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- 1. <u>Create and format a partition such that it can be used as swap memory, Ensure that the swap memory is persistent change in your memory. The swap memory size must be 1.5 GB.</u>
- Enter serverb as root user either directly or via ssh with workstation and check the disk details and space using lsblk:

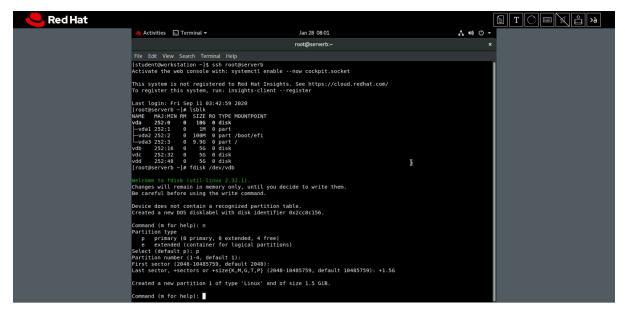
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[student@workstation ~]$ ssh root@serverb
Activate the web console with: systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket
This system is not registered to Red Hat Insights. See https://cloud.redhat.com/
To register this system, run: insights-client --register
Last login: Fri Sep 11 03:42:59 2020
[root@serverb ~]# lsblk
NAME MAJ:MIN RM SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
      252:0 0 10G 0 disk
vda
              0 1M 0 part
 -vda1 252:1
 -vda2 252:2 0 100M 0 part /boot/efi
 -vda3 252:3 0 9.9G
                      0 part /
vdb
                   5G
                      0 disk
      252:16
vdc
      252:32
                    5G
                      0 disk
      252:48
[root@serverb ~]#
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Let's break down the commands we've executed:

The **Isblk** command is used in Unix-like operating systems to list information about block devices attached to the system. It stands for "list block devices." When you run the **Isblk** command

without any options or arguments, it provides a hierarchical view of block devices, which typically include hard drives, solid-state drives, and other storage devices.

Create swap partition using fdisk command :



Let's break down the commands we've executed:

- fdisk/dev/vdb: This command opens the fdisk utility and specifies the target device as /dev/vdb. The utility starts with a message about changes being in memory until you decide to write them.
- 2. **n**: This command is used to create a new partition. After entering **n**, **fdisk** prompts you for the partition type.
- 3. When prompted for the partition type, you chose **p** for primary partition.
- 4. **Partition number (1-4, default 1)**: You're prompted to specify the partition number. You selected the default, which is 1.

- 5. **First sector (2048-10485759, default 2048)**: This is the starting sector for the new partition. The default is 2048, and you chose to use the default.
- 6. Last sector, +sectors or +size{K,M,G,T,P} (2048-10485759, default 10485759): Here, you're asked to specify the ending sector of the new partition. You specified +1.5G, indicating that the partition should be 1.5 gigabytes in size.
- 7. Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 1.5 GiB.:

 This message confirms that you've successfully created a
 new primary partition (partition number 1) of type 'Linux'
 with a size of 1.5 gigabytes.

Now, change its type to Linux swap using subcommand of fdisk, t:

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Command (m for help): p

Disk /dev/vdb: 5 GiB, 5368709120 bytes, 10485760 sectors

Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes

Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

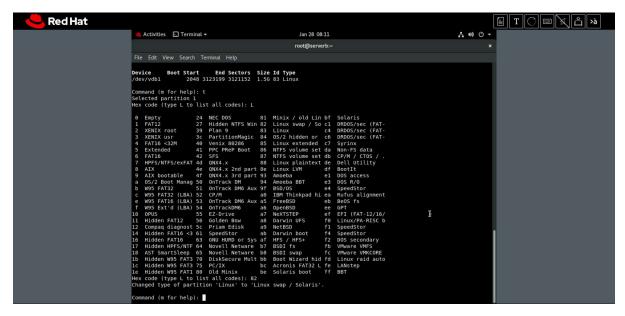
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes

Disklabel type: dos

Disk identifier: 0x2cc8c156

Device Boot Start End Sectors Size Id Type

/dev/vdb1 2048 3123199 3121152 1.56 83 Linux
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Let's break down the commands we've executed:

- 1. **p**: This command prints the current partition table. It shows information about the newly created partition.
- 2. **Hex code (type L to list all codes): L**: You are prompted to specify the partition type in hexadecimal format. You enter **L** to list all available codes.
- 3. After listing all available codes, you change the type of the partition to "Linux swap / Solaris" by entering **82**. This is a common type for swap partitions.

