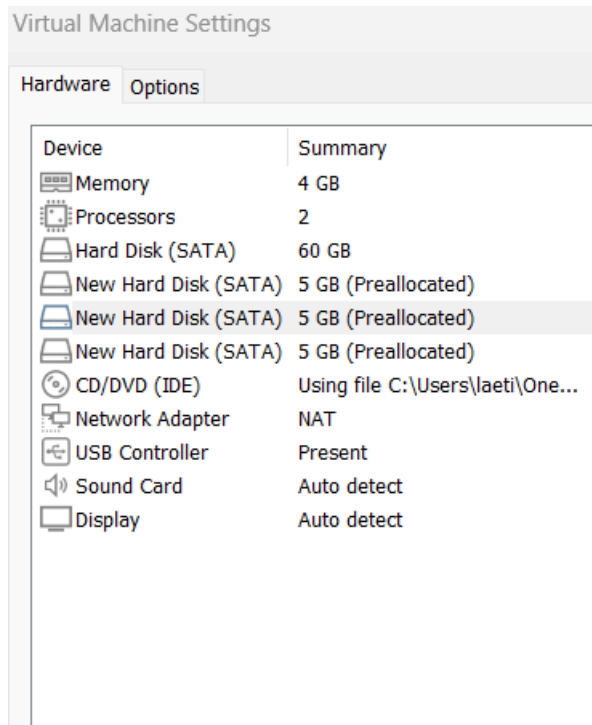


Exercise 1 – Disk Management with LVM

Tasks to Perform on AlmaLinux:

1. Add **three SATA** drives to your AlmaLinux virtual machine (**5 GB** each).



2. Open a Shell terminal and type the **sudo -su** command to work with the **root** account.

```
[lmohammed@server12 ~]$ sudo su -  
[root@server12 ~]#
```

3. Check that all three disks are added.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lsblk
NAME      MAJ:MIN RM  SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINTS
sda        8:0    0   60G  0 disk
├─sda1     8:1    0    2M  0 part
├─sda2     8:2    0    1G  0 part /boot
├─sda3     8:3    0    8G  0 part /var
├─sda4     8:4    0    1K  0 part
├─sda5     8:5    0    7G  0 part /home
├─sda6     8:6    0    4G  0 part [SWAP]
└─sda7     8:7    0   40G  0 part /
sdb        8:16   0    5G  0 disk
sdc        8:32   0    5G  0 disk
sdd        8:48   0    5G  0 disk
sr0       11:0    1 10.6G  0 rom  /run/media/lmohammed/AlmaLinux-9-5-x86_64-dvd
[root@server12 ~]#
```

4. For each disk, create a **physical volume** (total of **3 PV**).

```
[root@server12 ~]# pvcreate /dev/sdb /dev/sdc /dev/sdd
Physical volume "/dev/sdb" successfully created.
Physical volume "/dev/sdc" successfully created.
Physical volume "/dev/sdd" successfully created.
Creating devices file /etc/lvm/devices/system.devices
```

5. Check that the three physical volumes are created correctly.

```
[root@server12 ~]# pvdisplay
"/dev/sdb" is a new physical volume of "5.00 GiB"
--- NEW Physical volume ---
PV Name                /dev/sdb
VG Name
PV Size                5.00 GiB
Allocatable            NO
PE Size                0
Total PE               0
Free PE                0
Allocated PE           0
PV UUID                T8hQiy-32Ys-obWa-jDE3-LMWG-6SH9-sLbXxi
```

```
"/dev/sdc" is a new physical volume of "5.00 GiB"
--- NEW Physical volume ---
PV Name           /dev/sdc
VG Name
PV Size           5.00 GiB
Allocatable       NO
PE Size           0
Total PE          0
Free PE           0
Allocated PE      0
PV UUID           wo0Rjz-UwZ6-jp6m-x4An-wfrg-rMW7-G0dCzF
```

```
"/dev/sdd" is a new physical volume of "5.00 GiB"
--- NEW Physical volume ---
PV Name           /dev/sdd
VG Name
PV Size           5.00 GiB
Allocatable       NO
PE Size           0
Total PE          0
Free PE           0
Allocated PE      0
PV UUID           ThTvFD-3S0k-NFmf-v4Jp-7HPc-TQwd-XoW94v

