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chkconfig on FreeBSD to start services automatically initial boot time

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Q. How do I use chkconfig on FreeBSD to start services automatically?

A. You cannot use chkconfig on FreeBSD. It is RedHat/CentOS/Fedora Core only command. FreeBSD provides another facility called rc.conf. This file contains which services should be started up at system initial boot time. You can edit this file by hand using text editor or use sysinstall text based GUI tool to update this file.

Task: Start services automatically initial boot time

For example to start OpenSSH / SSHD services automatically initial boot time:

```
# vi /etc/rc.conf
```

Append following line:

```
sshd_enable="YES"
```

Save and close the file.

Task: Start services automatically initial boot time using sysinstall

Type the following command:

```
# sysinstall
```

See this [article](#) ^[1] how to use sysinstall to start services.

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