut -d "#" -f2 | cut -d "#" -f1
```

Look at the example in the image below:

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# echo "#test#" | cut -d "#" -f2 | cut -d "#" -f1
test
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Using the cut command

Note

If you have a log file in Linux, for example, the content of the file is as image below:

```
nginx1 server status is [OK]
nginx1 server status is [OK]
db1 server status is [OK]
```

```
db2 server status is [OK]
redis1 server status is [OK]
redis2 server status is [OK]
monitoring server status is [OK]
```

You can use one of the commands above to get the value between 2 special characters, and I use the cut command as in the command below:

```
cat test.txt | cut -d "[" -f2 | cut -d "]" -f1
```

```
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ cat test.txt
nginx1 server status is [OK]
nginx1 server status is [OK]
db1 server status is [OK]
db2 server status is [OK]
redis1 server status is [OK]
redis2 server status is [OK]
monitoring server status is [OK]
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ cat test.txt | cut -d "[" -f2 | cut -d "]" -f1
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$
```

The result

References

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[How to Make a Tool Like Molly-Guard Using a Bash Script?](#)

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[The previous article](#) explained how the Molly-Guard tool can protect Linux servers from accidental reboot or shutdown commands. Unfortunately, this tool is only available on Debian/Ubuntu distros and their derivatives, while sysadmins generally have many Linux servers from various distros.

Problem

How to make a tool like Molly-Guard using a bash script?

Solution


To create a tool like Molly-Guard, you can use a bash script, and this script has been tested on Ubuntu Server 24.04, RockyLinux9, and OpenSUSE 15 distros. And this script should be applied throughout the Linux distro to replace the Molly Guard tool. Here are the steps:

1. Check the paths

First, check where the **reboot**, **shutdown**, **poweroff**, and **halt** commands are located on the Linux server by running the command below:

```
whereis -b reboot
whereis -b shutdown
whereis -b poweroff
whereis -b halt
```


```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# whereis -b reboot
reboot: /usr/sbin/reboot
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# whereis -b shutdown
shutdown: /usr/sbin/shutdown
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# whereis -b poweroff
poweroff: /usr/sbin/poweroff
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# whereis -b halt
halt: /usr/sbin/halt
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Check the paths in RockyLinux

As far as I know, Linux distributions such as RockyLinux and Ubuntu only provide one binary file for each command for the reboot, shutdown, poweroff, or halt command, usually in the folder `/usr/sbin`. However, on certain distros, for example, the OpenSUSE distro, when you run the command above, the result will be as shown in the image below:

```
OpenSUSE15:~ # whereis -b reboot
reboot: /usr/sbin/reboot /sbin/reboot
OpenSUSE15:~ #
OpenSUSE15:~ # whereis -b shutdown
shutdown: /usr/sbin/shutdown /sbin/shutdown
OpenSUSE15:~ #
OpenSUSE15:~ # whereis -b poweroff
poweroff: /usr/sbin/poweroff /sbin/poweroff
OpenSUSE15:~ #
OpenSUSE15:~ # whereis -b halt
halt: /usr/sbin/halt /sbin/halt
OpenSUSE15:~ #
```




Check the paths in OpenSUSE

From the image above, you can see that 2 files represent each of these commands. Because this article uses the commands in the `/usr/sbin` folder, you can rename the commands in the `/sbin` folder using the commands below:

```
mv /sbin/reboot /sbin/reboot_backup
mv /sbin/shutdown /sbin/shutdown_backup
mv /sbin/poweroff /sbin/poweroff_backup
mv /sbin/halt /sbin/halt_backup
```

```
OpenSUSE15:~ # mv /sbin/reboot /sbin/reboot_backup
OpenSUSE15:~ # mv /sbin/shutdown /sbin/shutdown_backup
OpenSUSE15:~ # mv /sbin/poweroff /sbin/poweroff_backup
OpenSUSE15:~ # mv /sbin/halt /sbin/halt_backup
```



Rename the file

2. Create a bash script

Copy the bash script below into the `/usr/local/bin/` folder and give it a **molly-guard-costume.sh** name:

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

# molly-guard-custome.sh: Prevent accidental reboot or shutdown like molly-
guard tool

#####
#####
# The functions

check_hostname_reboot() {
# Compare the user input with the actual hostname
if [ "$USER_INPUT" == "$ACTUAL_HOSTNAME" ]; then
    echo "Hostname confirmed."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "Proceeding with the command..."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "The system will reboot now!"
    echo
    sleep 1
    /usr/sbin/reboot_server
else
    echo "Hostname mismatch. Aborting the reboot operation."
    exit 1
fi
}

check_hostname_halt() {
# Compare the user input with the actual hostname
if [ "$USER_INPUT" == "$ACTUAL_HOSTNAME" ]; then
    echo "Hostname confirmed."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "Proceeding with the command..."
    echo
    sleep 1
    /usr/sbin/halt_server
else
    echo "Hostname mismatch. Aborting the halt operation."
    exit 1
fi
}

check_hostname_poweroff() {
# Compare the user input with the actual hostname
```

```

if [ "$USER_INPUT" == "$ACTUAL_HOSTNAME" ]; then
    echo "Hostname confirmed."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "Proceeding with the command..."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "The system will reboot now!"
    echo
    sleep 1
    /usr/sbin/poweroff_server
else
    echo "Hostname mismatch. Aborting the poweroff operation."
    exit 1
fi
}

```

```

check_hostname_shutdown() {
# Compare the user input with the actual hostname
if [ "$USER_INPUT" == "$ACTUAL_HOSTNAME" ]; then
    echo "Hostname confirmed."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "Proceeding with the command..."
    echo
    sleep 1
    echo "The system will reboot now!"
    echo
    sleep 1
    /usr/sbin/shutdown_server
else
    echo "Hostname mismatch. Aborting the shutdown operation."
    exit 1
fi
}

```

```

#####
#####

```

```

# Get the actual system hostname
ACTUAL_HOSTNAME=$(hostname)

```

```

# Ask the user to input the hostname
echo "Please confirm the hostname to proceed it."
read -p "Enter the hostname: " USER_INPUT

```

```

# Check the command
ps aux | grep reboot > /tmp/reboot.txt
ps aux | grep halt > /tmp/halt.txt
ps aux | grep poweroff > /tmp/poweroff.txt
ps aux | grep shutdown > /tmp/shutdown.txt

```

```

reboot_size=`ls -al /tmp/reboot.txt | awk '{print $5}'`
halt_size=`ls -al /tmp/halt.txt | awk '{print $5}'`
poweroff_size=`ls -al /tmp/poweroff.txt | awk '{print $5}'`
shutdown_size=`ls -al /tmp/shutdown.txt | awk '{print $5}'`

# Compare the command

if [ $reboot_size -gt 90 ];
then
    rm -f /tmp/reboot.txt /tmp/halt.txt /tmp/poweroff.txt
/tmp/shutdown.txt
    check_hostname_reboot
elif [ $shutdown_size -gt 90 ];
then
    rm -f /tmp/reboot.txt /tmp/halt.txt /tmp/poweroff.txt
/tmp/shutdown.txt
    check_hostname_shutdown
elif [ $poweroff_size -gt 90 ];
then
    rm -f /tmp/reboot.txt /tmp/halt.txt /tmp/poweroff.txt
/tmp/shutdown.txt
    check_hostname_poweroff
elif [ $halt_size -gt 90 ];
then
    rm -f /tmp/reboot.txt /tmp/halt.txt /tmp/poweroff.txt
/tmp/shutdown.txt
    check_hostname_halt
fi

```

Then run the command below so that it can be run:

```
chmod +x /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh
```

3. Copy the commands

Use the commands below to copy the commands :

```

file_path=$(whereis -b "reboot" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);sudo cp $file_path
${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
file_path=$(whereis -b "shutdown" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);sudo cp $file_path
${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
file_path=$(whereis -b "poweroff" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);sudo cp $file_path
${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
file_path=$(whereis -b "halt" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);sudo cp $file_path
${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1

```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# file_path=$(whereis -b "reboot" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);cp $file_path ${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# file_path=$(whereis -b "shutdown" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);cp $file_path ${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# file_path=$(whereis -b "poweroff" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);cp $file_path ${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# file_path=$(whereis -b "halt" | cut -d ' ' -f 2);cp $file_path ${file_path}_server > /dev/null 2>&1
```