[root@server12 ~]#
```

6. Create a **Volume Group** using only two physical volumes, and name it **LAB4_VG**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# vgcreate LAB4_VG /dev/sdc /dev/sdd
Volume group "LAB4_VG" successfully created
[root@server12 ~]#
```

7. Verify that the volume group **LAB4_VG** is created.

```

[root@server12 ~]# vdisplay
--- Volume group ---
VG Name                LAB4_VG
System ID
Format                 lvm2
Metadata Areas         2
Metadata Sequence No   1
VG Access               read/write
VG Status               resizable
MAX LV                 0
Cur LV                 0
Open LV                 0
Max PV                  0
Cur PV                 2
Act PV                  2
VG Size                 9.99 GiB
PE Size                 4.00 MiB
Total PE                2558
Alloc PE / Size         0 / 0
Free PE / Size           2558 / 9.99 GiB
VG UUID                 SEX0sL-vfp7-0TlW-tMLD-V31l-PsHW-3weNnF

[root@server12 ~]#

```

8. In the new volume group, create these **two logical volumes**:

```

[root@server12 ~]# lvcreate -L 6G -n LV1 LAB4_VG
Logical volume "LV1" created.
[root@server12 ~]# lvcreate -L 3G -n LV2 LAB4_VG
Logical volume "LV2" created.
[root@server12 ~]# █

```

Name	Size
LV1	6 GB
LV2	3 GB

9. Check that the two logical volumes are created correctly.

Logical volume LV2 created.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lvsdisplay
```

--- Logical volume ---

```
LV Path                /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
LV Name                 LV1
VG Name                 LAB4_VG
LV UUID                 VOECMG-cNCm-fx14-dPg0-ectq-duvU-x1VQdK
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time server12, 2025-03-27 15:10:01 -0400
LV Status                available
# open                  0
LV Size                 6.00 GiB
Current LE              1536
Segments                2
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      256
Block device            253:0
```

--- Logical volume ---

```
LV Path                /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
LV Name                 LV2
VG Name                 LAB4_VG
LV UUID                 94SsbX-JdTM-yoQG-yHRC-VQHL-eI2b-4akdjp
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time server12, 2025-03-27 15:10:35 -0400
LV Status                available
# open                  0
LV Size                 3.00 GiB
Current LE              768
Segments                1
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      256
Block device            253:1
```

```
[root@server12 ~]#
```

10. Format **LV1** and **LV2** as **ext4**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# mkfs.ext4 /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
mke2fs 1.46.5 (30-Dec-2021)
Creating filesystem with 1572864 4k blocks and 393216 inodes
Filesystem UUID: f55bccdf-759d-44a8-aa60-e9d5c4bd9210
Superblock backups stored on blocks:
    32768, 98304, 163840, 229376, 294912, 819200, 884736

Allocating group tables: done
Writing inode tables: done
Creating journal (16384 blocks): done
Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done

[root@server12 ~]# mkfs.ext4 /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
mke2fs 1.46.5 (30-Dec-2021)
Creating filesystem with 786432 4k blocks and 196608 inodes
Filesystem UUID: 4675ebb2-5d3a-4f92-847c-51c1624d4270
Superblock backups stored on blocks:
    32768, 98304, 163840, 229376, 294912

Allocating group tables: done
Writing inode tables: done
Creating journal (16384 blocks): done
Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done

[root@server12 ~]#
```