Now, check the partition table using subcommand p, and write the changes using w, then use partprobe to force kernel re-read partition changes:

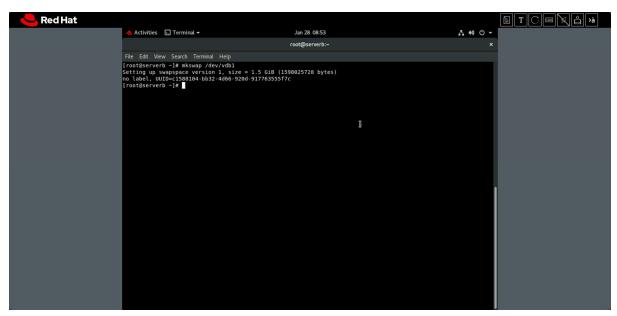
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- 1. p: This command, when entered in fdisk, prints the current partition table for the specified device (/dev/vdb in this case). The output shows information about the partitions on the disk, including their start and end sectors, size, and type. The partition table displayed confirms that you've created a new partition (/dev/vdb1) with the type "Linux swap / Solaris" and a size of 1.5 gigabytes.
- 2. w: This command is used to write the changes to the disk and exit fdisk. After you've made the necessary changes to the partition table (in this case, creating a new partition), you use w to save those changes. Upon executing this command, the partition table is altered, and fdisk calls ioctl() to re-read the partition table. The Syncing disks message indicates that the changes are being synchronized and written to the disk.

- 3. **partprobe**: After using **fdisk** to modify the partition table, the **partprobe** command is often used to inform the operating system kernel about the changes. This ensures that the kernel recognizes the new or modified partitions without requiring a system reboot. In your case, it seems like you entered the **partprobe** command, but the output is not shown. After running **partprobe**, the system should be aware of the changes made to the partition table.
- Afterwards, assign swap partition to the system and write entry in fstab:



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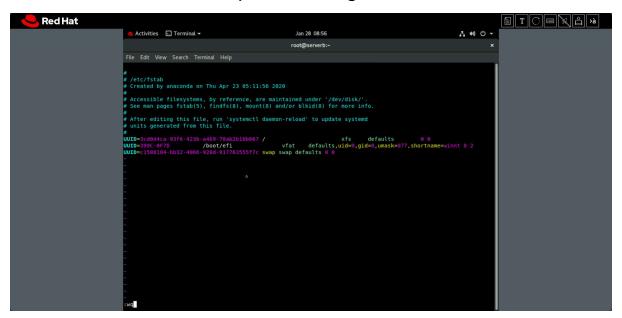
The command **mkswap /dev/vdb1** is used to set up a Linux swap area on the specified partition, **/dev/vdb1**. Here's an explanation of the output :

Setting up swapspace version 1, size 1.5 GiB (1598025728 bytes): This message indicates that the mkswap command is creating a swap space with version 1 of the swapspace format. The size of the swap space is specified

as 1.5 gigabytes (GiB), and the corresponding size in bytes is given as 1598025728 bytes.

2. no label, UUID=c1588104-bb32-4066-920d-917763555f7c:

This part of the output provides information about the swap space. It mentions that there is no label assigned to the swap space, and it provides a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) for the swap space. The UUID is a unique identifier that can be used to reference the swap space, and it is useful for system configuration.

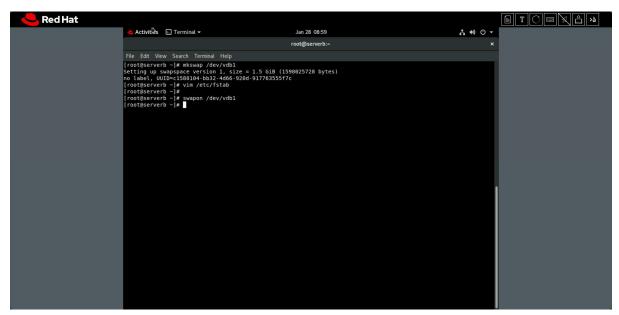


By using command: vim /etc/fstab

Enter below line as per your UUID:

<u>UUID=c1588104-bb32-4066-920d-917763555f7c swap swap</u> defaults 0 0

Turn on the swap usage using the command swapon:

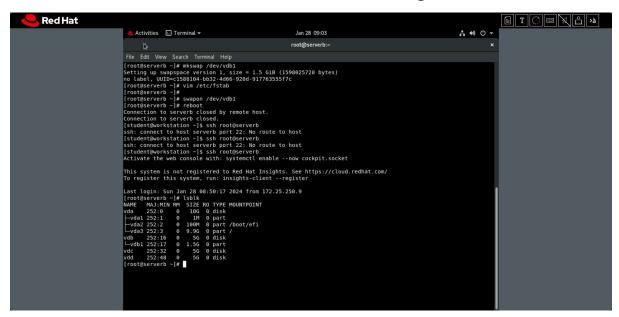


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The **swapon /dev/vdb1** command is used to activate a swap partition on a Linux system. Here's what this command does:

- swapon: This command is used to enable swapping on a specified device or file.
- /dev/vdb1: This argument specifies the device (in this case, a partition) on which the swap space is located. In the context of your command, /dev/vdb1 refers to the swap partition you previously created and formatted using the mkswap command.

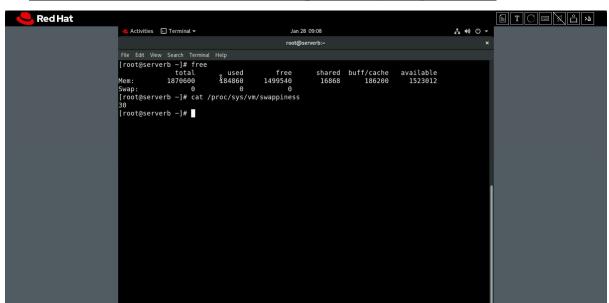
Reboot the device and check if the changes are successful:



command: reboot

command: ssh root@serverb

command: lsblk



2. Demonstrate how to check the swap memory usage details.

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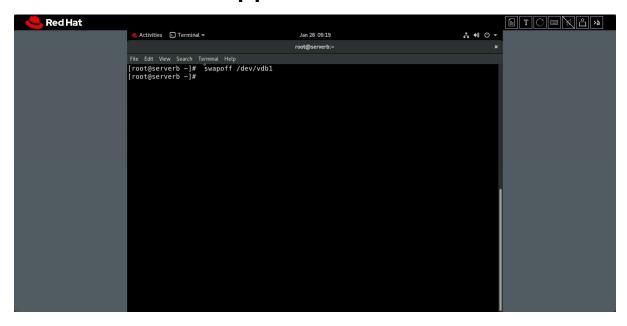
1. **free**:

- free is a command used to display information about the system's total, used, and free memory. The output typically shows both physical (RAM) and swap memory usage.
- The output is divided into two sections: "Mem" for physical memory and "Swap" for swap space.

2. cat/proc/sys/vm/swappiness:

- cat is a command that displays the content of a file.
 In this case, it's used to display the value of the swappiness parameter.
- /proc/sys/vm/swappiness is a kernel parameter that
 controls the tendency of the system to use swap
 space. It represents the willingness of the system to
 swap out programs from physical memory to swap
 space.

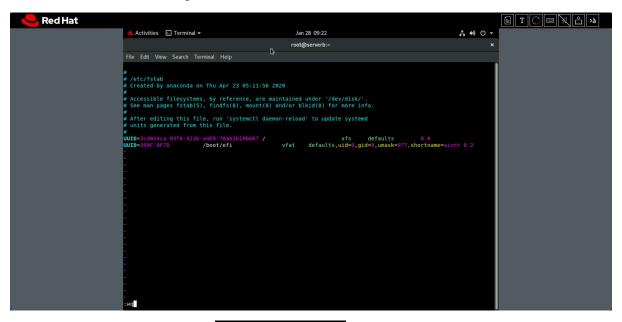
- The value 30 indicates the current swappiness value.
 Swappiness values range from 0 to 100, with lower values (e.g., 0) meaning the system is less likely to swap programs out of memory, and higher values (e.g., 100) meaning the system is more likely to use swap space.
- In this case, a swappiness value of 30 suggests a moderate level of willingness to use swap space.
- 3. <u>Delete the created swap memory partition on server B and ensure it is a persistent configuration</u>.
- First, turn off the swap parition, if it is in use :



Let's break down the commands we've executed:

The **swapoff /dev/vdb1** command is used to deactivate or turn off the swap space located on the specified device, in this case, **/dev/vdb1**

Remove its entry from fstab:

