

How to Display the Timestamp in the History Command?

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Displaying the timestamp in the history command is very useful for various purposes. However, in general, Linux systems do not display a timestamp when you run the history command

Problem

How to display the timestamp in the history command?

Solution

If you type the history command on your Linux server, by default, you will find that there is no timestamp, as in the image below:

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# history
```

```
1  yum update -y
2  reboot
3  cat /etc/*release
4  poweroff
5  ip a
6  nmtui
7  yum install net-tools
8  nmtui
9  mntui
10 nmtui
11 ip a
12 nmtui
13 ip a
14 nmtui
15 ip a
16 reboot
17 ip a
18 useradd sysadmin
19 passwd sysadmin
20 poweroff
21 ls
22 top
23 uptime
24 history
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



The history command

So that your Linux server can display timestamps in the history command, type the command below:

```
echo 'export HISTTIMEFORMAT="%F %T "' >> ~/.bashrc
source ~/.bashrc
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# history
 1 2025-01-17 03:10:45 yum update -y
 2 2025-01-17 03:10:45 reboot
 3 2025-01-17 03:10:45 cat /etc/*release
 4 2025-01-17 03:10:45 poweroff
 5 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ip a
 6 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ntmui
 7 2025-01-17 03:10:45 yum install net-tools
 8 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ntmui
 9 2025-01-17 03:10:45 mntui
10 2025-01-17 03:10:45 nmtui
11 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ip a
12 2025-01-17 03:10:45 nmtui
13 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ip a
14 2025-01-17 03:10:45 nmtui
15 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ip a
16 2025-01-17 03:10:45 reboot
17 2025-01-17 03:10:45 ip a
18 2025-01-17 03:10:45 useradd sysadmin
19 2025-01-17 03:10:45 passwd sysadmin
20 2025-01-17 03:10:45 poweroff
21 2025-01-17 03:10:48 ls
22 2025-01-17 03:10:52 top
23 2025-01-17 03:11:00 uptime
24 2025-01-17 03:11:48 history
25 2025-01-17 03:13:11 echo 'export HISTTIMEFORMAT="%F %T "' >> ~/.bashrc
26 2025-01-17 03:13:22 source ~/.bashrc
27 2025-01-17 03:13:26 history
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

The history command with a timestamp

The image above shows that the timestamp is already visible when you type the history command. Linux commands executed for a long time will display the same timestamp (look at the image above in the red box). However, if you run another Linux command, the timestamp displayed will be the same as when you executed the Linux command (look at the image above in the green box).

Note

By default, you have to run the commands above on each user to display the timestamps in the history command. But I think it's very tiring to do that. So, if you want to

display a timestamp in the history command for each Linux user, copy the command below:

```
sudo vi /etc/profile.d/history-timestamp.sh
```

After that, copy the script below into the file:

```
export HISTTIMEFORMAT="%F %T "
```

and then run the below script:

```
sudo chmod 644 /etc/profile.d/history-timestamp.sh
```

The history command in the new user's shell will display timestamps automatically if there is a new user on your Linux server.

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[How to Install gcloud on a Linux Server?](#)

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The previous articles explained how to install gcloud on [Ubuntu/Debian](#) distros and [RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS](#) distros. This article will explain how to install gcloud on Linux.

Problem

How to install gcloud on a Linux server?

Solution

If you use Linux other than the Ubuntu/Debian distro and the RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS distro, and you want to install gcloud on your Linux distro, then below are the steps (I use OpenSUSE 15 distro):

A. Install gcloud

As far as I know, there are 2 methods for installing on a Linux server, and both methods recommend using a user other than root.

1. Use the script

Before you install gcloud using the script, make sure there are tar and curl packages, and **Python version 3.8 and up** on your server. You can check it with the following command:

```
python3 --version
```

After that, use the following command to download and install the script:

```
curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
```

Then you will see a display like the one below:

```
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~> curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Current
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
100 443 100 443 0 0 617 0 ----- 617
Downloading Google Cloud SDK install script: https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/install_google_cloud_sdk.bash
##### 100.0%
Running install script from: /tmp/tmp.VRTkvQAFkG/install_google_cloud_sdk.bash
which curl
curl -# -f https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
##### 100.0%

Installation directory (this will create a google-cloud-sdk subdirectory) (/home/sysadmin):
mkdir -p /home/sysadmin
tar -C /home/sysadmin -zxvf /tmp/tmp.RHVVSyaqZY/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
google-cloud-sdk/install/download/
google-cloud-sdk/install/core.manifest
google-cloud-sdk/install/core.snapshot.json
google-cloud-sdk/install/gcloud-deps.manifest
google-cloud-sdk/install/gcloud-deps.snapshot.json
google-cloud-sdk/LICENSE
google-cloud-sdk/README
google-cloud-sdk/RELEASE_NOTES
```

Install gcloud using the script

Wait until it's finished, and you will see a display like the one below:

```
Modify profile to update your $PATH and enable shell command completion?
Do you want to continue (Y/n)? Y

The Google Cloud SDK installer will now prompt you to update an rc file to bring the Google Cloud CLIs into your environment.

Enter a path to an rc file to update, or leave blank to use [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc]:
Backing up [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] to [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc.backup].
[/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] has been updated.

==> Start a new shell for the changes to take effect.

For more information on how to get started, please visit:
https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/quickstarts

sysadmin@opensuse15:~>
```

Installation complete

From the image above, you are asked to create a new SSH connection so that the effect can be seen, and type the command below:

```
./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud version
```

```
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~> ./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud version
Google Cloud SDK 506.0.0
bq 2.1.11
bundled-python3-unix 3.11.9
core 2025.01.10
gcloud-crc32c 1.0.0
gsutil 5.33
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~>
```

Execute the gcloud version command

If you want to type the gcloud command without having to type **./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud**, then run the command below:

```
echo "alias gcloud=./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud" >> ~/.bashrc
source ~/.bashrc
```

```
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~> echo "alias gcloud=./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud" >> ~/.bashrc
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~> source ~/.bashrc
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~>
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~> gcloud version
Google Cloud SDK 506.0.0
bq 2.1.11
bundled-python3-unix 3.11.9
core 2025.01.10
gcloud-crc32c 1.0.0
gsutil 5.33
sysadmin@OpenSUSE15:~>
```



Make an alias for gcloud

2. Using the installer

Run the following commands to install gcloud on your Linux server:

```
curl -O
https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/downloads/google-cloud-cli-l
inux-x86_64.tar.gz
tar -xvf google-cloud-cli-linux-x86_64.tar.gz
./google-cloud-sdk/install.sh
```

After installation completes, use the following command to test the gcloud command:

```
./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud version
```

B. Connect to GCP

After you install gcloud on your server, type the command below:

```
gcloud init
```

Then there will be a display like the image below:

```
sysadmin@opensuse15:~> ./google-cloud-sdk/bin/gcloud init
Welcome! This command will take you through the configuration of gcloud.

Your current configuration has been set to: [default]

You can skip diagnostics next time by using the following flag:
  gcloud init --skip-diagnostics

Network diagnostic detects and fixes local network connection issues.
Checking network connection...done.
Reachability Check passed.
Network diagnostic passed (1/1 checks passed).