11. Check that the LV1 and LV2 are properly formatted.

```

[root@server12 ~]# lsblk -f
NAME FSTYPE FSVER LABEL UUID FSAVAIL FSUSE% MOUNTPOINT
sda
├─sda1
├─sda2
│   xfs          90222ee6-c4ba-41c2-a37b-465794cef3fd 515.1M 46% /boot
├─sda3
│   xfs          943a2853-9000-4ff7-8eda-e920a6ef1239 6.6G 17% /var
├─sda4
├─sda5
│   xfs          15d8f854-6918-483b-8bcd-bb9a627706e4 6.9G 1% /home
├─sda6
│   swap 1          e71b4f42-3f2a-4930-a689-332753407245 [SWAP]
└─sda7
    xfs          1ce273b9-d261-40c5-a929-1c5e959765ec 35.5G 11% /
sdb LVM2_m LVM2      T8hQiy-32Ys-obWa-jDE3-LMWG-6SH9-sLbXxi
sdc LVM2_m LVM2      wo0Rjz-UwZ6-jp6m-x4An-wfrg-rMW7-G0dCzF
├─LAB4_VG-LV1
│   ext4 1.0      f55bccdf-759d-44a8-aa60-e9d5c4bd9210
sdd LVM2_m LVM2      ThTvFD-3S0k-NFmf-v4Jp-7HPc-TQwd-XoW94v
├─LAB4_VG-LV1
│   ext4 1.0      f55bccdf-759d-44a8-aa60-e9d5c4bd9210
├─LAB4_VG-LV2
│   ext4 1.0      4675ebb2-5d3a-4f92-847c-51c1624d4270
sr0 iso966 Jolie AlmaLinux-9-5-x86_64-dvd 2024-11-13-09-58-50-00 0 100% /run/media/
d
[root@server12 ~]#

```

12. Create the **/Docs** directory.

```

[root@server12 ~]# mkdir /Docs
[root@server12 ~]#

```

13. Create the **/home/<your_user>/volume** directory.

```

[root@server12 ~]# mkdir /home/lmohammed/volume
[root@server12 ~]#

```

14. Mount **LV1** in **/Docs**

```

[root@server12 ~]# mount /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 /Docs

```

15. Mount **LV2** in **/home/<your_user>/volume**.

```

[root@server12 ~]# mount /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2 /home/lmohammed/volume

```

16. Check that the two logical volumes **LV1** and **LV2** are mounted correctly.

```
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1  5.9G   24K   5.6G   1% /Docs
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV2  2.9G   24K   2.8G   1% /home/lmohammed/volume
```

17. Add the **3rd** physical disk to the **LAB4_VG** volume group.

```
[root@server12 ~]# vgextend LAB4_VG /dev/sdb
Volume group "LAB4_VG" successfully extended
[root@server12 ~]# vgsdisplay
--- Volume group ---
VG Name                LAB4_VG
System ID
Format                 lvm2
Metadata Areas         3
Metadata Sequence No   4
VG Access               read/write
VG Status               resizable
MAX LV                 0
Cur LV                 2
Open LV                 2
Max PV                  0
Cur PV                 3
Act PV                  3
VG Size                 <14.99 GiB
PE Size                 4.00 MiB
Total PE                3837
Alloc PE / Size         2304 / 9.00 GiB
Free PE / Size           1533 / <5.99 GiB
VG UUID                 SEX0sL-vfp7-OTlW-tMLD-V31l-PsHW-3weNnF

[root@server12 ~]#
```

18. Extend the size of the **LV1** by **5 GB** more, for a total size of **11 GB**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lvresize--resizefs--size +5G /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
bash: lvresize--resizefs--size: command not found...
[root@server12 ~]# lvresize --resizefs --size +5G /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
Size of logical volume LAB4_VG/LV1 changed from 6.00 GiB (1536 extents) to 11.00 GiB (2816 extents).
File system ext4 found on LAB4_VG/LV1 mounted at /Docs.
Extending file system ext4 to 11.00 GiB (11811160064 bytes) on LAB4_VG/LV1...
resize2fs /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
resize2fs 1.46.5 (30-Dec-2021)
Filesystem at /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 is mounted on /Docs; on-line resizing required
old_desc_blocks = 1, new_desc_blocks = 2
The filesystem on /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 is now 2883584 (4k) blocks long.

