

# MOUNT AND UMOUNT

Mounting and unmounting mean making devices available or unavailable on a Linux file system. This is accomplished by the commands *mount* and *umount*. Before modifying a disk, you should first **unmount** it from the system, using the *umount* command. When modifications on the disk are done, you should **mount** it back onto the system. For this exercise, since the device we're partitioning isn't initially mounted, you can proceed with partitioning.

Go ahead and start *fdisk* in interactive mode by passing the name of the disk you want to partition.

In this lab, we'll partition **/dev/sda**

Start *fdisk* by passing the disk you want to partition as the parameter.

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sudo fdisk /dev/[YOUR DRIVE]
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eduit914728_student@linux-instance:~$ sudo fdisk /dev/sda

Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.29.2).
Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.


Command (m for help):
```

*fdisk* will start in interactive mode. You can use **m** to use help provided by the command.

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Help:
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#### DOS (MBR)

- a toggle a bootable flag
- b edit nested BSD disklabel
- c toggle the dos compatibility flag

#### Generic

- d delete a partition
- F list free unpartitioned space
- l list known partition types
- n add a new partition
- p print the partition table
- t change a partition type
- v verify the partition table
- i print information about a partition

#### Misc

- m print this menu
- u change display/entry units
- x extra functionality (experts only)

#### Script

- I load disk layout from sfdisk script file
- O dump disk layout to sfdisk script file

#### Save & Exit

- w write table to disk and exit
- q quit without saving changes

#### Create a new label

- g create a new empty GPT partition table
- G create a new empty SGI (IRIX) partition table
- o create a new empty DOS partition table
- s create a new empty Sun partition table

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Command (m for help):
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You can use **p** to show details about partitions on the disk.

```
Command (m for help): p
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Disk /dev/sda: 10 GiB, 10737418240 bytes, 20971520 sectors
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Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
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Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 4096 bytes
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I/O size (minimum/optimal): 4096 bytes / 4096 bytes
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Disklabel type: dos
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Disk identifier: 0xc2b76e68
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Device	Boot	Start	End	Sectors	Size	Id	Type
/dev/sda1	*	4096	20971519	20967424	10G	83	Linux

```
Command (m for help):
```

Enter **q** to exit interactive mode when you are finished exploring.