You must sign in to continue. Would you like to sign in (Y/n)? Y

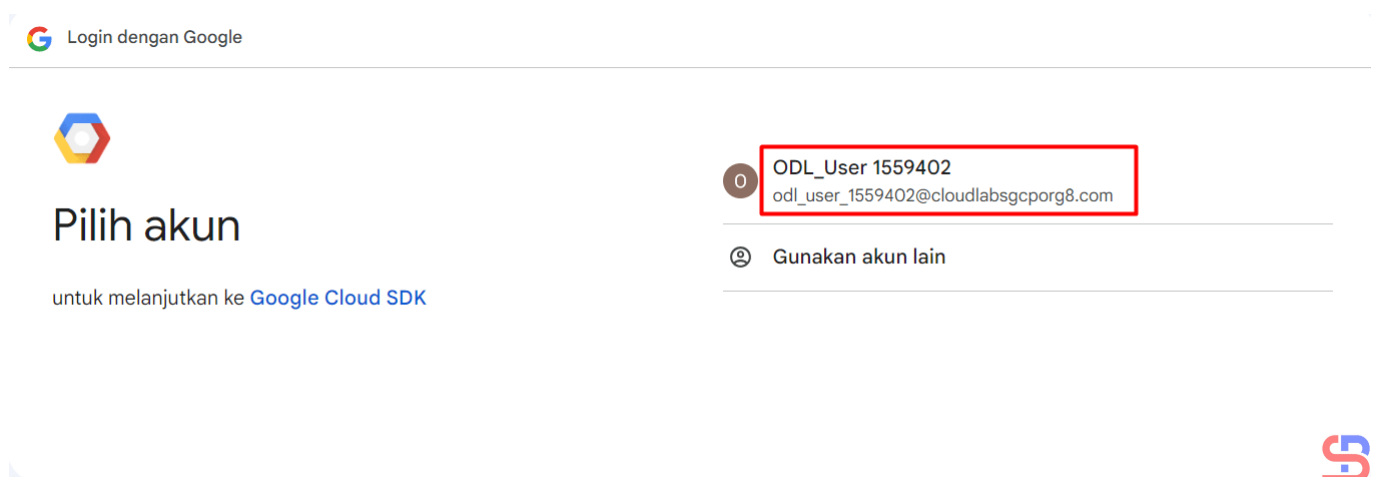
Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo.email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice.login+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=yc9SQLiLi1KjGvYATab4jXoWAcMk82&prompt=consent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=J_yzY9wtYds3zIu8LVY3p0Rsjj7i14J4esie4vzIws8&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: 4/0AanRRruxckAB2UdqCAh6WRV6ThbhvLt6YzBr6ZGBmXjsjM7j4opyupHolz0Zcq-EW7wJ2w
You are signed in as: [odl_user_1559114@cloudlabsgcporg8.com].
```

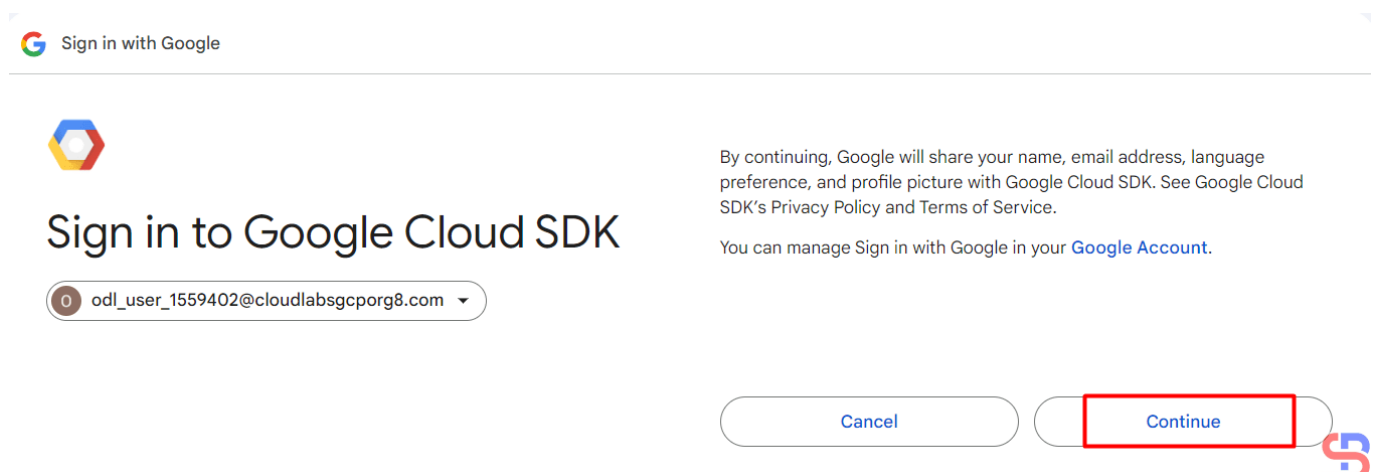
Click the link

Click the **Ctrl+Click** button in the red box to open the link in a browser, or if you have difficulty, copy what is in the red box and place it in your browser so you will see a display like the one below:



Click the account

Click on the Google account that will access GCP, then there will be a display like the image below:



Click the Continue button

Click the **Continue** button, then the display below will appear:

 Sign in with Google



Google Cloud SDK wants to access your Google Account

 odl_user_1559402@cloudlabsgcporg8.com

This will allow **Google Cloud SDK** to:

- See, edit, configure, and delete your Google Cloud data and see the email address for your Google Account. ⓘ
- View and sign in to your Google Cloud SQL instances ⓘ
- View and manage your Google Compute Engine resources ⓘ
- View and manage your applications deployed on Google App Engine ⓘ

Make sure you trust Google Cloud SDK

 [Learn why you're not seeing links to Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy or Terms of Service](#)

Review Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy and Terms of Service to understand how Google Cloud SDK will process and protect your data.

To make changes at any time, go to your [Google Account](#).

Learn how Google helps you [share data safely](#).

Cancel

Allow



Click the Allow button

Click the **Allow** button, then the display below will appear:



Sign in to the gcloud CLI

You are seeing this page because you ran the following command in the gcloud CLI from this or another machine. If this is not the case, close this tab.

```
gcloud auth login --no-launch-browser
```

Enter the following verification code in gcloud CLI on the machine you want to log into. This is a credential **similar to your password** and should not be shared with others.

```
4/0AanRRruchiESKnvxMD0H4Ds5LcSFkfAXgo5  
SwDxgHetI-Nftseo4ebZab4TwnivEeqjh9w
```

Copy

You can close this tab when you're done.



Click the Copy button

Click the **Copy** button, and paste it into the CLI on your server as in the image below:

```
Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555948559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo_email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice_login+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=d2JSQAga1WPHQzfXNJ5AaQnyXvU16&prompt=consent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=JA4vnyv8K9ZHcrJ9WQ248aHXUoszw91xk8HhNb1VN7Dw&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: 4/0AanRRruchiESKnvxMD0H4Ds5LcSFkFAXgo5SwDxgHetI-Nftseo4ebZab4TwnivEeqjh9w
You are signed in as: [odl_user_1559482@cloudlabsgcporg8.com].

Pick cloud project to use:
[1] clgcporg8-883
[2] Enter a project ID
[3] Create a new project
Please enter numeric choice or text value (must exactly match list item): 1

Your current project has been set to: [clgcporg8-883].

Do you want to configure a default Compute Region and Zone? (Y/n)? Y

Which Google Compute Engine zone would you like to use as project default?
If you do not specify a zone via a command line flag while working with Compute Engine resources, the default is assumed.
[1] us-east1-b
[2] us-east1-c
```

Paste the code

Select the project and configure the zone as in the image above. After that, the gcloud configuration is complete.

C. Test gcloud

Now, try gcloud to access your GCP. I try to list my virtual machine in GCP using the below command:

```
gcloud compute instances list
```

Then the display below will appear:

```
sysadmin@opensuse15:~> gcloud compute instances list
NAME          ZONE      MACHINE_TYPE  PREEMPTIBLE  INTERNAL_IP  EXTERNAL_IP  STATUS
my-first-vm    us-west1-a  e2-medium      10.138.15.202  35.197.111.231  RUNNING
```

Display virtual machine in GCP using gcloud

If you get a display like the one above, you have successfully used gcloud to access your GCP.

Note

If you have many projects on your GCP, you can choose one of these projects as the starting point for your gcloud on GCP. You can switch projects using the command:

```
gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
```

Change **PROJECT_ID** to the project ID you want to switch to.

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How to Change SSH Port?

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If you access a device such as a server using an SSH connection, you are using port 22 by default. However, port 22 is often the target of security attacks, so it is recommended that you change the SSH port.

Problem

How to change SSH Port?

Solution

To change the SSH port on a Linux server, go to the **/etc/ssh/sshd.config** file, look for the line containing Port 22 and set it to the number you want to change. For example, you want to change the SSH port to port 43210, so change the line as in the script below from:

```
#Port 22
```

```
to
```

```
Port 43210
```

After that, restart the SSH service using the command below:

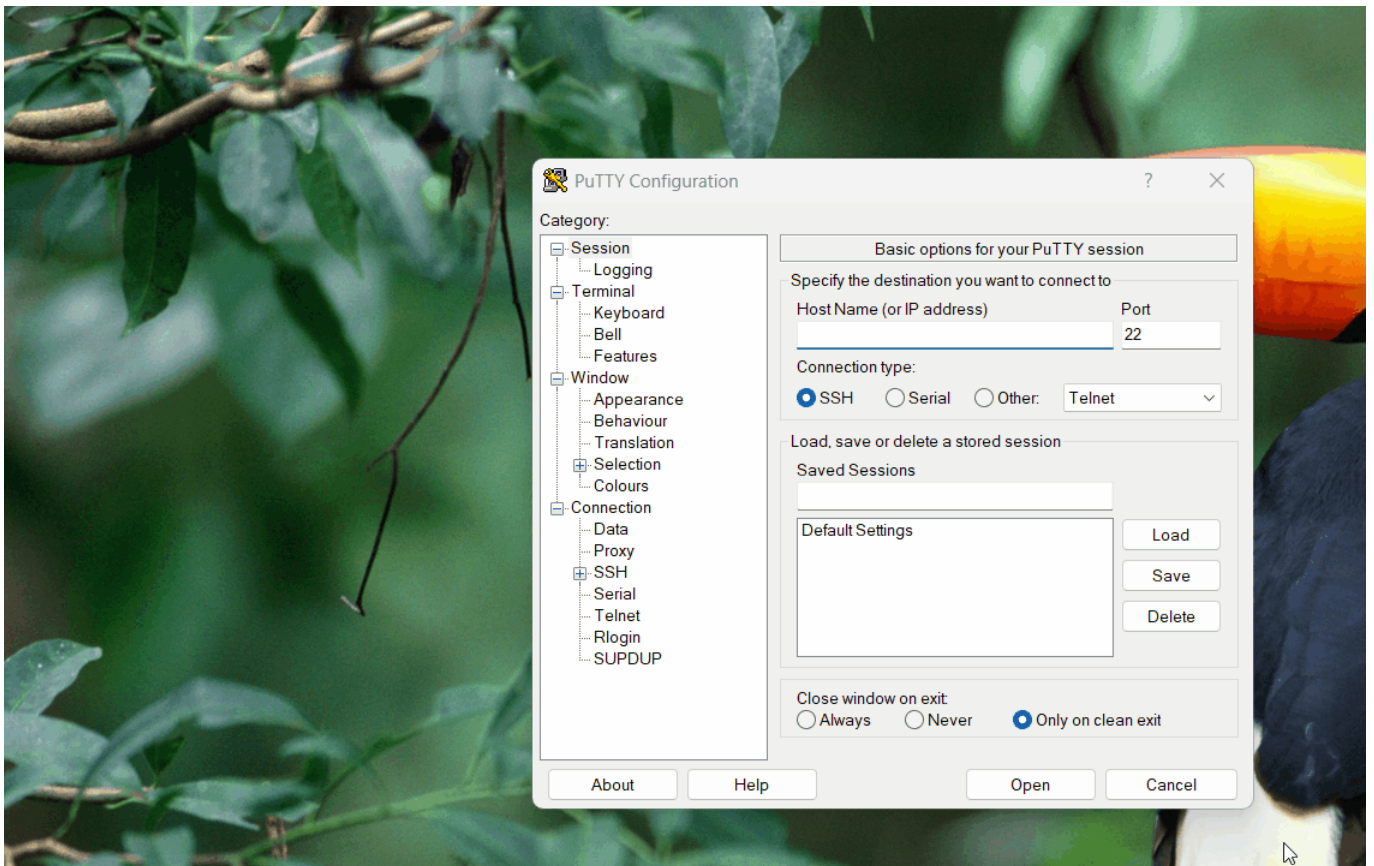
Ubuntu/Debian

```
systemctl restart ssh
```

RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS & OpenSUSE

```
systemctl restart sshd
```

After that, test by accessing SSH using port 43210. If you use Putty, then change port 22 to 43210 as in the image below:



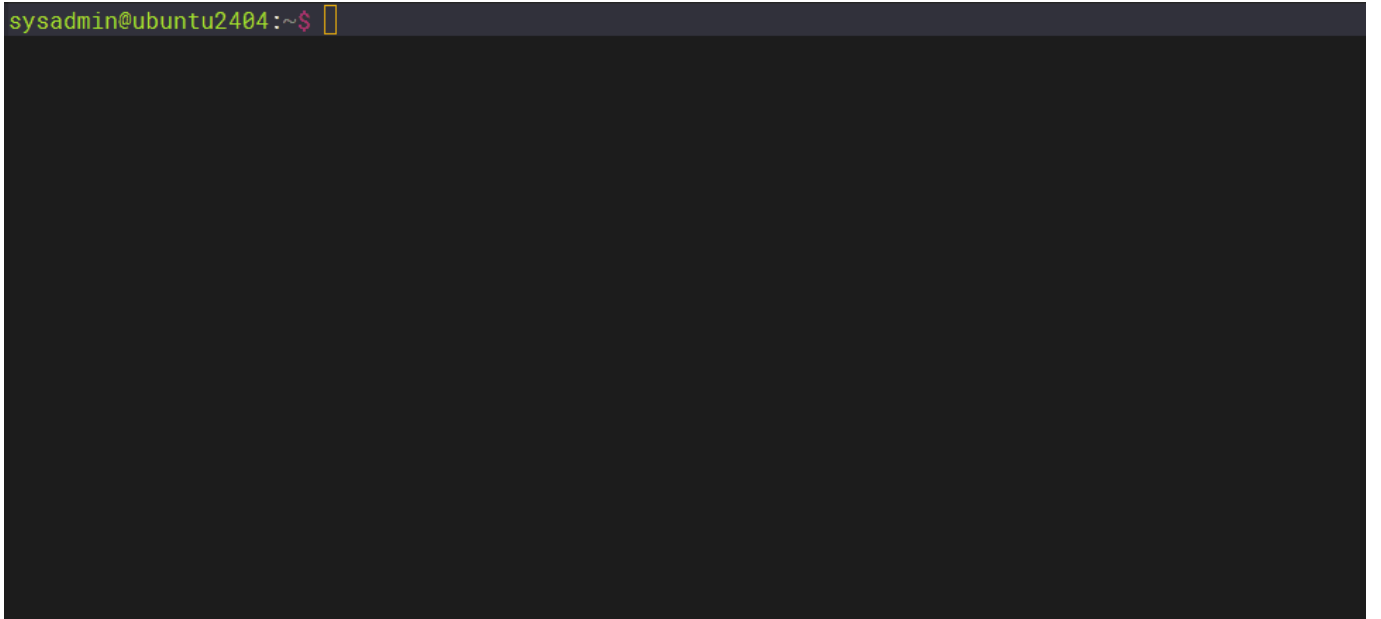
Change the port in Putty

If you can't access the Linux server, make sure you have opened the firewall on the server (you can open [this page](#) if you use RockyLinux and OpenSUSE, but if you use Ubuntu, you can read it on [this page](#)). If you want to access it via a Linux server, then use the format below:

```
ssh username@your_server_ip -p port_number
```

Then the format above can be the command below:

```
ssh sysadmin@192.168.56.12 -p 43210
```

A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is 'sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~\$' followed by a cursor. The terminal is mostly empty, showing the result of the SSH command.

Access via SSH using a new SSH port

WARNING

If you run a firewall on your remote server, you must open the port first. If you want to get an explanation of how to open the port, go to [this page](#) if you use firewalld or go to [this page](#) if you use ufw.

Note

Please note that the port number is from 0-65536, however, these ports are divided into 3 classifications:

- **Port 0-1023** => Well-Known ports, you can not use these ports.
- **Port 1024-49151** => Registered ports, these is a registered ports assigned by IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority), you can or can not use these ports.
- **Port 49152-65535** => Dynamic or Private ports, you can use these ports.

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How to Open and Close a Port in Ubuntu?

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[The previous article](#) explained how to open and close ports in RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS. This article will explain how to open and close a port in Ubuntu.

Problem

How to open and close a port in Ubuntu?

Solution

A. Check the firewall

By default, Ubuntu and Debian use the UFW or Uncomplicated Firewall application as the default firewall, and it is installed automatically when you install Ubuntu/Debian. If the firewall is not installed on your Ubuntu/Debian distro, use the command below:

```
sudo apt install ufw
```

To see whether ufw is running or not, use the command below:

```
sudo ufw status
```

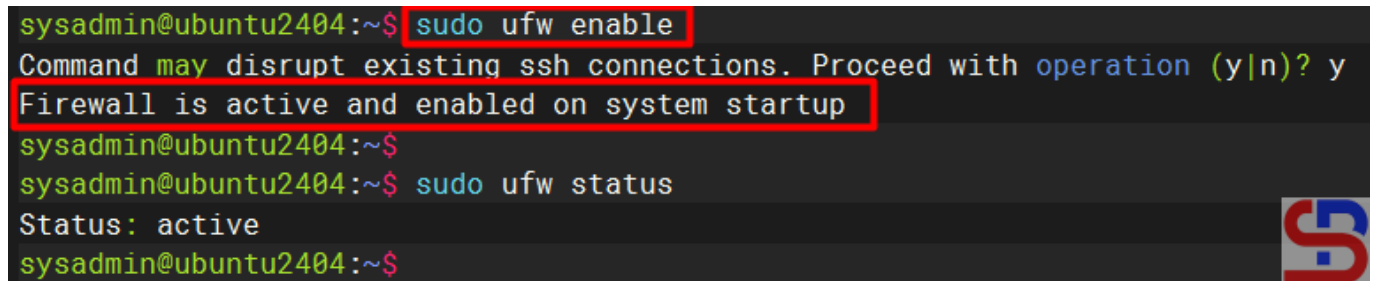
```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: inactive
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```



Check status ufw

From the image above, you can see that the application is not yet active. To enable it, type the command below:

```
sudo ufw enable
```

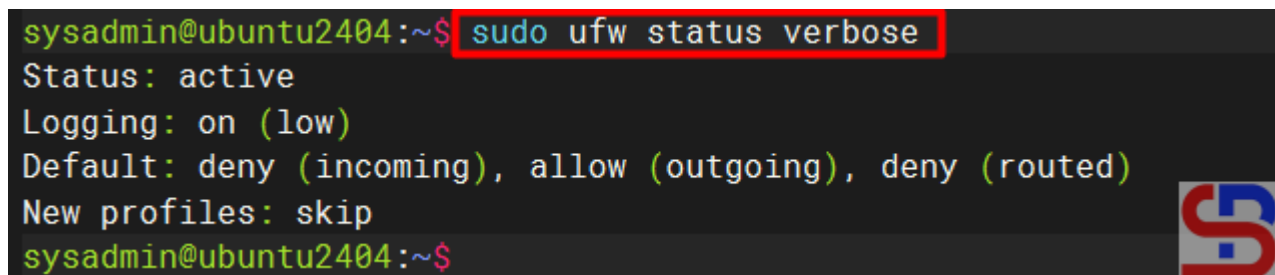


```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw enable
Command may disrupt existing ssh connections. Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Enable ufw

If you want to see the complete current status of the firewall, use the command below:

```
sudo ufw status verbose
```

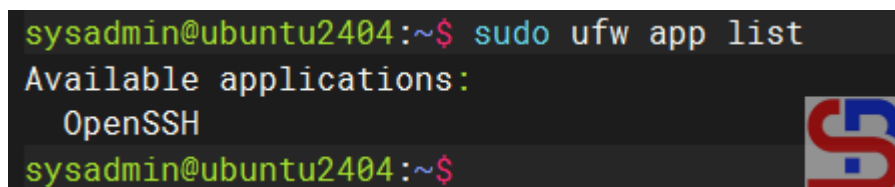


```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status verbose
Status: active
Logging: on (low)
Default: deny (incoming), allow (outgoing), deny (routed)
New profiles: skip
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Display the complete current status of the firewall

By default, the firewall only opens the OpenSSH service, which you can view by using the command below:

```
sudo ufw app list
```



```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw app list
Available applications:
  OpenSSH
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Display the service that is open in the firewall

B. Open the port

To open a port, for example, port 43210, use the command

below:

```
sudo ufw allow 43210
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw allow 43210
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status verbose
Status: active
Logging: on (low)
Default: deny (incoming), allow (outgoing), disabled (routed)
New profiles: skip

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW IN Anywhere
43210 (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)
```

Open the port

WARNING

If you open the port using the command above, it means you will open the port for both TCP and UDP.

To open a port range, for example, from port numbers 45000 to 45010 with the TCP protocol, use the command below:

```
sudo ufw allow 45000:45010/tcp
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw allow 45000:45010/tcp
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW Anywhere
25/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
22 ALLOW 192.168.56.1
45000:45010/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
43210 (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
25/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
45000:45010/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

```

Open the range ports

C. Open the service

You can see from the image above that port 43210 has been opened on your Ubuntu server. You can also use the service name when opening a port. For example, if you want to open the SMTP service on your Ubuntu server, then use the command below:

```
sudo ufw allow smtp
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw allow smtp
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW Anywhere
25/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
43210 (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
25/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

```

Open the SMTP service

D. Open the port from a certain IP

If you want to open a port from a certain IP, for example, you only allow IP 192.168.56.1 to access port 22 on this server, then use the command below:

```
sudo ufw allow from 192.168.56.1 to any port 22
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw allow from 192.168.56.1 to any port 22
Rule added
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status verbose
Status: active
Logging: on (low)
Default: deny (incoming), allow (outgoing), disabled (routed)
New profiles: skip

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW IN Anywhere
25/tcp ALLOW IN Anywhere
22 ALLOW IN 192.168.56.1
43210 (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)
25/tcp (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Allow the IP to a certain port

To allow the 192.168.56.0 subnet to the SMTP service, use the command below:

```
sudo ufw allow from 192.168.56.0/24 to any port 25
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw allow from 192.168.56.0/24 to any port 25
Rule added
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW Anywhere
25/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
22 ALLOW 192.168.56.1
45000:45010/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
25 ALLOW 192.168.56.0/24
43210 (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
25/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
45000:45010/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

```

Allow the subnet to a certain port

E. Close the port

To close port 25, use the command below:

```
sudo ufw deny 25
```

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw deny 25
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
43210 ALLOW Anywhere
25/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
22 ALLOW 192.168.56.1
45000:45010/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
25 ALLOW 192.168.56.0/24
25 DENY Anywhere
43210 (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
25/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
45000:45010/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
25 (v6) DENY Anywhere (v6)

```

Close the port

F. Delete the port

You can also close a port and delete the port that has been opened, for example, port 43210, using the syntax below:

```
sudo ufw delete number
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status numbered
Status: active

    To Action From
    --
[ 1] 43210 ALLOW IN Anywhere
[ 2] 25/tcp ALLOW IN Anywhere
[ 3] 22 ALLOW IN 192.168.56.1
[ 4] 45000:45010/tcp ALLOW IN Anywhere
[ 5] 25 ALLOW IN 192.168.56.0/24
[ 6] 25 DENY IN Anywhere
[ 7] 43210 (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)
[ 8] 25/tcp (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)
[ 9] 45000:45010/tcp (v6) ALLOW IN Anywhere (v6)
[10] 25 (v6) DENY IN Anywhere (v6)

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw delete 1
Deleting:
allow 43210
Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Rule deleted
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Close and delete the port

WARNING

You don't need to run **sudo ufw reload** after each rule change using ufw commands (such as **ufw allow** or **ufw deny**). However, you will need to run **sudo ufw reload** if you are editing the ufw configuration file manually (such as **/etc/ufw/before.rules** or **/etc/ufw/after.rules**), or if you want to make sure all the latest rules and settings are loaded.

Note

You can remove all the rules in ufw by using the command below:

```
sudo ufw reset
```

After that, enable the ufw by using the command below:

```
sudo ufw enable
```

```
sysadmin@Ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw reset
Resetting all rules to installed defaults. This may disrupt existing ssh
connections. Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Backing up 'user.rules' to '/etc/ufw/user.rules.20250515_081802'
Backing up 'before.rules' to '/etc/ufw/before.rules.20250515_081802'
Backing up 'after.rules' to '/etc/ufw/after.rules.20250515_081802'
Backing up 'user6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/user6.rules.20250515_081802'
Backing up 'before6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/before6.rules.20250515_081802'
Backing up 'after6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/after6.rules.20250515_081802'

sysadmin@Ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: inactive
sysadmin@Ubuntu2404:~$ sudo ufw enable
Command may disrupt existing ssh connections. Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
sysadmin@Ubuntu2404:~$
```

Reset ufw

By default, if you open a port, it will automatically open in IPv4 and IPv6, and likewise, if you close the port. To see the UFW settings, open the `/etc/default/ufw` file.