Copy the commands

To see the result, type the command below:

```
ls -al /usr/sbin/ | grep server
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ls -al /usr/sbin/ | grep server
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 305752 Mar 19 05:46 halt_server
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 305752 Mar 19 05:46 poweroff_server
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 305752 Mar 19 05:46 reboot_server
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 305752 Mar 19 05:46 shutdown_server
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

Link the script to the command

4. Link the script to the commands

Then, link the bash script to the commands by running the command below:

```
ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/reboot
ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/shutdown
ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/poweroff
ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/halt
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/reboot
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/shutdown
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/poweroff
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ln -sf /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh /usr/sbin/halt
```

The result of copying the command

To see the results, type the command below:

```
ls -al /usr/sbin/ | grep molly
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# ls -al /usr/sbin/ | grep molly
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 37 Mar 19 05:49 halt -> /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 37 Mar 19 05:49 poweroff -> /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 37 Mar 19 05:49 reboot -> /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 37 Mar 19 05:49 shutdown -> /usr/local/bin/molly-guard-costume.sh
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

The result of linking the script to the commands

5. Test the result

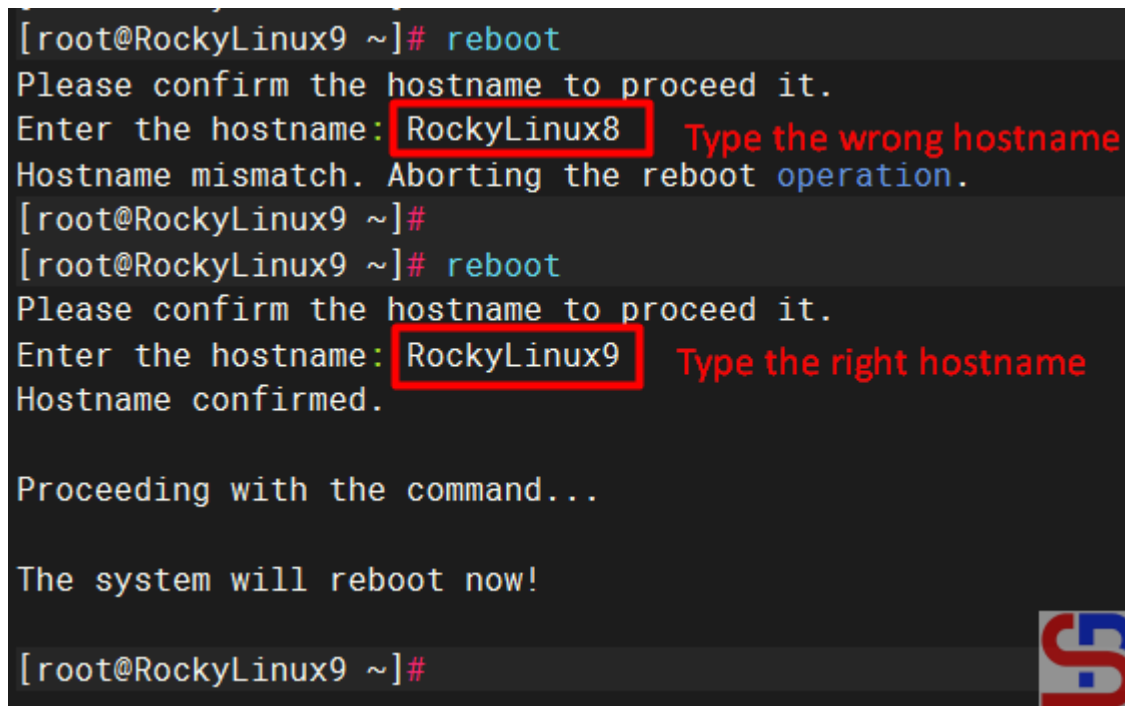
Now, try to do the reboot command and write the wrong hostname, and your Linux server shouldn't reboot. However, try to write the correct hostname, then your Linux server should be rebooted, like in the image below:

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# reboot
Please confirm the hostname to proceed it.
Enter the hostname: RockyLinux8 Type the wrong hostname
Hostname mismatch. Aborting the reboot operation.
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# reboot
Please confirm the hostname to proceed it.
Enter the hostname: RockyLinux9 Type the right hostname
Hostname confirmed.

Proceeding with the command...

The system will reboot now!

[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Test the results

You should get the same results when running other commands such as poweroff, shutdown, and halt.

Note

Unlike the Molly-Guard tool, this script will continue to work even though you run the reboot or shutdown command without an SSH connection or directly connect the keyboard to the Linux server.

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How to Protect the Linux Server From an Accidental Reboot?

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As a Sysadmin, accessing a Linux server is a normal daily activity. But sometimes we accidentally make mistakes rebooting or shutting down the production server, causing the server to be inaccessible. Therefore, we need a tool to confirm if someone reboots or shuts down a Linux server.

Problem

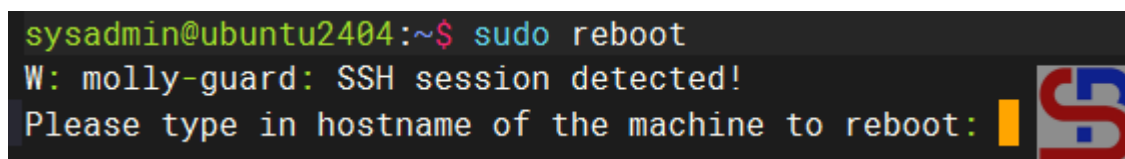
How to protect the Linux server from an accidental reboot or shutdown?

Solution

In the Debian/Ubuntu distribution, the molly-guard tool can be used to protect the Linux server from an accidental reboot or shutdown. Use the two commands below to install molly-guard:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt-get install molly-guard
```

After that, try to reboot the server, and there should be a notification like the image below:

A terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is 'sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~\$'. The user has entered 'sudo reboot'. The output shows a warning: 'W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!' followed by a prompt: 'Please type in hostname of the machine to reboot:'. To the right of the text is a yellow cursor bar and a red and blue logo resembling a stylized 'S' or 'G'.

A notification appears when trying to reboot the server

Someone who wants to reboot the server must write the

server's hostname. If the nameserver does not match the hostname on the server, the reboot process will not be continued, but if it matches the hostname on the server, the reboot process will be continued.

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo reboot
W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!
Please type in hostname of the machine to reboot: ubuntu2403
Good thing I asked; I won't reboot ubuntu2404 ...
W: aborting reboot due to 30-query-hostname exiting with code 1.
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo reboot
W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!
Please type in hostname of the machine to reboot: ubuntu2404

Broadcast message from root@ubuntu2404 on pts/1 (Mon 2025-03-17 15:20:46 UTC):

The system will reboot now!

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Try to reboot the server

This is very useful if the sysadmin accidentally types the reboot command on the server. However, this tool not only protects the server from the reboot command, but also other commands such as the **poweroff**, **shutdown**, **coldreboot**, **pm-hibernate**, **pm-suspend**, and **pm-suspend-hybrid** commands.

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo poweroff
W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!
Please type in hostname of the machine to poweroff: ^Z
[3]+  Stopped                  sudo poweroff
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo shutdown -h now
W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!
Please type in hostname of the machine to shutdown: ^Z
[4]+  Stopped                  sudo shutdown -h now
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo halt
W: molly-guard: SSH session detected!
Please type in hostname of the machine to halt: ^Z
[5]+  Stopped                  sudo halt
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Try to turn off the server

Note

Keep in mind that this molly-guard tool can only work in the Debian/Ubuntu distribution and its derivatives, and this tool only works on SSH connections. If you access the Linux server without an SSH connection, for example, by directly connecting the keyboard to the Linux server, this tool will not work, so if you run the reboot command, the Linux server will immediately reboot.

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[How to Change the Color of Comments in the vi Application?](#)

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By default, if you open the vi application on Linux (especially using PuTTY), the color for comments is blue. However, sometimes this makes it very difficult for me to read the comments, especially if the background color of the terminal is black.

Problem

How to change the color of comments in the vi application?

Solution

Below is an image of a `/etc/crontab` file opened using Putty:

```
## /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
## Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab`
## command to install the new version when you edit this file
## and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
## that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
# You can also override PATH, but by default, newer versions inherit it from the environment
#PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin

# Example of job definition:
# .----- minute (0 - 59)
# | .----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | .----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | .----- month (1 - 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
# | | | | .---- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat
# | | | | |
# * * * * * user-name command to be executed
17 * * * * root cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
25 6 * * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily; }
47 6 * * 7 root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly; }
52 6 1 * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly; }
#
```

Comment color in the vi application

For me, it's very difficult to read the comments in the Linux file if they're blue like in the image above. So, if you want to change the color of comments in the vi application, for example, if you want to change the color of comments to yellow, then open the .vimrc file by:

```
vi ~/.vimrc
```

Type the script below into the file:

```
highlight Comment ctermfg=yellow
```

After that, open the file using the vi application, and the comments on the file should change to yellow as in the image below:

```

# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
# You can also override PATH, but by default, newer versions inherit it from the environment
#PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin

# Example of job definition:
# .----- minute (0 - 59)
# | .----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | .----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | .----- month (1 - 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
# | | | | .---- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat
# | | | | |
# * * * * * user-name command to be executed
17 * * * * root cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
25 6 * * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily; }
47 6 * * 7 root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly; }
52 6 1 * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly; }
#

```

Comment color after configuration in the vi application

You can see that the comment color is changed to yellow after you configure **the .vimrc** file.

Info

Please note that the steps above only change per user. If you want all users to change the comment color to yellow then place the above command in the **/etc/vim/vimrc.local** file.

Note

Currently, the vi application can support up to 256 colors that can be used in the vi application. So if you want to use more colors supported by the vi application, in the **.vimrc** file type the script below:

```
set t_Co=256
```

Then you can choose the colors on this page, for example, you want to use purple for comments, then enter the script below in the **.vimrc** file:

```
set t_Co=256
highlight Comment ctermfg=93
```

Then the comments in the vi/vim application should be purple as in the image below:

```

# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab`
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
# You can also override PATH, but by default, newer versions inherit it from the environment
#PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin

# Example of job definition:
# .----- minute (0 - 59)
# | .----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | .----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | .----- month (1 - 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
# | | | | .---- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat
# | | | | |
# * * * * * user-name command to be executed
17 * * * * root cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
25 6 * * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily; }
47 6 * * 7 root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly; }
52 6 1 * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || { cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly; }
#
```

Change the color of comments in the vi

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[How to Change Crontab Using a Bash Script?](#)

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Crontab, which stands for cron table, is used to run one or more scripts in Linux based on a specific time. Usually, if you want to change something in the crontab, you use the **crontab -e** command and then change the crontab. But I want to change crontab using a shell script.

Problem

How to change crontab using a bash script?

Solution

I create a bash script to execute something on my Linux server, and in my script, I want to change the crontab so the script will add, change, or remove the script in the crontab. Here are ways to change crontab using a script:

1. Add a script in crontab

For example, if you want to add a **random.sh** script which is in the **/root/scripts** folder in crontab and will run every 5 minutes, then use the command below:

```
(crontab -l 2>/dev/null || true; echo "*/*5 * * * *  
/root/scripts/random.sh") | crontab -
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l  
root@ubuntu2404:~#  
root@ubuntu2404:~# (crontab -l 2>/dev/null || true; echo "*/*5 * * * *  
/root/scripts/random.sh") | crontab -  
root@ubuntu2404:~#  
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l  
*/5 * * * * /root/scripts/random.sh  
root@ubuntu2404:~#
```

Add a script to the crontab

Or if you want to add the script to the crontab in another form of writing, then you can use the command below:

```
(crontab -l 2>/dev/null || true; echo "*/*5 * * * * cd  
/root/scripts;./random.sh") | crontab -
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l  
root@ubuntu2404:~#  
root@ubuntu2404:~# (crontab -l 2>/dev/null || true; echo "*/*5 * * * * cd /root/scripts;./random.sh") | crontab -  
root@ubuntu2404:~#  
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l  
*/5 * * * * cd /root/scripts;./random.sh  
root@ubuntu2404:~#
```

Another method to add the script to the crontab

2. Change the script in crontab

If you want to change the file in crontab to once every 10 minutes (previously every 5 minutes) for the **random.sh** script in the **/root/scripts** folder, then use the command below:

```
crontab -l | sed 's/\*\*/10 * * * *'
```


4. Deleting the script in crontab

Use the command below if you want to delete the random.sh file in crontab:

```
crontab -l | sed '/\*/5 \* \* \* \*          \/root\/scripts\/random.sh/d' | crontab -
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l
*/5 * * * *          /root/scripts/random.sh
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l | sed '/\*/5 \* \* \* \*          \/root\/scripts\/random.sh/d' | crontab -
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l
root@ubuntu2404:~#
```

Delete the script in the crontab

Or, you can execute the command below if your script uses another form of writing in crontab:

```
crontab -l | sed '/\*/5 \* \* \* \*          cd\
\/root\/scripts\;.\.\/random.sh/d' | crontab -
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l
*/5 * * * *          cd /root/scripts;./random.sh
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l | sed '/\*/5 \* \* \* \*          cd\ \/root\/scripts\;.\.\/random.sh/d' | crontab -
root@ubuntu2404:~# crontab -l
root@ubuntu2404:~#
```

Delete the script in crontab using another form

Note

You have to pay attention to whether the script in the crontab uses spaces or tabs because it greatly affects whether the script that you run can change something in the crontab or not. You have to put a backslash(\) if you want to change or delete your script in crontab that uses symbols like an asterisk(*), forward slash(/), hash(#), space, and so on.

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[How to Move the Partition to a New Partition in the Linux Server?](#)

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If you install a Linux server, you will usually install it with only one partition and not separate the other partitions. Problems will arise if one of these partitions uses a large enough hard disk, resulting in you running out of HDD space on your Linux server.

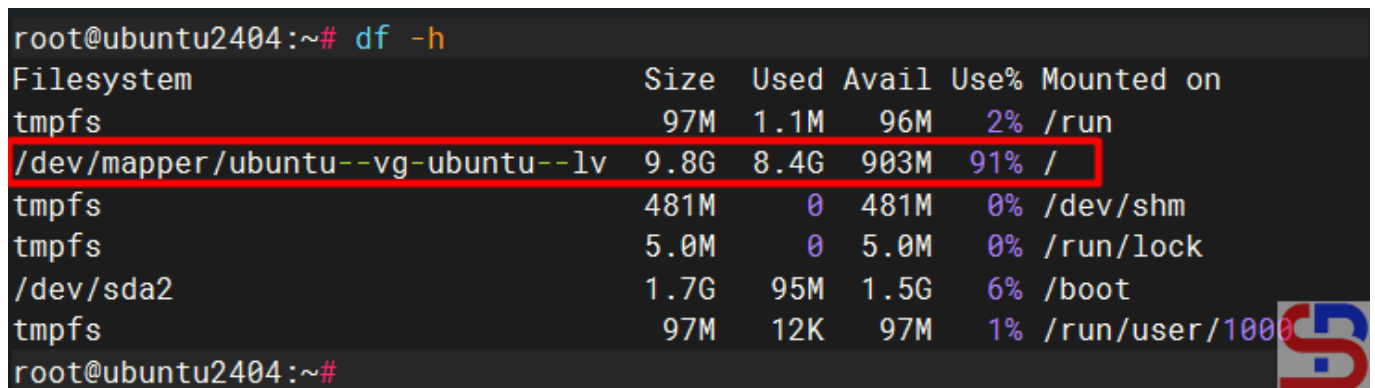
Problem

How to move the partition to a new partition in the Linux server?

Solution

In this article, I use the Ubuntu Server OS, and this article should be applied to any Linux distribution. Currently, the condition of the hard disk on my Ubuntu server is like the image below:

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# df -h
Filesystem                Size      Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs                     97M        1.1M   96M   2% /run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 9.8G      8.4G    903M  91% /
tmpfs                     481M         0    481M   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                     5.0M         0    5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sda2                 1.7G       95M    1.5G   6% /boot
tmpfs                     97M         12K    97M   1% /run/user/1000
```

A terminal window screenshot showing the output of the 'df -h' command. The output is a table with columns: Filesystem, Size, Used, Avail, Use%, and Mounted on. The row for '/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv' is highlighted with a red box, showing 9.8G total size, 8.4G used, and 91% usage. A small logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the terminal window.

