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Q. How do I restart dovecot IMAP4 / IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol) under RHEL / CentOS / Fedora / Debian / Ubuntu Linux?

A. Internet Message Access Protocol is a standard client / server protocol for accessing e-mail from your local server. It will not just retrieve email but view it and manipulate it on the server itself. IMAP4 clients can create, rename, and/or delete mailboxes (usually presented to the user as folders) on the server, and move messages between mailboxes. Multiple mailbox support also allows servers to provide access to shared and public folders.



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IMAP server port number: 143

Under Linux you can different IMAP server can be installed.

Restart Dovecot IMAP mail server

Type the following command to start / stop and restart server under **RHEL / CentOS / Fedora** Linux:

```
# service dovecot start
# service dovecot stop
# service dovecot restart
```

Automatically reload sever next boot, enter:

```
# chkconfig dovecot on
```

To turn off auto loading on next boot, enter:

```
# chkconfig dovecot off
```

A Note About Debian / Ubuntu Linux User

Type the following command to start / stop and restart server under **Debian / Ubuntu Linux**:

```
# /etc/init.d/dovecot start
# /etc/init.d/dovecot stop
# /etc/init.d/dovecot restart
```

Use a text-based application called sysvconfig that allows you to configure which services are started at boot time for each runlevel including dovecot under Debian / Ubuntu Linux:

```
# sysvconfig
```

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