Lab 13.1: Managing Swap Space

Examine your current swap space by doing:

```
$ cat /proc/swaps

Filename                                Type            Size    Used    Priority
/dev/sda11                              partition       4193776 0       -1
```

We will now add more swap space by adding either a new partition or a file. To use a file we can do:

```
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=swpfile bs=1M count=1024

1024+0 records in
1024+0 records out
1073741824 bytes (1.1 GB) copied, 1.30576 s, 822 MB/s

$ mkswap swpfile

Setting up swapspace version 1, size = 1048572 KiB
no label, UUID=85bb62e5-84b0-4fdd-848b-4f8a289f0c4c
```

(For a real partition just feed **mkswap** the partition name, but be aware all data on it will be erased!)

Activate the new swap space:

```
$ sudo swapon swpfile

swapon: /tmp/swpfile: insecure permissions 0664, 0600 suggested.
swapon: /tmp/swpfile: insecure file owner 500, 0 (root) suggested.
```

Notice **RHEL 7** warns us we are being insecure, we really should fix with:

```
$ sudo chown root:root swpfile
$ sudo chmod 600 swpfile
```

and ensure it is being used:

```
$ cat /proc/swaps

Filename                                Type            Size    Used    Priority
/dev/sda11                              partition       4193776 0       -1
/tmp/swpfile                            file            1048572 0       -2
```

Note the `Priority` field; swap partitions or files of lower priority will not be used until higher priority ones are filled.

Remove the swap file from use and delete it to save space:

```
$ sudo swapoff swpfile
$ sudo rm swpfile
```