Condition of the hard disk in my Ubuntu server

From the image above, the root partition only has a free HDD of 9 percent. After I checked, it turned out that the cause was the /var partition, which took up a lot of hard disk so I want to move the /var partition to the new partition.

```
root@ubuntu2404:/# du -sh *
0      bin
4.0K   bin.usr-is-merged
95M    boot
4.0K   cdrom
0      dev
6.1M   etc
32K    home
0      lib
0      lib64
4.0K   lib.usr-is-merged
16K    lost+found
4.0K   media
4.0K   mnt
4.0K   opt
du: cannot access 'proc/1185/task/1185/fd/4': No such file or directory
du: cannot access 'proc/1185/task/1185/fdinfo/4': No such file or directory
du: cannot access 'proc/1185/fd/3': No such file or directory
du: cannot access 'proc/1185/fdinfo/3': No such file or directory
0      proc
32K    root
1.1M   run
0      sbin
4.0K   sbin.usr-is-merged
8.0K   snap
4.0K   srv
2.0G   swap.img
0      sys
64K    tmp
2.0G   usr
4.5G   var
root@ubuntu2404:/#
```

Check the largest partition size

Here are the steps to move the partition to a new partition in the Linux Server:

Info

The steps in this article will make your Linux server **enter maintenance mode** which means that the Linux server cannot be accessed from anywhere results in the application or database that may be in the Linux server also

inaccessible. So discuss first with your boss if you want to do the steps in this article

1. Add a new hard drive

I insert a new 10 GB HDD into my Linux server. After that, I check if the new HDD is detected by Linux using the command:

```
fdisk -l
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:/# fdisk -l
Disk /dev/sda: 15 GiB, 16106127360 bytes, 31457280 sectors
Disk model: VBOX HARDDISK
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disklabel type: gpt
Disk identifier: 33862586-79A4-4B47-A641-CFC4AB6AF897

Device      Start      End  Sectors  Size Type
/dev/sda1    2048      4095     2048    1M BIOS boot
/dev/sda2    4096  3674111  3670016  1.8G Linux filesystem
/dev/sda3   3674112 31455231 27781120 13.2G Linux filesystem

Disk /dev/sdb: 10 GiB, 10737418240 bytes, 20971520 sectors
Disk model: VBOX HARDDISK
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

Disk /dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv: 10 GiB, 10737418240 bytes, 20971520 sectors
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
root@ubuntu2404:/#
```

Check the new HDD in the Linux server

From the image above, it can be seen that the new HDD was detected by Linux with a partition in sdb.

2. Create a new partition

Run the command below to create a new partition in Linux (Adjust to the hard disk partition detected on your Linux

server after typing the **fdisk -l** command):

```
fdisk /dev/sdb
```

Press the **n** and **p** keys, then the number **,1** and **enter 2x**, then press the **w** button as seen in the image below:

```
root@ubuntu2404:/# fdisk /dev/sdb

Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.39.3).
Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.

Device does not contain a recognized partition table.
Created a new DOS (MBR) disklabel with disk identifier 0xf65c8ed5.

Command (m for help): n
Partition type
   p   primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)
   e   extended (container for logical partitions)
Select (default p): p
Partition number (1-4, default 1): 1
First sector (2048-20971519, default 2048):
Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size{K,M,G,T,P} (2048-20971519, default 20971519):

Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 10 GiB.

Command (m for help): w
The partition table has been altered.
Calling ioctl() to re-read partition table.
Syncing disks.

root@ubuntu2404:/#
```

Create a new partition in the new HDD

Then create a filesystem from the new HDD, and I want to use **ext4** for the filesystem of the new HDD using the command:

```
mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1
```

```

root@ubuntu2404:/# mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1
mke2fs 1.47.0 (5-Feb-2023)
Creating filesystem with 2621184 4k blocks and 655360 inodes
Filesystem UUID: 930db9c1-62d3-49ab-8482-713510fa2604
Superblock backups stored on blocks:
    32768, 98304, 163840, 229376, 294912, 819200, 884736, 1605632

Allocating group tables: done
Writing inode tables: done
Creating journal (16384 blocks): done
Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done

root@ubuntu2404:/#

```

Create a filesystem in the partition of the new HDD

3. Create and mount a new folder

After that, create a new folder using the command:

```
mkdir /mnt/newvar
```

Then, mount the new partition to the new folder using the command:

```
mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/newvar
```

```

root@ubuntu2404:/# mkdir /mnt/newvar
root@ubuntu2404:/#
root@ubuntu2404:/# mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/newvar
root@ubuntu2404:/#
root@ubuntu2404:/# df -h

```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
tmpfs	97M	1.1M	96M	2%	/run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv	9.8G	8.4G	905M	91%	/
tmpfs	481M	0	481M	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5.0M	0	5.0M	0%	/run/lock
/dev/sda2	1.7G	95M	1.5G	6%	/boot
tmpfs	97M	12K	97M	1%	/run/user/1000
/dev/sdb1	9.8G	24K	9.3G	1%	/mnt/newvar

```

root@ubuntu2404:/#

```

Create and mount a new folder

4. Enter maintenance mode

Type the command below:

```
init 1
```

to enter the rescue mode:

```
You are in rescue mode. After logging in, type "journalctl -xb" to view
system logs, "systemctl reboot" to reboot, or "exit"
to continue bootup.
Press Enter for maintenance
(or press Control-D to continue): _
```



Enter the maintenance mode

After that, press the **Enter** button to enter maintenance mode.

5. Copy the folder

Go to the /var folder and copy all the files and folders in the folder into a new folder by typing the following commands:

```
cd /var
cp -ax * /mnt/newvar
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# cd /var/
root@ubuntu2404:/var#
root@ubuntu2404:/var# cp -ax * /mnt/newvar/
root@ubuntu2404:/var#
root@ubuntu2404:/var# df -h
Filesystem                Size      Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs                     97M        1.1M   96M   2% /run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 9.8G      9.0G   315M  97% /
tmpfs                     481M         0   481M   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                     5.0M         0   5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sda2                 1.7G       95M   1.5G   6% /boot
tmpfs                     97M         12K    97M   1% /run/user/1000
/dev/sdb1                 9.8G      5.1G   4.2G  55% /mnt/newvar
```



Copy the folder

6. Rename the folder

Once the copy process is complete, change the /var folder to the var.old folder and then create a new /var folder using

the command:

```
cd /  
mv var var.old  
mkdir /var
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:/var# cd /  
root@ubuntu2404:/#  
root@ubuntu2404:/# mv var var.old  
root@ubuntu2404:/#  
root@ubuntu2404:/# mkdir var  
root@ubuntu2404:/#
```

Rename the folder

7. Mount the new folder

Next, do umount on the /sdb1 partition by using the command:

```
umount /dev/sdb1
```

And mount the /sdb1 partition to the new /var folder using the command:

```
mount /dev/sdb1 /var
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:/var# umount /dev/sdb1  
root@ubuntu2404:/var#  
root@ubuntu2404:/var# mount /dev/sdb1 /var  
root@ubuntu2404:/var#  
root@ubuntu2404:/var# df -h  
Filesystem              Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on  
tmpfs                    97M   1.1M   96M   2% /run  
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 9.8G  9.0G  315M  97% /  
tmpfs                    481M     0   481M   0% /dev/shm  
tmpfs                    5.0M     0   5.0M   0% /run/lock  
/dev/sda2                1.7G   95M   1.5G   6% /boot  
tmpfs                    97M    12K   97M   1% /run/user/1000  
/dev/sdb1                9.8G  5.1G  4.2G  55% /var  
root@ubuntu2404:/var#
```