resize2fs done
Extended file system ext4 on LAB4_VG/LV1.
Logical volume LAB4_VG/LV1 successfully resized.
[root@server12 ~]#
```


19. Decrease the size of the **LV2** by **250 MB**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lvresize --resizefs --size -250M /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
Rounding size to boundary between physical extents: 248.00 MiB.
File system ext4 found on LAB4_VG/LV2 mounted at /home/lmohammed/volume.
File system size (3.00 GiB) is larger than the requested size (<2.76 GiB).
File system reduce is required using resize2fs.
File system unmount is needed for reduce.
File system fsck will be run before reduce.
Continue with ext4 file system reduce steps: unmount, fsck, resize2fs? [y/n]:Y
Reducing file system ext4 to <2.76 GiB (2961178624 bytes) on LAB4_VG/LV2...
unmount /home/lmohammed/volume
unmount done
e2fsck /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
/dev/LAB4_VG/LV2: 11/196608 files (0.0% non-contiguous), 31036/786432 blocks
e2fsck done
resize2fs /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2 2891776k
resize2fs 1.46.5 (30-Dec-2021)
Resizing the filesystem on /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2 to 722944 (4k) blocks.
The filesystem on /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2 is now 722944 (4k) blocks long.

resize2fs done
remount /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2 /home/lmohammed/volume
remount done
Reduced file system ext4 on LAB4_VG/LV2.
Size of logical volume LAB4_VG/LV2 changed from 3.00 GiB (768 extents) to <2.76 GiB (706 extents).
Logical volume LAB4_VG/LV2 successfully resized.
[root@server12 ~]#
```

20. Check that the size of the **LV1** and **LV2** have changed.

```

--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
LV Name                LV1
VG Name                LAB4_VG
LV UUID                VOECMG-cNCm-fx14-dPg0-ectq-duvU-x1VQdK
LV Write Access        read/write
LV Creation host, time server12, 2025-03-27 15:10:01 -0400
LV Status              available
# open                 1
LV Size                11.00 GiB
Current LE             2816
Segments               4
Allocation             inherit
Read ahead sectors     auto
- currently set to    256
Block device           253:0

--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
LV Name                LV2
VG Name                LAB4_VG
LV UUID                94SsbX-JdTM-yoQG-yHRC-VQHL-eI2b-4akdjp
LV Write Access        read/write
LV Creation host, time server12, 2025-03-27 15:10:35 -0400
LV Status              available
# open                 1
LV Size                <2.76 GiB
Current LE             706
Segments               1
Allocation             inherit
Read ahead sectors     auto
- currently set to    256
Block device           253:1

[root@server12 ~]#

```

21. Delete the **LV2** logical volume. (*Remember to unmount it the volume before*).

```

[root@server12 ~]# umount /home/lmohammed/volume
[root@server12 ~]# lvremove /dev/LAB4_VG/LV2
Do you really want to remove active logical volume LAB4_VG/LV2? [y/n]: Y
Logical volume "LV2" successfully removed.
[root@server12 ~]#

```

22. Check that the logical volume **LV2** has been deleted.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lvsdisplay
--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
LV Name                 LV1
VG Name                 LAB4_VG
LV UUID                 VOECMG-cNCm-fx14-dPg0-ectq-duvU-x1VQdK
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time  server12, 2025-03-27 15:10:01 -0400
LV Status                available
# open                  1
LV Size                 11.00 GiB
Current LE               2816
Segments                4
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      256
Block device            253:0
```

```
[root@server12 ~]# lsblk
NAME                MAJ:MIN RM  SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINTS
sda                  8:0    0   60G  0 disk
├─sda1                8:1    0    2M  0 part
├─sda2                8:2    0    1G  0 part /boot
├─sda3                8:3    0    8G  0 part /var
├─sda4                8:4    0    1K  0 part
├─sda5                8:5    0    7G  0 part /home
├─sda6                8:6    0    4G  0 part [SWAP]
└─sda7                8:7    0   40G  0 part /
sdb                  8:16   0    5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1 253:0    0   11G  0 lvm  /Docs
sdc                  8:32   0    5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1 253:0    0   11G  0 lvm  /Docs
sdd                  8:48   0    5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1 253:0    0   11G  0 lvm  /Docs
sr0                  11:0    1 10.6G  0 rom   /run/media/lmohammed/AlmaLinux-9-5-x86_64-dvd
[root@server12 ~]#
```

23. Unmount the **/Docs** directory.

