Linux Boot Process



RHEL9 Boot Process



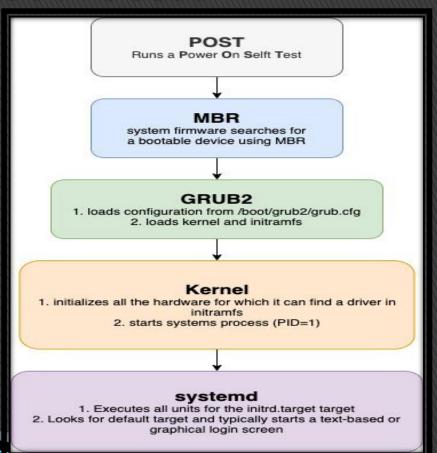
What is boot process

Booting a computer refers to the **process** of powering on the computer and starting the operating system.

The **boot process** loads the operating system into main memory or the random access memory (RAM) installed on your computer



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Run Level

Runlevel is a state of a machine that defines how a machine should be login, what services and scripts should run when a machine starts.

Runlevel are defined from 0 - 6.

Once the real file system is mounted, then kernel runs the first process i.e init (Systemd)



There are 7 runlevel

- Runlevel 0 shut down the system
- 2. Runlevel 1 single user mode
- 3. Runlevel 2 multiuser mode without networking
- 4. Runlevel 3 multiuser with text login screen
- 5. Runlevel 4– customized runlevel (not in use)
- 6. Runlevel 5 System provide login prompt (GUI)
- 7. Runlevel 6 Reboot System



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Run Level	Target Units	Description
0	runlevel0.target, poweroff.target	Shut down and power off
1	runlevel1.target, rescue.target	Set up a rescue shell
2,3,4	runlevel[234].target, multi- user.target	Set up a nongraphical multi- user shell
5	runlevel5.target, graphical.target	Set up a graphical multi-user shell
6	runlevel6.target, reboot.target	Shut down and reboot the system

For Check current (default) runlevel

#systemctl get-default



For Set runlevel 3(Permanent)

#systemctl set-default multi-user.target



For Set runlevel 5 (Permanent)

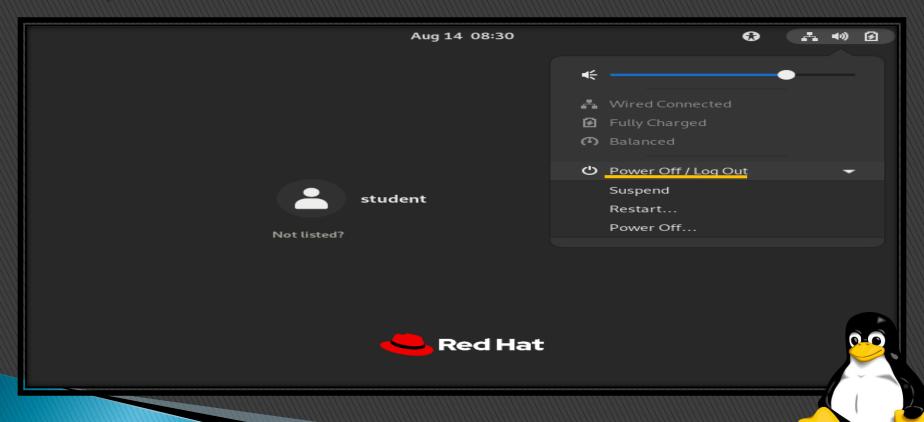
#systemctl set-default graphical.target



Reset RHEL 9 root password



Step1: Restart System (alt+ctrl+del)



Step2: Reboot computer and press "Esc" key when show kernel line

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Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to change the selection.

Press 'e' to edit the selected item, or 'c' for a command prompt.

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Step3: Select kernel line and press the 'e' key to edit

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Step4: Go to end of the line which start from linux then type rd.break and press ctrl+x key

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load_video
set gfxpayload=keep
insmod gzio
linux ($root)/vmlinuz-0-rescue-05a0108f4c934bba8be800e49cb3c8c9 root=/dev/mapp\
er/rhel_10-root ro crashkernel=1G-4G:192M,4G-64G:256M,64G-:512M resume=/dev/ma\
pper/rhel_10-swap rd.lvm.lv=rhel_10/root rd.lvm.lv=rhel_10/swap rhgb quiet rd.\
break
Initra ($root)/initramfs-0-rescue-05a0108f4c934bba8be800e49cb3c8c9.img
```

Press Ctrl-imes to start, Ctrl-c for a command prompt or Escape to discard edits and return to the menu. Pressing Tab lists

possible completions.

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Step5: Press Enter Key, type following command #mount -o remount,rw/sysroot

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[ 5.738301] Warning: Unmaintained hardware is detected: e1000:100E:8086 @ 00 00:00:03.0  
[ 6.113450] [drm:vmw_host_printf [vmwgfx]] *ERROR* Failed to send host log me ssage.

Generating "/run/initramfs/rdsosreport.txt"

Entering emergency mode. Exit the shell to continue.

Type "journalctl" to view system logs.
You might want to save "/run/initramfs/rdsosreport.txt" to a USB stick or /boot after mounting them and attach it to a bug report.

Press Enter for maintenance (or press Control-D to continue): sh-5.1# mount -o remount,rw /sysroot
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Step6: type command #chroot /sysroot

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Press Enter for maintenance
(or press Control-D to continue):
sh-5.1# mount -o remount,rw /sysroot
sh-5.1# chroot /sysroot/
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Activate Windo

Step7: set new root password #passwd root

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Press Enter for maintenance
(or press Control-D to continue):
sh-5.1# mount -o remount,rw /sysroot
sh-5.1# chroot /sysroot/
sh-5.1# passwd root
Changing password for user root.
New password:
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Step8: type command #touch /.autorelabel

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(or press Control-D to continue):
sh-5.1# mount -o remount,rw /sysroot
sh-5.1# chroot /sysroot/
sh-5.1# passwd root
Changing password for user root.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retupe new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
sh-5.1# touch /.autorelabel
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Step9: Enter the 'exit' command twice

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6.782615] Warning: Unmaintained hardware is detected: e1000:100E:8086 @ 00
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sh-5.1# chroot /sysroot/
sh-5.1# passwd root
Changing password for user root.
New massword:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
sh-5.1# touch /.autorelabel
sh-5.1# exit
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exit
[ 189.202669] selinux-autorelabel[930]: *** Warning -- SELinux targeted policy relabel is reg
[ 189.203350] selinux-autorelabel[930]: *** Relabeling could take a very long time, depending
[ 189.203722] selinux-autorelabel[930]: *** system size and speed of hard drives.
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Step 10: After reboot system show Login prompt now login with new password

Once the reboot has completed you will be able to use the root account with your newly set password.



