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Linux Change Hostname

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How do I change hostname under Linux operating system?

You need to use the hostname command. It is used to either set or display the current host or domain name of the system. The hostname is used by many of the networking programs (such as sendmail, Apache servers) to identify the machine.



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Display Hostname

Type the following command:

```
hostname
```

Sample outputs:

```
server.nixcraft.net.in
```

Step # 1: Change Hostname

You need to update two files:

1. Linux Distribution specific file. Edit appropriate file as per your distribution as follows.
2. `/etc/hosts`

Redhat / CentOS / Fedora: Change Hostname

Edit `/etc/sysconfig/network`, enter:

```
vi /etc/sysconfig/network
```

Set `HOSTNAME=newhost.example.com`, enter:

```
HOSTNAME=server2.nixcraft.com
```

Save and close the file. Type the following command:

```
hostname server2.nixcraft.com  
hostname
```

Now, proceed to step # 2.

Debian / Ubuntu: Change Hostname

Edit `/etc/hostname` file, enter:

```
vi /etc/hostname
```

Delete old name and add new name:

```
server2.nixcraft.com
```

Save and close the file. Type the following command:

```
hostname server2.nixcraft.com  
hostname
```

Now, proceed to step # 2.

Slackware: Change Hostname

Edit /etc/HOSTNAME, enter:

```
vi /etc/HOSTNAME
```

Delete old name and add new one:

```
server2.nixcraft.com
```

Save and close the file. Type the following command:

```
hostname server2.nixcraft.com  
hostname
```

Now, proceed to step # 2.

Suse / OpenSuse: Change Hostname

Edit /etc/HOSTNAME, enter:

Delete old name and add new one:

```
server2.nixcraft.com
```

Save and close the file. Type the following command:

```
hostname server2.nixcraft.com  
hostname
```

Now, proceed to step # 2.

Step #2: Update /etc/hosts

Now, you need to edit /etc/hosts file, enter:

```
vi /etc/hosts
```

Change all old hostname with newer one.

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