

Diagnose Issues Using Systemd



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Overview



Managing Services and Startup

- Boot time and which service or services took the most time
- Understanding unit files
- Configuring debug mode on SSH Server



Startup



```
$ systemctl-analyze  
$ systemctl analyze-blame
```

Identify Kernel and Service Start Timings

A great tool in systemd is the ability to identify the facts about the system startup, allowing us to identify services that take a time to start.

Demo



Identify Startup Times:

- systemd-analyze



Service Unit Files



```
$ man 5 systemd.service  
$ systemctl cat sshd.service  
$ vim /etc/default/ssh  
SSHD_OPTS="-d"
```

Service Units

The systemd service units are well documented, we can also view the contents of existing units. The sshd.service unit starts SSH with \$SSHD_OPTS. Those options can be configured in the file /etc/default/ssh. Here we put service into debug mode.

Demo



Investigating Unit Files:

- Read sshd.service
- Configure options
- View results and restart



Summary



Using Systemd in Troubleshooting

- systemd-analyze
- systemd-analyze blame
- systemctl cat
- \$SSH_OPTS



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