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Apache: Graceful Server Reboot From Shell

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How do I gracefully restart Apache web server from a shell prompt?



Use the following commands as root user. Login over ssh session.

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Type the following command to gracefully restart Apache 2 web server under Debian / Ubuntu Linux:

```
apache2ctl graceful
```

OR

sudo apache2ctl graceful

Redhat / CentOS / RHEL / Fedora Linux

Type the following command as the root user:

```
apachectl -k graceful
```

OR

```
sudo apachectl -k graceful
```

How do I view graceful restart log?

Type the following command under CentOS / RHEL:

```
tail -f /var/log/httpd/error_log
```

OR type the following command under Debian / Ubuntu Linux:

```
tail -f /var/log/apache2/error.log
```

Sample outputs:

```
[Tue Oct 27 00:45:38 2009] [notice] Graceful restart requested, doing restart [Tue Oct 27 00:45:38 2009] [notice] Digest: generating secret for digest authen [Tue Oct 27 00:45:38 2009] [notice] Digest: done [Tue Oct 27 00:45:38 2009] [notice] Apache/2.2.3 (Red Hat) configured -- resumi
```

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