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Restart / Update init Configuration File /etc/inittab After Changes Without Rebooting Server

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Q. I've made changes / updates to my /etc/inittab file to configure init process to start withagetty. init reads the /etc/inittab configuration file at the time of system boot. How do I re-read this file without rebooting my Linux server?

A. You need to send HUP single to init process to re-read /etc/inittab on fly using kill command. This is the only way to avoid reboot and make changes to the init configuration take effect immediately.



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kill command to send HUP single

Type the command as follows after updating /etc/inittab, enter:

```
# kill -HUP 1
```

Please note that init runs as a daemon and typically always has PID 1 on many UNIX / Linux like systems.

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