Mount the new folder

8. Change the fstab file

Change the **/etc/fstab** file by adding the following script to the file:

```
/dev/sdb1 /var          ext4          defaults      0 0
```

```
# /etc/fstab: static file system information.
#
# Use 'blkid' to print the universally unique identifier for a
# device; this may be used with UUID= as a more robust way to name devices
# that works even if disks are added and removed. See fstab(5).
#
# <file system> <mount point> <type> <options> <dump> <pass>
# / was on /dev/ubuntu-vg/ubuntu-lv during curtin installation
/dev/disk/by-id/dm-uuid-LVM-g4VC0MaxbNzT5D0AVCzrf17icg24GBNIPwHuSsXpRZC00pJaXQMCFctYEHU00j5 / ext4 defaults 0 1
# /boot was on /dev/sda2 during curtin installation
/dev/disk/by-uuid/c59b0229-fcf2-4f2f-a6c7-e183c8ca6093 /boot ext4 defaults 0 1
/swan.img none swan sw 0 0
/dev/sdb1 /var ext4 defaults 0 0
```

Script additions in fstab file

9. Restart the server

After that, restart the Linux server and make sure there is no problem when the Linux server reboots.

10. Delete the folder

If the Linux server has finished restarting, then you can delete the var.old folder so that the size of the hard disk of the root partition increases by using the command:

```
cd /
rm -rf var.old
```

```
root@ubuntu2404:~# df -h
Filesystem                Size      Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs                    97M        1.1M   96M   2% /run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 9.8G      8.4G   905M  91% / Before delete var.old folder
tmpfs                    481M         0   481M   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                    5.0M         0   5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sdb1                 9.8G      4.6G   4.8G  49% /var
/dev/sda2                 1.7G      95M    1.5G   6% /boot
tmpfs                    97M        12K    97M   1% /run/user/1000
root@ubuntu2404:~#
root@ubuntu2404:~# cd /
root@ubuntu2404:/#
root@ubuntu2404:/# rm -rf var.old
root@ubuntu2404:/#
root@ubuntu2404:/# df -h
Filesystem                Size      Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs                    97M        1.1M   96M   2% /run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 9.8G      3.9G   5.4G  42% / After delete var.old folder
tmpfs                    481M         0   481M   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                    5.0M         0   5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sdb1                 9.8G      4.6G   4.8G  49% /var
/dev/sda2                 1.7G      95M    1.5G   6% /boot
tmpfs                    97M        12K    97M   1% /run/user/1000
root@ubuntu2404:/#
```

Before and after moving the partition

Note

Reboot the server again to make sure there are no problems after you delete the var.old folder. You can use the steps above when you want to move another folder to a new partition in the Linux server.

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

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[The previous article](#) explained how to install Docker on Linux. This article will explain how to manage a container in Docker.

Problem

How to manage a container in Docker?

Solution

To manage a container in Docker, you have to remember basic Docker commands. And here are the basic Docker commands:

1. Search for container images

To run containers in Docker, we need a Docker image. A Docker image is an immutable (unchangeable) file that

contains the source code, libraries, dependencies, tools, and other files needed for an application to run. The place to store Docker images is known as the Docker registry, which by default uses the Docker Hub located at hub.docker.com. If you are looking for a container image in Docker, use the format below:

```
docker search container_name
```

For example, if you want to find an nginx image, then use the command below:

```
docker search nginx
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker search nginx
```

NAME	DESCRIPTION	STARS	OFFICIAL
nginx	Official build of Nginx.	20651	[OK]
nginx/nginx-ingress	NGINX and NGINX Plus Ingress Controllers fo...	100	
nginx/nginx-prometheus-exporter	NGINX Prometheus Exporter for NGINX and NGIN...	48	
nginx/unit	This repository is retired, use the Docker o...	65	
nginx/nginx-ingress-operator	NGINX Ingress Operator for NGINX and NGINX P...	2	
nginx/nginx-quic-qns	NGINX QUIC interop	1	
nginx/unit-preview	Unit preview features	0	
nginx/nginxxaas-loadbalancer-kubernetes		0	
bitnami/nginx	Bitnami container image for NGINX	196	
ubuntu/nginx	Nginx, a high-performance reverse proxy & we...	127	
bitnamicharts/nginx	Bitnami Helm chart for NGINX Open Source	0	
rancher/nginx		2	
kasmweb/nginx	An Nginx image based off nginx:alpine and in...	8	
linuxserver/nginx	An Nginx container, brought to you by LinuxS...	227	
redash/nginx	Pre-configured nginx to proxy linked contain...	3	
dtagdevsec/nginx	T-Pot Nginx	0	
vmware/nginx		2	
paketobuildpacks/nginx		0	
chainguard/nginx	Build, ship and run secure software with Cha...	4	
gluufederation/nginx	A customized NGINX image containing a consu...	1	
intel/nginx		0	
droidwiki/nginx		0	
circleci/nginx	This image is for internal use	2	
corpusops/nginx	https://github.com/corpusops/docker-images/	1	
antrea/nginx	Nginx server used for Antrea e2e testing	0	

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Searching the nginx image

2. Download the Docker image

To download the Docker image, use the following format:

```
docker image pull image_name:tag_version
```

where the tag_version is the version of the image, and if

you don't write the tag, it is considered that you want to install the latest version of the image. For example, if you want to download the newest version of the nginx image, use the command:

```
docker image pull nginx
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image pull nginx
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/nginx
7cf63256a31a: Pull complete
bf9acace214a: Pull complete
513c3649bb14: Pull complete
d014f92d532d: Pull complete
9dd21ad5a4a6: Pull complete
943ea0f0c2e4: Pull complete
103f50cb3e9f: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
docker.io/library/nginx:latest
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Download the nginx image

But if you want to download nginx with a certain version, for example, version 1.27.2, then use the command:

```
docker image pull nginx:1.27.2
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker pull nginx:1.27.2
1.27.2: Pulling from library/nginx
2d429b9e73a6: Pull complete
9b1039c85176: Pull complete
9ad567d3b8a2: Pull complete
773c63cd62e4: Pull complete
1d2712910bdf: Pull complete
4b0adc47c460: Pull complete
171eabbdf235: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:bc5eac5eafc581aeda3008b4b1f07ebba230de2f27d47767129a6a905c84f470
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:1.27.2
docker.io/library/nginx:1.27.2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Download the nginx with a certain version

3. List the Docker image(s)

To display the Docker image that you have downloaded, use the command below:

docker image ls

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
nginx         latest   b52e0b094bc0  5 weeks ago   192MB
```

List the Docker images

Or you can use the command below:

docker images

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker images
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
nginx         latest   60c8a892f36f  6 months ago   192MB
```

List the Docker images

4. Create a container

You can create the container using the format:

```
docker container create --name container_name image_name:tag
```

For example, if you want to create a container with the name webapp1, which contains the nginx application, then use the command below:

```
docker container create --name webapp1 nginx
```

When you use this command, Docker will first check whether the nginx image is on the server. If the image is not on the server, then Docker will download the nginx image, and after that, it will create an nginx container, and the image will remain on your server, as shown in the image below:

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container create --name webapp1 nginx
Unable to find image 'nginx:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/nginx
7cf63256a31a: Pull complete
bf9acace214a: Pull complete
513c3649bb14: Pull complete
d014f92d532d: Pull complete
9dd21ad5a4a6: Pull complete
943ea0f0c2e4: Pull complete
103f50cb3e9f: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:9d6b58febd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$

```



Create the container

You can use an image to create multiple containers as long as the container names are different, as in the image below:

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
nginx         latest   b52e0b094bc0   5 weeks ago   192MB
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container create --name webapp1 nginx
9fbc044864d767f3ffc2d321654e3f66db8ea9be5a1d06f8023bf2e0ffbff6d2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container create --name webapp2 nginx
2f22437fcb9d149c542d74ffb6dda54112e88479fecfb16171e819ee0995f006
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$

