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Backup CentOS or Redhat Directory Server Database (LDAP)

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Q. How can I backup Fedora / CentOS / Redhat Linux Directory server database?

A. You can back up your databases from the command-line using the db2bak command-line script. This script works when the server is running or when the server is stopped. Run script as follows:

```
# ./db2bak
```

OR

```
# /path/to/installed-directory/db2bak
```

The db2bak script will create a backup folder with a format of year_month_day__hour (YYYY_MM_DD_hh_mm_ss). The backup folder will contain the exported LDIF files and other Berkeley databases (.db4 files).



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Restore backup

First stop server:

```
# ./stop-slapd
```

Next restore the backup database. For example:

```
# ./bak2db /path/to/bak/2007_02_02_01_02_12/
```

Again start the Red Hat Directory Server:

```
# ./start-nslapd
```

References:

=> [Populating Directory Databases - Red Hat Directory Server](#) [2]

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