```
[root@server12 ~]# umount /Docs
[root@server12 ~]# lsblk
NAME                MAJ:MIN RM   SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINTS
sda                   8:0      0    60G  0 disk
├─sda1                 8:1      0     2M  0 part
├─sda2                 8:2      0     1G  0 part /boot
├─sda3                 8:3      0     8G  0 part /var
├─sda4                 8:4      0     1K  0 part
├─sda5                 8:5      0     7G  0 part /home
├─sda6                 8:6      0     4G  0 part [SWAP]
└─sda7                 8:7      0    40G  0 part /
sdb                   8:16     0     5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1        253:0     0    11G  0 lvm
sdc                   8:32     0     5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1        253:0     0    11G  0 lvm
sdd                   8:48     0     5G  0 disk
└─LAB4_VG-LV1        253:0     0    11G  0 lvm
sr0                   11:0     1  10.6G  0 rom   /run/media/lmohammed/AlmaLinux-9-5-x86_64-dvd
[root@server12 ~]#
```

Exercise 2 – Limiting Storage Space Usage with Quotas

Tasks to Perform on AlmaLinux:

1. Continue working using the **root** account.

```
[root@server12 ~]#
```

2. Check that the **quota** system is installed on your machine

```
[root@server12 ~]# dnf list quota
Last metadata expiration check: 0:46:13 ago on Thu 27 Mar 2025 03:21:55 PM.
Installed Packages
quota.x86_64                                          1:4.09-2.el9
[root@server12 ~]#
```

3. Activate the **quota** system on the logical volume **/dev/LAB4_VG/LV1**:

```
mkfs.ext4 -O quota /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
```

```
mount /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 /Docs
```

```
[root@server12 ~]# mkfs.ext4 -O quota /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
mke2fs 1.46.5 (30-Dec-2021)
/dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 contains a ext4 file system
    last mounted on Thu Mar 27 15:18:03 2025
Proceed anyway? (y,N) y
Creating filesystem with 2883584 4k blocks and 720896 inodes
Filesystem UUID: 81310dca-7a8d-434d-8801-02a913c4ed66
Superblock backups stored on blocks:
    32768, 98304, 163840, 229376, 294912, 819200, 884736, 1605632, 2654208

Allocating group tables: done
Writing inode tables: done
Creating journal (16384 blocks): done
Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done

[root@server12 ~]# mount /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1 /Docs
[root@server12 ~]# quotaon /Docs
[root@server12 ~]#
```

- 4.
5. Create the user **antoine** with the password **alma**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# useradd antoine
[root@server12 ~]# passwd antoine
Changing password for user antoine.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
[root@server12 ~]#
```

6. Assign **antoine** as owner of the folder **/Docs**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# chown antoine /Docs
[root@server12 ~]#
```

7. Modify the quota of **antoine** on the **/Docs** directory with the following configuration:

```
Disk quotas for user antoine (uid 1001):
Filesystem      blocks      soft      hard      inodes      soft      hard
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1      4          0       50          1          0          0
```

soft Blocks	hard blocks	soft inode	hard Inode
0	50	0	0

8. Switch to user antoine: **su – antoine**

```
[root@server12 Docs]# su - antoine
[antoine@server12 ~]$
```

```
[root@server12 Docs]# quota -v antoine
Disk quotas for user antoine (uid 1001):
    Filesystem  blocks    quota   limit   grace   files   quota   limit   grace
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1
                        4         0     50           1         0         0
[root@server12 Docs]#
```

9. Try to copy the **/etc/services** file to **/Docs**.

```
[antoine@server12 ~]$ cp /etc/services /Docs
dm-0: write failed, user block limit reached.
cp: error writing '/Docs/services': Disk quota exceeded
[antoine@server12 ~]$
```

10. Can you do that? Why?

No. Since we gave Antoine a 50 kb hard limit, copying the entire services file exceeds his allocated disk space, as the file is 677k

```
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root  677K Jun 23  2020 services
```

11. List the **quota** used by the **antoine** user.

