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Run crontab Every 10 Minutes

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Q. How do I run a cron job or a shell script every 10 minutes using Linux / UNIX cron service?

A. [cron](#)^[2] is a time-based scheduling service in Linux / Unix-like computer operating systems.

Login to UNIX system

Type the following command to enter cronjob:

```
$ crontab -e
```

Each cronjob has following syntax:

```
# +----- minute (0 - 59)
# | +----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | +----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | +----- month (1 - 12)
# | | | | +---- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7)
# | | | | |
* * * * * command to be executed
```

To get crontab to run a task every 10 minutes you could type as follow

```
*/10 * * * * /path/to/command
```

Save and close the file.

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