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ cat /etc/default/ufw
# /etc/default/ufw
#

# Set to yes to apply rules to support IPv6 (no means only IPv6 on loopback
# accepted). You will need to 'disable' and then 'enable' the firewall for
# the changes to take affect.
IPV6=yes

# Set the default input policy to ACCEPT, DROP, or REJECT. Please note that if
# you change this you will most likely want to adjust your rules.
DEFAULT_INPUT_POLICY="DROP"

# Set the default output policy to ACCEPT, DROP, or REJECT. Please note that if
# you change this you will most likely want to adjust your rules.
DEFAULT_OUTPUT_POLICY="ACCEPT"

# Set the default forward policy to ACCEPT, DROP or REJECT. Please note that
# if you change this you will most likely want to adjust your rules
DEFAULT_FORWARD_POLICY="DROP"

# Set the default application policy to ACCEPT, DROP, REJECT or SKIP. Please
# note that setting this to ACCEPT may be a security risk. See 'man ufw' for
# details
DEFAULT_APPLICATION_POLICY="SKIP"
```

Configuration of ufw

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How to Install gcloud on Ubuntu?

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[The previous article](#) explained how to install gcloud on RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS. This article will explain how to install gcloud on Ubuntu.

Problem

How to install gcloud on Ubuntu?

Solution

Here are the steps to install gcloud on Ubuntu/Debian:

A. Install gcloud

As far as I know, there are 3 methods to install gcloud on Ubuntu/Debian and the methods recommend using a user other than root.

1. Using the script

Before you download the script, install the packages using the command below:

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt-get install curl tar
```

Use the below command to download and install the script:

```
curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
```

Then you will see a display like the one below:

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Time Current
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
100 443 100 443 0 0 522 0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 522
Downloading Google Cloud SDK install script: https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/install_google_cloud_sdk_bash
##### 100.0%
Running install script from: /tmp/tmp.KdzEssdMdb/install_google_cloud_sdk_bash
which curl
curl -# -f https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
##### 100.0%

Installation directory (this will create a google-cloud-sdk subdirectory) (/home/sysadmin):
mkdir -p /home/sysadmin
tar -C /home/sysadmin -zxvf /tmp/tmp.JCXui5IeAi/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
google-cloud-sdk/install/download/
google-cloud-sdk/install/core.manifest
google-cloud-sdk/install/core.snapshot.json
google-cloud-sdk/install/gcloud-deps.manifest
google-cloud-sdk/install/gcloud-deps.snapshot.json
```

Install gcloud using the script

Wait until it's finished, and you will see a display like the one below:

```
Modify profile to update your $PATH and enable shell command completion?

Do you want to continue (Y/n)? Y

The Google Cloud SDK installer will now prompt you to update an rc file to bring the Google Cloud CLIs into your environment.

Enter a path to an rc file to update, or leave blank to use [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc]:
Backing up [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] to [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc.backup].
[/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] has been updated.

==> Start a new shell for the changes to take effect.

For more information on how to get started, please visit:
https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/quickstarts

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Installation complete

From the image above, you are asked to create a new SSH connection so that the effect can be seen, and type the command below:

```
gcloud version
```

However, you can use the command below:

```
source /home/sysadmin/.bashrc
```

So you don't need to create a new SSH connection to run the gcloud version command, which results in the image below:

```
Modify profile to update your $PATH and enable shell command completion?

Do you want to continue (Y/n)? Y

The Google Cloud SDK installer will now prompt you to update an rc file to bring the Google Cloud CLIs into your environment.

Enter a path to an rc file to update, or leave blank to use [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc]:
Backing up [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] to [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc.backup].
[/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] has been updated.

==> Start a new shell for the changes to take effect.

For more information on how to get started, please visit:
https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/quickstarts

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ source /home/sysadmin/.bashrc
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ gcloud version
Google Cloud SDK 504.0.1
bq 2.1.11
bundled-python3-unix 3.11.9
core 2024.12.19
gcloud-crc32c 1.0.0
gsutil 5.33
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$
```

Check the result of the installation

2. Using the repository

Type the following commands to install gcloud on the Ubuntu/Debian distro:

```
sudo apt update
echo 'deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/cloud.google.gpg]
https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt cloud-sdk main' | sudo tee -a
sudo apt-get -y install apt-transport-https ca-certificates gnupg
curl https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt/doc/apt-key.gpg | sudo apt-key --
keyring /usr/share/keyrings/cloud.google.gpg add -
sudo apt update
sudo apt-get install -y google-cloud-sdk
```

3. Using the snap

Run the below command to install gcloud:

```
sudo snap install google-cloud-sdk --classic
```

B. Connect to GCP

After you install gcloud on your server, type the command

below:

gcloud init

Then there will be a display like the image below:

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ gcloud init
Welcome! This command will take you through the configuration of gcloud.

Your current configuration has been set to: [default]

You can skip diagnostics next time by using the following flag:
  gcloud init --skip-diagnostics

Network diagnostic detects and fixes local network connection issues.
Checking network connection...done.
Reachability Check passed.
Network diagnostic passed (1/1 checks passed).

You must sign in to continue. Would you like to sign in (Y/n)? Y

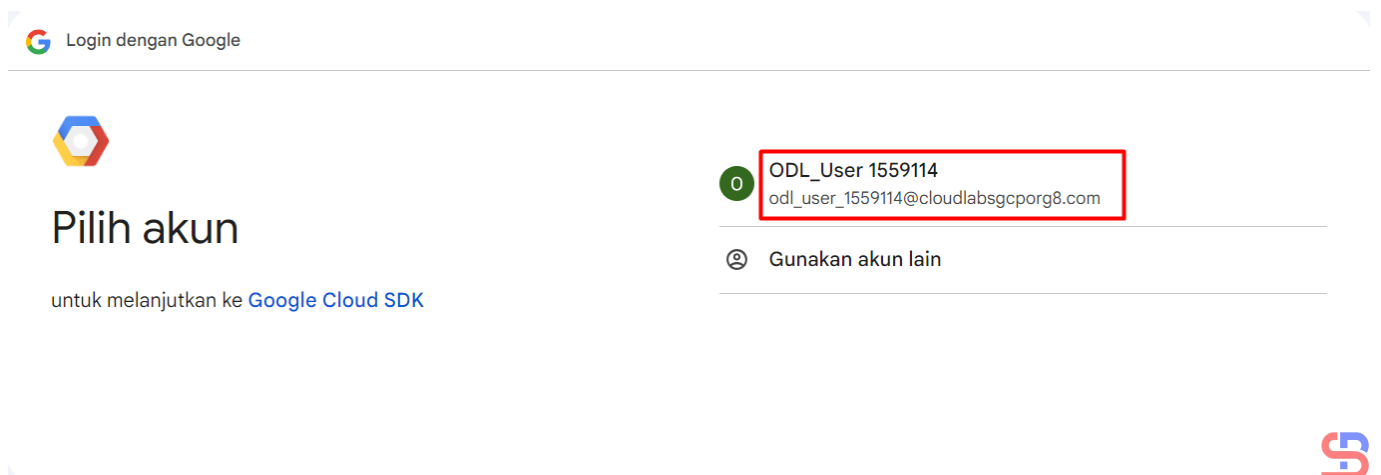
Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

  https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdsk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid+h
  ttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo.email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.goo
  gleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice.login+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=08JBQKFxFC8eS5dfQda1xJ4oelPt7&prompt=co
  nsent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=kFwpqTjuiD-4h6mgUkv8m_dnb9vYU0eyFTCN8Y138&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: █
```

Click the link

You can open the link in a browser by clicking the **Ctrl+Click** button located in the red box. If you are having trouble doing so, copy what is included in the red box and paste it into your browser. This will allow you to view a display similar to the one that is shown below:



Click the account

When you click on your Google account, that will allow you to access GCP, and a display similar to the one shown below will appear:



Sign in to Google Cloud SDK

odl_user_1559114@cloudlabsgcporg8.com

By continuing, Google will share your name, email address, language preference, and profile picture with Google Cloud SDK. See Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy and Terms of Service.

You can manage Sign in with Google in your [Google Account](#).

Cancel

Continue



Click the Continue button

After you click the **Continue** button, the screen below will show:



Google Cloud SDK wants to access your Google Account

odl_user_1559114@cloudlabsgcporg8.com

This will allow Google Cloud SDK to:

- See, edit, configure, and delete your Google Cloud data and see the email address for your Google Account. ⓘ
- View and sign in to your Google Cloud SQL instances ⓘ
- View and manage your Google Compute Engine resources ⓘ
- View and manage your applications deployed on Google App Engine ⓘ

Make sure you trust Google Cloud SDK

[Learn why you're not seeing links to Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy or Terms of Service](#)

Review Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy and Terms of Service to understand how Google Cloud SDK will process and protect your data.

To make changes at any time, go to your [Google Account](#).

Learn how Google helps you [share data safely](#).

Cancel

Allow



Click the Allow button

When you click the **Allow** button, the screen below will show:



Sign in to the gcloud CLI

You are seeing this page because you ran the following command in the gcloud CLI from this or another machine. If this is not the case, close this tab.