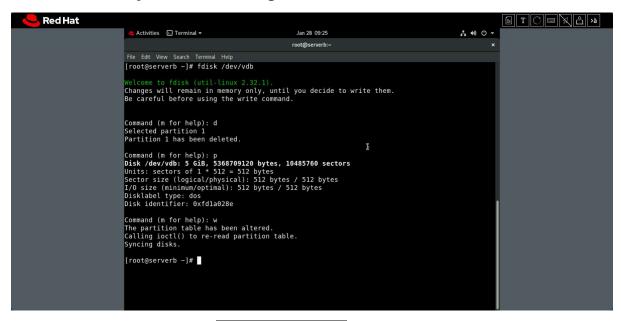


By using command: vim /etc/fstab

Remove below line:

<u>UUID=c1588104-bb32-4066-920d-917763555f7c swap swap</u> defaults 0 0

Delete the partition using fdisk:



By using command: fdisk /dev/vdb

Let's break down the commands we've executed:

1. fdisk/dev/vdb:

 This command launches the fdisk utility and specifies the device /dev/vdb for partitioning.

2. d:

 This is the fdisk command to delete a partition. After entering d, you are prompted to select which partition to delete. In this case, you selected partition 1.

3. p:

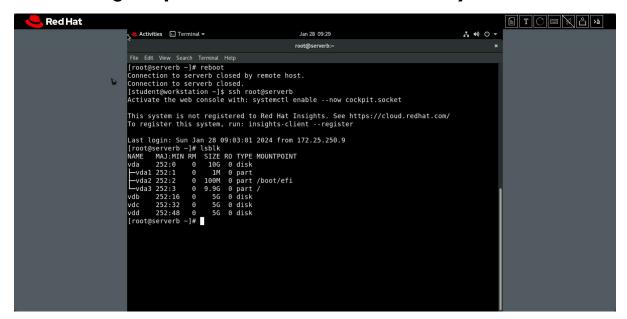
 After deleting the partition, you use p to print the updated partition table. This shows information about the disk, indicating that partition 1 has been deleted.

4. W:

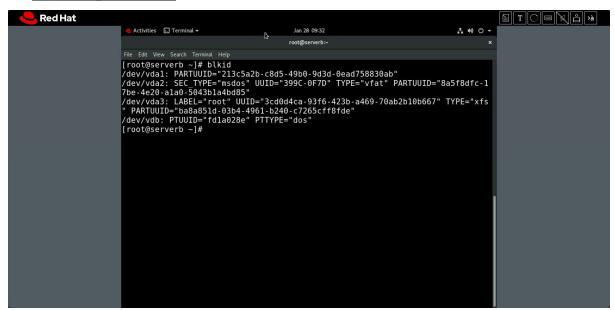
- This command is used to write the changes to the disk and exit fdisk. It saves the changes made to the partition table. After entering W, fdisk alters the partition table, calls ioctl() to re-read the partition table, and then syncs disks.
- Note: The uppercase W is used for writing changes, while the lowercase w would be used for writing changes and immediately exiting fdisk.

5. The final output:

 The last lines of the output indicate that the partition table has been altered, and the system is syncing disks to ensure that the changes are written to the physical disk. Reboot and check the block device details using Isblk, ensuring the partition is deleted successfully:



4. <u>Using which command you will be able to get the partition ID of the created partition?</u>



Let's break down the commands we've executed:

The **blkid** command is used to display information about block devices, specifically their UUIDs (Universally Unique Identifiers) and other attributes. Here's the explanation of the output:

1. /dev/vdal:

This represents a block device, and its PARTUUID is
 "213c5a2b-c8d5-49b0-9d3d-0ead758830ab."

2. /dev/vda2:

- This represents a partition on the first disk (vda). It has the following attributes:
 - **SEC_TYPE**: "msdos" (indicating the partition table type).
 - **UUID**: "399C-0F7D" (a unique identifier for the file system).

- TYPE: "vfat" (indicating the file system type is FAT32).
- PARTUUID: "8a5f8dfc-17be-4e20-ala0-5043b1a4bd85" (a unique identifier for the partition).

3. **/dev/vda3**:

- This represents another partition on the first disk (vda). It has the following attributes:
 - LABEL: "root" (a label associated with the file system).
 - **UUID**: "3cd0d4ca-93f6-423b-a469-70ab2b10b667" (a unique identifier for the file system).
 - TYPE: "xfs" (indicating the file system type is XFS).
 - PARTUUID: "ba8a851d-03b4-4961-b240c7265cff8fde" (a unique identifier for the partition).

4. /dev/vdb:

- This represents another block device (likely a whole disk), and it has the following attributes:
 - **PTUUID**: "fd1a028e" (a unique identifier for the partition table).
 - **PTTYPE**: "dos" (indicating the partition table type is MBR/DOS).