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## Linux / UNIX Crontab File Location

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I login to my UNIX system as a normal user. However, I need to update my cronjob entry. But, I can't find where the crontab file is. How do I find out my crontab file location?



By default cron searches its spool area /var/spool/cron/crontabs directory for crontab files. All files which are named after username i.e. accounts in /etc/passwd file. So if your username is vivek, crontab file location should be /var/spool/cron/crontabs/\$USER i.e. /var/spool/cron/crontabs/vivek. Note that crontabs in this directory should not be accessed directly - the crontab command should be used to access and update them as follows:

[1]

```
crontab -e
```

To view your crontab file (cron jobs) type

```
crontab -l
```

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