```
gcloud auth login --no-launch-browser
```

Enter the following verification code in gcloud CLI on the machine you want to log into. This is a credential **similar to your password** and should not be shared with others.

```
4/0AanRRrswAY7X0gBsec0s-DSAx70HXWZEW  
hBaLFucEXKuLBbqEgawA3a2tgSvWtcEBc-g
```

Copy

You can close this tab when you're done.



Click the Copy button

Click the **Copy** button, and paste it into the CLI on your server as in the image below:

```

sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ gcloud init
Welcome! This command will take you through the configuration of gcloud.

Your current configuration has been set to: [default]

You can skip diagnostics next time by using the following flag:
  gcloud init --skip-diagnostics

Network diagnostic detects and fixes local network connection issues.
Checking network connection...done.
Reachability Check passed.
Network diagnostic passed (1/1 checks passed).

You must sign in to continue. Would you like to sign in (Y/n)? Y

Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

  https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid+h
  ttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo.email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.goo
  gleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice.login+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=08JBQKFxFC8eS5dfQda1xJ4oelPt7&prompt=co
  nsent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=-KFWpqTjuiD-4h6mgUkv8m_dnb9yYU0eyFTCN8Yi38&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: 4/0AanRRswAY7X0gBsec0s-DSAx70HXWZEWhBaLFucEXKuLBbqEgawA3a2tgSVWtcEBc-g
You are signed in as: [odl_user_1559114@cloudlabsgcporg8.com].

Pick cloud project to use:
  [1] clgcporg8-072
  [2] Enter a project ID
  [3] Create a new project
Please enter numeric choice or text value (must exactly match list item):

```

Paste the code

Select the project and configure the zone as in the image above. After that, the gcloud configuration is complete, like in the image below:

```

Created a default .boto configuration file at [/home/sysadmin/.boto]. See this file and
[https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/gsutil/commands/config] for more
information about configuring Google Cloud Storage.
The Google Cloud CLI is configured and ready to use!

* Commands that require authentication will use odl_user_1559114@cloudlabsgcporg8.com by default
* Commands will reference project `clgcporg8-072` by default
* Compute Engine commands will use region `asia-southeast1` by default
* Compute Engine commands will use zone `asia-southeast1-a` by default

Run `gcloud help config` to learn how to change individual settings

This gcloud configuration is called [default]. You can create additional configurations if you work with multiple accounts and/or projects.
Run `gcloud topic configurations` to learn more.

Some things to try next:

* Run `gcloud --help` to see the Cloud Platform services you can interact with. And run `gcloud help COMMAND` to get help on any gcloud command.
* Run `gcloud topic --help` to learn about advanced features of the CLI like arg files and output formatting
* Run `gcloud cheat-sheet` to see a roster of go-to `gcloud` commands.
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$

```

Installation of GCP is complete

C. Test gcloud

Now, try gcloud to access your GCP. I try to list my virtual machine in GCP using the below command:

```
gcloud compute instances list
```

Then the display below will appear:

```
sysadmin@ubuntu2404:~$ gcloud compute instances list
```

NAME	ZONE	MACHINE_TYPE	PREEMPTIBLE	INTERNAL_IP	EXTERNAL_IP	STATUS
my-first-vm	us-west1-a	e2-medium		10.138.15.202	35.197.111.231	RUNNING

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



Display virtual machine in GCP using gcloud

If you get a display like the image above, then you have successfully used your GCloud to access your GCP.

Note

If you have many projects on your GCP, you can choose one of these projects as the starting point for your gcloud on GCP. You can switch projects using the command:

```
gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
```

Change **PROJECT_ID** to the project ID you want to switch to.

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[How to Open And Close a Port on RockyLinux Server?](#)

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By default, the RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS distro provides two firewalls, iptables and firewalld. This article will explain how to open and close a port using Firewalld on the distro. If you have opened and closed a port using Firewalld, you don't need to open and close a port in iptables.

Problem

How to open and close a port on the RockyLinux server?

Solution

A. Check the Firewall status

By default, the Firewalld package is installed automatically using the command:

```
systemctl status firewalld
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# systemctl status firewalld
● firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2025-01-10 02:17:26 EST; 52min ago
     Docs: man:firewalld(1)
    Main PID: 650 (firewalld)
      Tasks: 2 (limit: 4672)
     Memory: 42.4M
        CPU: 3.490s
    CGroup: /system.slice/firewalld.service
            └─650 /usr/bin/python3 -s /usr/sbin/firewalld --nofork --nopid

Jan 10 02:17:19 RockyLinux9 systemd[1]: Starting firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon...
Jan 10 02:17:26 RockyLinux9 systemd[1]: Started firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon.
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

Check the status of Firewalld

From the picture above, you can see that the firewall on the server is already running. If the Firewalld is not already running, use the command below:

```
systemctl enable --now firewalld
```

But if on your server there is no firewall package, you can install it using the command below:

```
yum install -y firewalld
```

B. Check the zones

Firewalld uses zones and services, compared to iptables, which use chains and rules. Zones are a collection of rules that have been set for what network connections should be permitted based on the level of confidence in the network connected to the system. We can determine the name of the network interface and the network source into zones. To see the zones in firewalld and which zone is the default, use the command below:

```
firewall-cmd --get-zones
firewall-cmd --get-default-zone
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --get-zones
block dmz drop external home internal nm-shared public trusted work
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --get-default-zone
public
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Show all zones in Firewalld

From the picture above, there are 9 zones, and the explanation can be seen in the picture below, which is sorted from the most trusted

Zone Name	Description
Trusted	This zone accepts all the incoming traffic. You can use this zone to manage the traffic on a trusted network because it will not filter anything.
Home	This zone is designed for only the home network. It permits only selected incoming traffic and reject all.
Work	This zone designed for only the work (corporate) networking. It permits only selected incoming traffic and reject all.
Internal	This zone intended to design for the internal network. It permits only what is allowed and rejects all.
Public	This zone rejects all the incoming traffic, except what is granted. Using with the default zone, we can add any newly network interfaces on it. It is designed to use only the public places.
External	This zone designed for outgoing traffic forwarded with masquerading is enabled. Also, we can use this for NAT
Dmz	This zone designed to use the demilitarized zone with limited public access. It permits only selected incoming traffic and reject all.
Block	This zone designed to reject all incoming traffic with an ICMP-host-prohibited message is returned. It permits only outgoing traffic.
Drop	This zone designed to drop all incoming traffic with no notification like ICMP errors. It is purely used in high secure places.

The zones in Firewalld (Image credit for linuxteck.com)

To view all settings for all zones, use the following command:

```
firewall-cmd --list-all-zones
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-all-zones
block
  target: %%REJECT%%
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces:
  sources:
  services:
  ports:
  protocols:
  forward: yes
  masquerade: no
  forward-ports:
  source-ports:
  icmp-blocks:
  rich rules:

dmz
  target: default
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces:
  sources:
  services: ssh
  ports:
  protocols:
  forward: yes
  masquerade: no
  forward-ports:
  source-ports:
  icmp-blocks:
  rich rules:
```

View all the settings in Firewallld

But, if you want to view all settings in a specific zone, for example, a public zone, use the following command:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --list-ports
```