```



Create the containers with 1 image

5. List the status of the container(s)

To display the container status, you can use the command:

```
docker ps
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED    STATUS    PORTS    NAMES
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$

```



List the status of running Docker

Maybe you are confused about why there is no container status displayed, even though you have made 2 containers

before. Remember that the **docker ps** command only displays the ongoing container status. While the 2 containers you made had not been running, you just made a container. If you want to display all container statuses, use the command below:

```
docker ps -a
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
2f22437fcb9d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	6 minutes ago	Created		webapp2
9fbc044864d7	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	6 minutes ago	Created		webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

List all container statuses in Docker

6. Turn on the container

To turn on a container, you can use the format:

```
docker container start container_id/container_name
```

Usually, I use `container_name` instead of `container_id` because it's easier to memorize, so I run the following command:

```
docker container start webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container start webapp1
```

```
webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
b6b73bdbb4e3	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	31 minutes ago	Up 5 seconds	80/tcp	webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Turn on the container

7. Pause the container

You can pause a container with the following format:

```
docker container pause container_id/container_name
```

So, you can use the command below to pause the container:

```
docker container pause webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container pause webapp1
webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED         STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
b6b73bdbb4e3   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 31 minutes ago  Up 53 seconds (Paused)  80/tcp        webapp1
```

Pause the container

To resume the container, use the following format:

```
docker containers unpause container_id/container_name
```

You can use the command below to resume the container:

```
docker container unpause webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container unpause webapp1
webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED         STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
b6b73bdbb4e3   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 32 minutes ago  Up About a minute   80/tcp        webapp1
```

Resume the container

8. Run a container with a single command

As explained above, if you want to run a container, you have to download the image first, create a container, and turn on the container (see numbers 2, 4, and 6). There is a command that can summarize the three commands above, using the format below:

```
docker run -d --name container_id/container_name image_name:tag
```

where the **-d option** is to run the container in the background. So if you want to run a container with the name webapp2, which contains the nginx application, then use the command below:

```
docker run -d --name webapp3 nginx
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker run -d --name webapp3 nginx
d03087e2d12daf32676144237aef42dfb810568cbf36dadcf0387439ad1c679b
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS      PORTS      NAMES
d03087e2d12d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 6 seconds ago Up 5 seconds 80/tcp     webapp3
2f22437fcb9d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 13 minutes ago Created                                 webapp2
9fbc044864d7   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 13 minutes ago Up 12 seconds 80/tcp     webapp1
```

Run the container

9. Display the size of Docker

To display how large Docker is installed on your server, use the command below:

docker system df

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker system df
TYPE          TOTAL    ACTIVE   SIZE     RECLAIMABLE
Images        2        1        234.3MB  117MB (49%)
Containers    2        2        2.19kB   0B (0%)
Local Volumes 0        0        0B       0B
Build Cache   0        0        0B       0B
```

Display the size of Docker

To display a Docker size in detail, use the command below:

docker system df -v

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker system df -v
Images space usage:
REPOSITORY TAG      IMAGE ID      CREATED      SIZE     SHARED SIZE  UNIQUE SIZE  CONTAINERS
nginx      latest  4cad75abc83d 2 months ago 192MB    74.83MB     117.2MB     2
redis     latest  65750d044ac8 3 months ago 117MB    74.83MB     42.21MB     0

Containers space usage:
CONTAINER ID  IMAGE     COMMAND                  LOCAL VOLUMES   SIZE     CREATED      STATUS      NAMES
d8982eca0840  nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 0              1.09kB   4 minutes ago Up 4 minutes webapp1
8d609d92bcc7  nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 0              1.09kB   11 minutes ago Up 11 minutes nginx

Local Volumes space usage:
VOLUME NAME  LINKS     SIZE

Build cache usage: 0B

CACHE ID     CACHE TYPE  SIZE     CREATED  LAST USED  USAGE  SHARED
```

Display the size of the Docker

10. Display logs

To display logs of the running container to check something, follow the format below:

```
docker container logs container_id/container_name
```

So, run the command below to check the logs of your container:

```
docker container logs webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container logs webapp1
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.27.4
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.0 (Debian 12.2.0-14)
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 6.8.0-55-generic
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 29
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 30
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Display logs in the container

If you want to display real-time logs of the container, give an option **-f** like in the below command:

```
docker container logs -f webapp1
```

Press **Ctrl-C** to exit the log.

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container logs -f webapp1
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.27.4
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.0 (Debian 12.2.0-14)
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 6.8.0-55-generic
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 29
2025/03/13 15:35:13 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 30
^Ccontext canceled
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$

```

Display real-time logs in the container

11. Inspect the container

To display detailed information about a container, use the following format:

```
docker inspect container_name/container_id
```

So, if you want to see the detailed information about the container that you created before, use the command below:

```
docker inspect webapp1
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker inspect webapp1
[
  {
    "Id": "b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce",
    "Created": "2025-03-13T15:04:08.105644454Z",
    "Path": "/docker-entrypoint.sh",
    "Args": [
      "nginx",
      "-g",
      "daemon off;"
    ],
    "State": {
      "Status": "running",
      "Running": true,
      "Paused": false,
      "Restarting": false,
      "OOMKilled": false,
      "Dead": false,
      "Pid": 1748,
      "ExitCode": 0,
      "Error": "",
      "StartedAt": "2025-03-13T15:35:12.863527159Z",
      "FinishedAt": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
    },
    "Image": "sha256:b52e0b094bc0e26c9eddc9e4ab7a64ce0033c3360d9b7ad4ff4132c4e09e8f7b",
    "ResolvConfPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce/resolv.conf",
    "HostnamePath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce/hostname",
    "HostsPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce/hosts",
    "LogPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce/b6b73bdbb4e39e83bdd8090478868b41b895f847910d65d44b744955562c4cce-json.log",
    "Name": "/webapp1",
    "RestartCount": 0,
  }
]

```

Inspect the container

If you only want to display specific items when running the inspect command, use the following format:

```
docker container inspect container_name/container_id -f '{{json .the_item_you_want_to_display<.sub_item> }}' | python -m json.tool
```

So if you want to display only the network section when using the Docker inspect command, use the command below:

```
docker container inspect webapp1 -f '{{json .NetworkSettings.Networks }}' | python3 -m json.tool
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container inspect webapp1 -f '{{json .NetworkSettings.Networks }}' | python3 -m json.tool
{
  "bridge": {
    "IPAMConfig": null,
    "Links": null,
    "Aliases": null,
    "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:11:00:02",
    "DriverOpts": null,
    "NetworkID": "0bf7fbd95b01135a37858f29ce5a744fcd6d39a4ccca37da437c4e45d928ba68",
    "EndpointID": "9ce624a8d8acd63bc01229dd682639b2991c1149afae602fe2372118969b8f3b",
    "Gateway": "172.17.0.1",
    "IPAddress": "172.17.0.2",
    "IPPrefixLen": 16,
    "IPv6Gateway": "",
    "GlobalIPv6Address": "",
    "GlobalIPv6PrefixLen": 0,
    "DNSNames": null
  }
}
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Inspect the network of the container only

12. Stop the container(s)

To stop the container, use the format below:

```
docker container stop container_id/container_name
```

For example, if I want to stop my container, then use the command below:

```
docker container stop webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container stop webapp1
webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
d03087e2d12d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	4 minutes ago	Up 4 minutes	80/tcp	webapp3
2f22437fcb9d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	18 minutes ago	Created		webapp2
9fbc044864d7	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	18 minutes ago	Exited (0) 3 seconds ago		webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Stop the container

You can stop all the containers running with the below command:

```
docker stop webapp1 webapp2
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container stop webapp1 webapp3
webapp1
webapp3
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
d03087e2d12d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	6 minutes ago	Exited (0) 3 seconds ago		webapp3
2f22437fcb9d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	20 minutes ago	Created		webapp2
9fbc044864d7	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	20 minutes ago	Exited (0) 3 seconds ago		webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Stop more than one container

Or use the below command to stop all the running containers:

```
docker kill $(docker ps -q)
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
d03087e2d12d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	9 minutes ago	Up 4 seconds	80/tcp	webapp3
2f22437fcb9d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	23 minutes ago	Created		webapp2
9fbc044864d7	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	23 minutes ago	Up 4 seconds	80/tcp	webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker kill $(docker ps -q)
d03087e2d12d
9fbc044864d7
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
d03087e2d12d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	9 minutes ago	Exited (137) 3 seconds ago		webapp3
2f22437fcb9d	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	23 minutes ago	Created		webapp2
9fbc044864d7	nginx	"/docker-entrypoint..."	23 minutes ago	Exited (137) 3 seconds ago		webapp1

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Stop all running containers

13. Remove the container(s)

Before you remove the container, you have to **stop the container first**. To delete a container that's already turned off, use the format below:

```
docker container rm container_id/container_name
```

Run the command below to remove the container:

```
docker container rm webapp1
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
d03087e2d12d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 11 minutes ago   Exited (137) 2 minutes ago   webapp3
2f22437fcb9d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 25 minutes ago   Created                                webapp2
9fbc044864d7   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 25 minutes ago   Exited (137) 2 minutes ago   webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container rm webapp1
webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
d03087e2d12d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 12 minutes ago   Exited (137) 2 minutes ago   webapp3
2f22437fcb9d   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 25 minutes ago   Created                                webapp2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Delete the container

By default, you can't remove a container if the container is still running. You can use the command below to delete the container even if the container is still running, but it is not recommended:

```
docker container rm -f webapp2
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container start webapp2
webapp2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container rm webapp2
Error response from daemon: cannot remove container "/webapp2": container is running: stop the container before removing or force remove
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker container rm -f webapp2
webapp2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Force delete the running container

If you have a lot of containers that are no longer used and you don't want to delete them one by one, you can use the command below to delete all the unused containers:

```
docker rm $(docker ps -a -q)
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
ba79cff3e0bf   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 21 seconds ago   Exited (0) 3 seconds ago   webapp2
2edbd2c033d8   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 26 seconds ago   Exited (0) 3 seconds ago   webapp1
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker rm $(docker ps -a -q)
ba79cff3e0bf
2edbd2c033d8
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Delete all the stop containers

You can also use the command below to delete all the stop containers:

docker container prune

```
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
2fd039880269   mysql    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 5 hours ago   Exited (137) 2 hours ago   db-mysql
2a4eadafffcd   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint. ..." 28 hours ago  Exited (0) 2 hours ago   webapp1
e6d61413d2af   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint. ..." 29 hours ago  Exited (0) 2 hours ago   nginx
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker container prune
WARNING! This will remove all stopped containers.
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
Deleted Containers:
2fd039880269153802f303435bf9a197fd1aefed5b96c5df0fe2a8e291266cb3
2a4eadafffcd4899dce3201f8e110489e77d5c0f6d4a9bac8af91f48a06adf35
e6d61413d2afa872ee797369775b0bbaf39d433b29c13c03538383f3bc228888

Total reclaimed space: 22.47MB
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS              PORTS          NAMES
sysadmin@docker:~$
```

Delete the stop containers using the prune command

14. Delete the image(s)

To delete the Docker image that you have already downloaded, use the format below:

```
docker image rm image_name
```

Run the image below if you want to delete the nginx image:

```
docker image rm nginx
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
nginx         latest   b52e0b094bc0  5 weeks ago   192MB
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker rmi nginx
Untagged: nginx:latest
Untagged: nginx@sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Deleted: sha256:b52e0b094bc0e26c9eddc9e4ab7a64ce0033c3360d8b7ad4ff4132c4e03e8f7b
Deleted: sha256:3c8b88c16794e3082397557e5482f5a04a6c295cec37919c65c234e1a3645e80
Deleted: sha256:d5c83383666c732fcb30d7e25c74c2e0884c262f2e497cc9f2844870980311d8
Deleted: sha256:d62b6301e685a7cdc3bb3b1508a959e4710a707ea2f680f848c19a9ad74ac6a7
Deleted: sha256:d443654bda4a04f31ba6bd39bed82a053a17f2974b401fef552e4e88d6546db8
Deleted: sha256:129409d5d363e5d5af273f0b2a90237f708ed9972f8d58a4dbcd17f1abbabe21
Deleted: sha256:a3a2912e392a24d8c7dde076a3778c6eded8839660963ac2084e051eb6931c13
Deleted: sha256:5f1ee22ffb5e68686db3dcb6584eb1c73b5570615b0f14fabb070b96117e351d
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Delete the image

However, you must know that you **can't delete the Docker image if the image is still running in the container**. So you must remove the container first before you delete the image. If you want to delete multiple Docker images, use the following format:

```
docker image rm image_name1 image_name2 ...
```

So if you want to delete the nginx image and nginx:1.27.2 at once, then use the command below:

```
docker image rm nginx nginx:1.27.2
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
nginx latest b52e0b094bc0 5 weeks ago 192MB
nginx 1.27.2 60c8a892f36f 5 months ago 192MB
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker rmi nginx nginx:1.27.2
Untagged: nginx:latest
Untagged: nginx@sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Deleted: sha256:b52e0b094bc0e26c9eddc9e4ab7a64ce0033c3360d8b7ad4ff4132c4e03e8f7b
Deleted: sha256:3c8b88c16794e3082397557e5482f5a04a6c295cec37919c65c234e1a3645e80
Deleted: sha256:d5c83383666c732fcb30d7e25c74c2e0884c262f2e497cc9f2844870980311d8
Deleted: sha256:d62b6301e685a7cdc3bb3b1508a959e4710a707ea2f680f848c19a9ad74ac6a7
Deleted: sha256:d443654bda4a04f31ba6bd39bed82a053a17f2974b401fef552e4e88d6546db8
Deleted: sha256:129409d5d363e5d5af273f0b2a90237f708ed9972f8d58a4dbcd17f1abbabe21
Deleted: sha256:a3a2912e392a24d8c7dde076a3778c6eded8839660963ac2084e051eb6931c13
Deleted: sha256:5f1ee22fffb5e68686db3dcb6584eb1c73b5570615b0f14fabb070b96117e351d
Untagged: nginx:1.27.2
Untagged: nginx@sha256:bc5eac5eafc581aeda3008b4b1f07ebba230de2f27d47767129a6a905c84f470
Deleted: sha256:60c8a892f36faf6c9215464005ee6fb8cf0585f70b113c0b030f6cb497a41876
Deleted: sha256:47984982982b32672d3b0cc6ebc1016e70916a8347c79765dc2ba09ed9afc97c
Deleted: sha256:f8fffe24ebb396c3e1721168923665f594d6b0ec1270700f642155fb51179cb
Deleted: sha256:ceff183e9da02c76af52712096cbe7e26e01909f827f18141058afb4f7e32db
Deleted: sha256:01c22c5216c94ae4a6285e21b0ccb6bb786d437aa7eb7d3e2de8a454115d17a8
Deleted: sha256:9a980991ece0116dad7650d5af48faa2f693f9277bfd99f4fb3c8c2ce0b4e27d
Deleted: sha256:d775439dbfb804d168b7ab8501c32013896d40d66b14944d2429778d995c7fe4
Deleted: sha256:c3548211b8264f8bfa47a6727043a64f1791b82ac965a284a7ea187e971a95e2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Delete more than one image

And if you want to delete all the images, you can use the command below:

```
docker rmi $(docker images -a -q)
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG          IMAGE ID      CREATED      SIZE
nginx         latest      b52e0b094bc0 5 weeks ago  192MB
nginx         1.27.2     60c8a892f36f 5 months ago 192MB
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker rmi $(docker images -a -q)
Untagged: nginx:latest
Untagged: nginx@sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Deleted: sha256:b52e0b094bc0e26c9eddc9e4ab7a64ce0033c3360d8b7ad4ff4132c4e03e8f7b
Deleted: sha256:3c8b88c16794e3082397557e5482f5a04a6c295cec37919c65c234e1a3645e80
Deleted: sha256:d5c83383666c732fcb30d7e25c74c2e0884c262f2e497cc9f2844870980311d8
Deleted: sha256:d62b6301e685a7cdc3bb3b1508a959e4710a707ea2f680f848c19a9ad74ac6a7
Deleted: sha256:d443654bda4a04f31ba6bd39bed82a053a17f2974b401fef552e4e88d6546db8
Deleted: sha256:129409d5d363e5d5af273f0b2a90237f708ed9972f8d58a4dbcd17f1abbabe21
Deleted: sha256:a3a2912e392a24d8c7dde076a3778c6eded8839660963ac2084e051eb6931c13
Deleted: sha256:5f1ee22fffb5e68686db3dcb6584eb1c73b5570615b0f14fabb070b96117e351d
Untagged: nginx:1.27.2
Untagged: nginx@sha256:bc5eac5eafc581aeda3008b4b1f07ebba230de2f27d47767129a6a905c84f470
Deleted: sha256:60c8a892f36faf6c9215464005ee6fb8cf0585f70b113c0b030f6cb497a41876
Deleted: sha256:47984982982b32672d3b0cc6ebc1016e70916a8347c79765dc2ba09ed9afc97c
Deleted: sha256:f8ffffef24ebb396c3e1721168923665f594d6b0ec1270700f642155fb51179cb
Deleted: sha256:ceff183e9da02c76af52712096cbe7e26e01909f827f18141058afb4f7e32db
Deleted: sha256:01c22c5216c94ae4a6285e21b0ccb6bb786d437aa7eb7d3e2de8a454115d17a8
Deleted: sha256:9a980991ece0116dad7650d5af48faa2f693f9277bfd99f4fb3c8c2ce0b4e27d
Deleted: sha256:d775439dbfb804d168b7ab8501c32013896d40d66b14944d2429778d995c7fe4
Deleted: sha256:c3548211b8264f8bfa47a6727043a64f1791b82ac965a284a7ea187e971a95e2
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY    TAG          IMAGE ID      CREATED      SIZE
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Delete all the images

Or, you can use the command below to remove the unused images:

```
docker image prune -a
```

```

sysadmin@docker:~$ docker images
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
nginx         latest   4cad75abc83d   2 months ago  192MB
mysql         latest   567107cb6971   2 months ago  797MB
sysadmin@docker:~$
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker image prune -a
WARNING! This will remove all images without at least one container associated to them.
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
Deleted Images:
untagged: nginx:latest
untagged: nginx@sha256:09369da6b10306312cd908661320086bf87fbae1b6b0c49a1f50ba531fef2eab
deleted: sha256:4cad75abc83d5ca6ee22053d85850676eae657ee9d723d7bef61179e1e1e485
deleted: sha256:12dc0894b9d83988c128df9d1eda0d43198450dfbb600d3f48951a60dc83ba22
deleted: sha256:cf328fc766bc5a8b4c62d4d1a66a5fd64a012bb9c4edf00733760b50245dcc25
deleted: sha256:482a624ec9ee06ddd66621ef94544670936e5047ce55742aedc630b8f2508e45
deleted: sha256:2cabaf44a04cb066a69df1ac5fad6d7bb983767f19579e2fcc1c38ee76deaecc
deleted: sha256:dfb7b04fe3c8a2b11f1e627e3a98987fae238799f35531a03194daf1a555e618
deleted: sha256:252d6f0879cc76efb21ff5ee44a264862e6d5190693d80dcc218847e0ab1deea
deleted: sha256:ea680fbff095473bb8a6c867938d6d851e11ef0c177fce983ccc83440172bd72
untagged: mysql:latest
untagged: mysql@sha256:0596fa224cdf3b3355ce3ddbdf7ce77be27ec9e51841dfc5d2e1c8b81eea69d2
deleted: sha256:567107cb6971c25f0921ff3c2fa6b460ef636d50ca1365d987cee6bdcce3fd53
deleted: sha256:43814104558997cecebb1a4de919904bd86292b70961b4baa54452861571abb6
deleted: sha256:842f156a86f22550ee891ff2cecca451fc05c67fe2931391e2d4e24c8994748e
deleted: sha256:d1df9893c1d8755fc63f2719eaefa3c1576040e1097a14facf966b22922d824f
deleted: sha256:7b093f3a2a71e56f9cc9d384d7263ed516eb948eefa24c5537d505448cf7d257
deleted: sha256:1af7699f489cc2f9ef006c965fa5df6037315c07f3e954e934104c1e73bcbd43
deleted: sha256:39511577b58ee8af0cce262e1e1d18e08319fc264f41bb66d84981df43a3d3f7
deleted: sha256:0e260b5837f1fff58f7c0ca9e0f30687c2637792b8236f8d7b5e198a5a137b57
deleted: sha256:3589674506312c078c2a2e6c1493bfff8ca873b6b34c7737d9510855f6f28b4
deleted: sha256:5f19898b2782394b0f3406750e1f8a58bd3d1fa359f40c162ebd918e96c19b12
deleted: sha256:561b565cf5eba84f1729d1d097d529566c1f992937a14ac7ec12e76a4a5693d2

Total reclaimed space: 989MB
sysadmin@docker:~$ docker images
REPOSITORY    TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
sysadmin@docker:~$

```



Delete all the unused images using the prune command

Note

If you forget or don't know what command to use in Docker, use the following command:

```
docker --help
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker --help
```

```
Usage:  docker [OPTIONS] COMMAND
```

```
A self-sufficient runtime for containers
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```
Common Commands:
```

```
run      Create and run a new container from an image
exec     Execute a command in a running container
ps       List containers
build    Build an image from a Dockerfile
pull     Download an image from a registry
push     Upload an image to a registry
images   List images
login    Authenticate to a registry
logout   Log out from a registry
search   Search Docker Hub for images
version  Show the Docker version information
info     Display system-wide information
```

```
Management Commands:
```

```
builder  Manage builds
buildx*   Docker Buildx
compose*  Docker Compose
container Manage containers
context   Manage contexts
image     Manage images
manifest  Manage Docker image manifests and manifest lists
network  Manage networks
```



Using the docker help command

After that, if you want to know the options in the Docker command, then use the following format:

```
docker command --help
```

For example, if you want to know the options of the run command in Docker, then type the command below:

```
docker run --help
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker run --help

Usage: docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]

Create and run a new container from an image

Aliases:
  docker container run, docker run

Options:
  --add-host list          Add a custom host-to-IP mapping (host:ip)
  --annotation map        Add an annotation to the container (passed through to the OCI runtime) (default map[])
  -a, --attach list       Attach to STDIN, STDOUT or STDERR
  --blkio-weight uint16   Block IO (relative weight), between 10 and 1000, or 0 to disable (default 0)
  --blkio-weight-device list Block IO weight (relative device weight) (default [])
  --cap-add list          Add Linux capabilities
  --cap-drop list         Drop Linux capabilities
  --cgroup-parent string  Optional parent cgroup for the container
  --cgroups string        Cgroup namespace to use (host|private)
                          'host': Run the container in the Docker host's cgroup namespace
                          'private': Run the container in its own private cgroup namespace
                          '': Use the cgroup namespace as configured by the
                              default-cgroups-mode option on the daemon (default)
  --cidfile string        Write the container ID to the file
  --cpu-period int        Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) period
  --cpu-quota int         Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) quota
  --cpu-rt-period int     Limit CPU real-time period in microseconds
  --cpu-rt-runtime int    Limit CPU real-time runtime in microseconds
```

Using the docker run help command

You can shorten all the **Docker container** commands to just the **docker** command to shorten the typing time. For example, if you want to create a container, you can use the command:

```
docker create --name webapp6 nginx
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ docker create --name webapp6 nginx
Unable to find image 'nginx:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/nginx
7cf63256a31a: Pull complete
bf9acace214a: Pull complete
513c3649bb14: Pull complete
d014f92d532d: Pull complete
9dd21ad5a4a6: Pull complete
943ea0f0c2e4: Pull complete
103f50cb3e9f: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
1dd2061cebce8d7b899ad65a99d7c25f5b5101f83ba9f7b13f3d6988cc4bcd13
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Using the docker create command

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