```
[antoine@server12 ~]$ quota -v antoine
Disk quotas for user antoine (uid 1001):
    Filesystem  blocks    quota   limit   grace   files   quota   limit   grace
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1
                        48         0     50           2         0         0
[antoine@server12 ~]$
```

12. Did he exceed his quota?

Not yet exceeded, but only 2 kb remaining

13. Return to your **root** session: **exit**

```
[antoine@server12 etc]$ su -
Password:
[root@server12 ~]#
```

14. View a **quota usage report**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# repquota -a
*** Report for user quotas on device /dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1
Block grace time: 7days; Inode grace time: 7days
User      used      Block limits      File limits
           used      soft    hard    grace    used      soft    hard    grace
-----
root      --      16       0       0           1       0       0
antoine   --      48       0      50           2       0       0
```

15. Modify again the quota of **antoine** on the **/Docs** directory with the following configuration:

```
Disk quotas for user antoine (uid 1001):
Filesystem      blocks      soft      hard      inodes      soft      hard
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1      48          0          0          2          0          8
```

Soft Blocks	Strict blocks	Soft inode	Strict Inode
0	0	0	8

16. Switch to user antoine: **su – antoine**

```
[root@server12 Docs]# su - antoine
[antoine@server12 ~]$
```

17. Create **5 files** in **/Docs**.

```
[antoine@server12 Docs]$ touch test1.txt
[antoine@server12 Docs]$ touch test2.txt test3.txt test4.txt test5.txt
```

18. Can you do that? Why?

Yes. Because we allocated him 8 hard inodes, he will be able to create up to 8 files total.

19. Create **5 more files** in **/Docs**.

```
[antoine@server12 Docs]$ touch test6.txt
[antoine@server12 Docs]$ touch test7.txt
dm-0: write failed, user file limit reached.
touch: cannot touch 'test7.txt': Disk quota exceeded
[antoine@server12 Docs]$
```

20. Can you do that? Why?

Can only create up to 6, as the limit is 8 and he already had 2 files to begin with.

21. List the **quota** used by the **antoine** user.

```
[antoine@server12 Docs]$ quota -v antoine
Disk quotas for user antoine (uid 1001):
    Filesystem  blocks    quota   limit   grace   files   quota   limit   grace
/dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1
                48         0       0         0       8*        0       8
[antoine@server12 Docs]$
```

22. Did **antoine** exceed his quota?

He reached his limit of 8 files.

23. Return to the **root** session.

```
antoine@server12 Docs]$ su -
assword:
root@server12 ~]#
```

24. View a quota usage report of your system.

```
[root@server12 ~]# repquota -a
*** Report for user quotas on device /dev/mapper/LAB4_VG-LV1
Block grace time: 7days; Inode grace time: 7days
      Block limits
User      used  soft  hard  grace
-----
root      --   16    0    0
antoine   --   48    0    0
      File limits
User      used  soft  hard  grace
-----
root      --    1    0    0
antoine   --    8    0    8
```

Exercise 3 – Delete Logical Volumes

1. Unmount the **/Docs** directory.


```
[root@server12 ~]# umount /Docs
[root@server12 ~]#
```

2. Delete logical volume **LV1**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# lvremove /dev/LAB4_VG/LV1
Do you really want to remove active logical volume LAB4_VG/LV1? [y/n]: y
Logical volume "LV1" successfully removed.
[root@server12 ~]#
```

3. Delete the volume group **LAB4_VG**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# vgremove LAB4_VG
Volume group "LAB4_VG" successfully removed
[root@server12 ~]#
```

4. Delete the **three physical volumes**.

```
[root@server12 ~]# pvremove /dev/sdb /dev/sdc /dev/sdd
Labels on physical volume "/dev/sdb" successfully wiped.
Labels on physical volume "/dev/sdc" successfully wiped.
Labels on physical volume "/dev/sdd" successfully wiped.
[root@server12 ~]#
```

```
[root@server12 ~]# pvdisplay
[root@server12 ~]#
```

5. Shut down the virtual machine and remove the **three new disks from the VM**.