C. Open the Port

Now, if you want to open port 43210 with TCP protocol, use the command below:

```
firewall-cmd --add-port=43210/tcp --permanent
firewall-cmd --reload
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --add-port=43210/tcp --permanent
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Open the port

Use the command below to see the ports that have been opened:

```
firewall-cmd --list-ports
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-ports
43210/tcp
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



List all opened ports

D. Open the port from a certain IP

If you want to open a port from a certain IP, for example, you only allow IP 192.168.56.100 to access port 22 on this server, then use the command below:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule 'rule family=ipv4 source address=192.168.56.100 port port=22 protocol=tcp accept'
firewall-cmd --reload
firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" accept'
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" accept
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```



Allow the IP to a certain port

If you want to reject a host with IP 192.168.56.100 to access port 22, use the command below:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" reject'
firewall-cmd --reload
firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" reject'
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" reject
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

Block the IP to a certain port

E. Close the port from a certain IP

If you want to close a port from a certain IP, for example, you block a host with IP 192.168.56.100 from accessing port 22 on this server, then use the command below:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --remove-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" accept'
firewall-cmd --reload
firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
```

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" accept
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --remove-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.56.100" port port="22" protocol="tcp" accept'
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-rich-rules
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

Remove the IP to a certain port

INFO

In short, if you want to delete the rich rule, then change the option `--add-rich-rule` to `--remove-rich-rule`.

F. Close the port

Use the command below to close the newly opened port 43210:

```
firewall-cmd --remove-port=43210/tcp --permanent
firewall-cmd --reload
```

```

[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-ports
43210/tcp
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --remove-port=43210/tcp --permanent
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-ports

```

Close the port in Firewallld

G. Open the service

Apart from using ports, Firewallld can also open and close services on the server. To see the services that have been opened, type the command below:

```
firewall-cmd --list-services
```

```

[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-services
cockpit dhcpv6-client ssh
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#

```

List all opened services

You can see in the picture above that the distro only opens 3 services. If you want to open the SMTP service, use the command below:

```

firewall-cmd --add-service=smtp --permanent
firewall-cmd --reload

```

```

[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --add-service=smtp --permanent
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-services
cockpit dhcpv6-client smtp ssh
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#

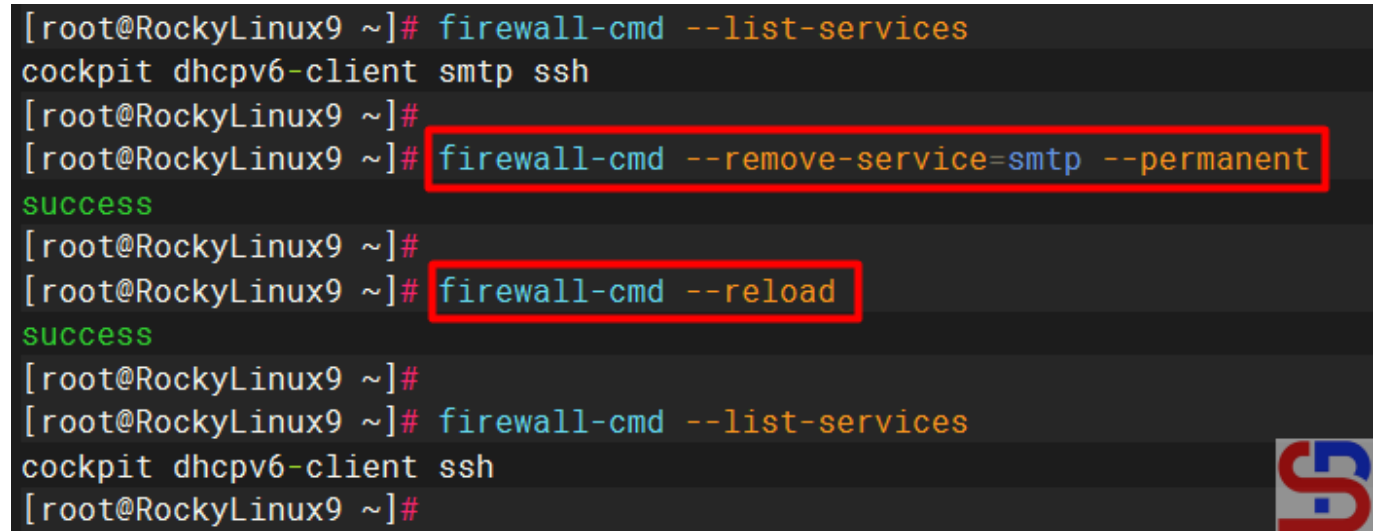
```

Add the service to the firewall

H. Close the service

To delete the SMTP service in Firewalld, use the command below:

```
firewall-cmd --remove-service=smtp --permanent
firewall-cmd --reload
```

A terminal window screenshot from RockyLinux9. The prompt is [root@RockyLinux9 ~]#. The first command is firewall-cmd --list-services, which outputs cockpit dhcpv6-client smtp ssh. The second command is firewall-cmd --remove-service=smtp --permanent, which is highlighted with a red box and outputs success. The third command is firewall-cmd --reload, which is also highlighted with a red box and outputs success. The fourth command is firewall-cmd --list-services, which outputs cockpit dhcpv6-client ssh. The prompt is [root@RockyLinux9 ~]# at the end. A small logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the terminal window.

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-services
cockpit dhcpv6-client smtp ssh
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --remove-service=smtp --permanent
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-services
cockpit dhcpv6-client ssh
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]#
```

Close the service in Firewalld

Note

If you use the OpenSUSE distro, you can use the above commands to open and close a port, like in the image below:

```
opensuse15:~ # systemctl status firewalld
● firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2025-01-10 06:14:05 EST; 5min ago
     Docs: man:firewalld(1)
   Main PID: 833 (firewalld)
    Tasks: 2 (limit: 1125)
      CPU: 23.153s
   CGroup: /system.slice/firewalld.service
           └─833 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/sbin/firewalld --nofork --nopid

Jan 10 06:13:57 opensuse15 systemd[1]: Starting firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon...
Jan 10 06:14:05 opensuse15 systemd[1]: Started firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon.
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --add-port=43210/tcp --permanent
success
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --reload
success
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --list-ports
43210/tcp
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --remove-port=43210/tcp --permanent
success
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --reload
success
opensuse15:~ #
opensuse15:~ # firewall-cmd --list-ports
opensuse15:~ #
```



The Firewalld commands in OpenSUSE

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[How to Install gcloud on RockyLinux?](#)

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If you use GCP in daily operations, it is recommended to use

the commands in the CLI known as gcloud. This is because many commands can only be executed using gcloud rather than using the Console in the browser.

Problem

How to install gcloud on RockyLinux?

Solution

Before you access GCP and run GCP commands through your server, you must first install gcloud on your server.

A. Install gcloud

As far as I know, there are 2 methods to install gcloud on RockyLinux/AlmaLinux/CentOS, and both methods recommend using a user other than root.

1. Using the script

Before you download the script, install the packages using the command below:

```
yum install tar curl
```

Use the command below to download and install the script:

```
curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
```

Then you will see a display like the one below:

```
[root@RockyLinux9 ~]# curl https://sdk.cloud.google.com | bash
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
           Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left   Speed
100 443 100 443    0     0  938      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 932
Downloading Google Cloud SDK install script: https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/install_google_cloud_sdk_bash
##### 100.0%
Running install script from: /tmp/tmp.75bU1NQIeX/install_google_cloud_sdk_bash
which curl
curl -# -f https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
##### 100.0%

Installation directory (this will create a google-cloud-sdk subdirectory) (/root):
mkdir -p /root
tar -C /root -zxvf /tmp/tmp.aRGolzrmtE/google-cloud-sdk.tar.gz
google-cloud-sdk/.install/.download/
google-cloud-sdk/.install/core.manifest
google-cloud-sdk/.install/core.snapshot.json
google-cloud-sdk/.install/gcloud-deps.manifest
```

Install gcloud using the script

Wait until it's finished, and you will see a display like the one below:

```
Modify profile to update your $PATH and enable shell command completion?
Do you want to continue (Y/n)? Y

The Google Cloud SDK installer will now prompt you to update an rc file to bring the Google Cloud CLIs into your environment.

Enter a path to an rc file to update, or leave blank to use [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc]:
Backing up [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] to [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc.backup].
[/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] has been updated.

==> Start a new shell for the changes to take effect.

For more information on how to get started, please visit:
https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/quickstarts

[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$
```

Installation complete

From the image above, you are asked to create a new SSH connection so that the effect can be seen, and type the command below:

```
gcloud version
```

However, you can use the command below:

```
source /home/sysadmin/.bashrc
```

So you don't need to create a new SSH connection to run the gcloud version command, which results in the image below:

```
Modify profile to update your $PATH and enable shell command completion?

Do you want to continue (Y/n)? Y

The Google Cloud SDK installer will now prompt you to update an rc file to bring the Google Cloud CLIs into your environment.

Enter a path to an rc file to update, or leave blank to use [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc]:
Backing up [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc] to [/home/sysadmin/.bashrc.backup].
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[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ source /home/sysadmin/.bashrc
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ gcloud version
Google Cloud SDK 504.0.1
bq 2.1.11
bundled-python3-unix 3.11.9
core 2024.12.19
gcloud-crc32c 1.0.0
gsutil 5.33
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$
```

Check the result of the installation

2. Using the Repository

You have to add the Google Cloud SDK repository to your server using the following command:

```
sudo tee -a /etc/yum.repos.d/google-cloud-sdk.repo << EOM
[google-cloud-cli]
name=Google Cloud CLI
baseurl=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/repos/cloud-sdk-el9-x86_64
enabled=1
gpgcheck=1
repo_gpgcheck=0
gpgkey=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/rpm-package-key.gpg
EOM
```

After that, install gcloud using the command below:

```
yum install google-cloud-sdk
```

After the installation finishes, run the following command to test the gcloud command:

```
gcloud version
```

B. Connect to GCP

After you install gcloud on your server, type the command below:

```
gcloud init
```

Then there will be a display like the image below:

```
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ gcloud init
Welcome! This command will take you through the configuration of gcloud.

Your current configuration has been set to: [default]

You can skip diagnostics next time by using the following flag:
  gcloud init --skip-diagnostics

Network diagnostic detects and fixes local network connection issues.
Checking network connection...done.
Reachability Check passed.
Network diagnostic passed (1/1 checks passed).

You must sign in to continue. Would you like to sign in (Y/n)? Y

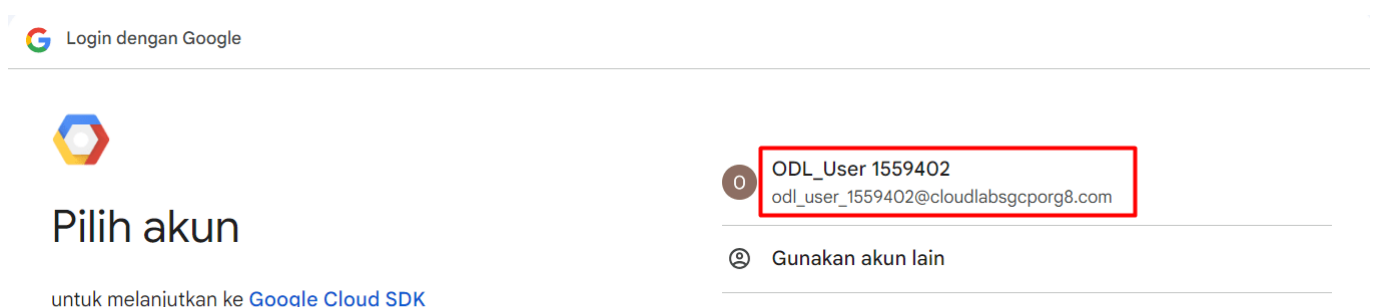
Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdsk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid%2Fprofile%2Femail%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine.admin%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice.login%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts.reauth&state=d2JSQAga1WPHQzFXNj5AaQnyXvU16&prompt=consent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=JA4vnnvBK9ZHCrJ9WQ240aHXUoszw91xkBHhNb1VN7Dw&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: █
```

Click the link

Click the **Ctrl+Click** button in the red box to open the link in a browser, or if you have difficulty, copy what is in the red box and place it in your browser so you will see a display like the one below:



Click the account

Click on the Google account that will access GCP, then there will be a display like the image below:



Sign in to Google Cloud SDK

odl_user_1559402@cloudlabsgcporg8.com

By continuing, Google will share your name, email address, language preference, and profile picture with Google Cloud SDK. See Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy and Terms of Service.

You can manage Sign in with Google in your [Google Account](#).

Cancel

Continue



Click the Continue button

Click the **Continue** button, then the display below will appear:



Google Cloud SDK wants to access your Google Account

odl_user_1559402@cloudlabsgcporg8.com

This will allow **Google Cloud SDK** to:

- See, edit, configure, and delete your Google Cloud data and see the email address for your Google Account. ⓘ
- View and sign in to your Google Cloud SQL instances ⓘ
- View and manage your Google Compute Engine resources ⓘ
- View and manage your applications deployed on Google App Engine ⓘ

Make sure you trust Google Cloud SDK

[Learn why you're not seeing links to Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy or Terms of Service](#)

Review Google Cloud SDK's Privacy Policy and Terms of Service to understand how Google Cloud SDK will process and protect your data.

To make changes at any time, go to your [Google Account](#).

Learn how Google helps you [share data safely](#).

Cancel

Allow



Click the Allow button

Click the **Allow** button, then the display below will appear:



Sign in to the gcloud CLI

You are seeing this page because you ran the following command in the gcloud CLI from this or another machine. If this is not the case, close this tab.

```
gcloud auth login --no-launch-browser
```

Enter the following verification code in gcloud CLI on the machine you want to log into. This is a credential **similar to your password** and should not be shared with others.

```
4/0AanRRruchiESKnvxMD0H4Ds5LcSFkfAXgo5  
SwDxgHetI-Nftseo4ebZab4TwnivEeqjh9w
```

Copy

You can close this tab when you're done.



Click the Copy button

Click the **Copy** button, and paste it into the CLI on your server as in the image below:

```
Go to the following link in your browser, and complete the sign-in prompts:

https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?response_type=code&client_id=32555940559.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fsdk.cloud.google.com%2Fauthcode.html&scope=openid+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fuserinfo_email+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fappengine_admin+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fsqlservice_login+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcompute+https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Faccounts_reauth&state=d2JSQAga1WPHQzfXNJ5AaQnyXvU16&prompt=consent&token_usage=remote&access_type=offline&code_challenge=JA4vnyv8K9ZHCrJ9WQ240aHXUoszw91xkBIhNb1VN7Dw&code_challenge_method=S256

Once finished, enter the verification code provided in your browser: 4/0AanRRruchiESKnvxMD0H4Ds5LcSFkFAXgo5SwDxgHetI-Nftseo4ebZab4TwnivEeqjh9w
You are signed in as: [odl_user_1559402@cloudlabsgcporg8.com].

Pick cloud project to use:
[1] clgcporg8-0883
[2] Enter a project ID
[3] Create a new project
Please enter numeric choice or text value (must exactly match list item): 1

Your current project has been set to: [clgcporg8-0883].

Do you want to configure a default Compute Region and Zone? (Y/n)? Y

Which Google Compute Engine zone would you like to use as project default?
If you do not specify a zone via a command line flag while working with Compute Engine resources, the default is assumed.
[1] us-east1-b
[2] us-east1-c
```

Paste the code

Select the project and configure the zone as in the image above. After that, the gcloud configuration is complete.

C. Test gcloud

Now, try gcloud to access your GCP. I try to list my virtual machine in GCP using the below command:

```
gcloud compute instances list
```

Then the display below will appear:

```
[sysadmin@RockyLinux9 ~]$ gcloud compute instances list
NAME          ZONE          MACHINE_TYPE  PREEMPTIBLE  INTERNAL_IP  EXTERNAL_IP  STATUS
my-first-vm    us-west1-a    e2-medium     10.138.15.229 35.247.67.92  RUNNING
```

Display virtual machine in GCP using gcloud

If you get a display like the image above, you have successfully used your gcloud to access your GCP.

Note

If you have many projects on your GCP, you can choose one of these projects as the starting point for your gcloud on GCP. You can switch projects using the command:

```
gcloud config set project PROJECT_ID
```

Change **PROJECT_ID** to the project ID you want to switch to.

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