

Systemd Cheatsheet

| Sysvinit Command | Systemd Command | Notes |
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| service httpd start | systemctl start httpd.service | Used to start a service (not reboot persistent). |
| service httpd stop | systemctl stop httpd.service | Used to stop a service (not reboot persistent). |
| service httpd restart | systemctl restart httpd.service | Used to stop and then start a service. |
| service httpd reload | systemctl reload httpd.service | When supported, reloads the config file without interrupting pending operations. |
| service httpd condrestart | systemctl condrestart httpd.service | Restarts if the service is already running. |
| service httpd status | systemctl status httpd.service | Tells whether a service is currently running. |
| service --status-all | systemctl list-units --type service | Displays the status of all services. |
| ls /etc/rc.d/init.d/ | systemctl list-unit-files --type=service | Used to list the services that can be started or stopped. Used to list all the services and other units. |
| chkconfig httpd on | systemctl enable httpd.service | Turn the service on, for start at next boot, or other trigger. |
| chkconfig httpd off | systemctl disable httpd.service | Turn the service off for the next reboot, or any other trigger. |
| chkconfig httpd | systemctl is-enabled httpd.service | Used to check whether a service is configured to start or not in the current environment. |
| chkconfig --list | systemctl list-unit-files --type=service ls /etc/systemd/system/*.wants/ | Print a table of services that lists which runlevels each is configured on or off. |
| chkconfig httpd --list | ls /etc/systemd/system/*.wants/httpd.service | Used to list what levels this service is configured on or off. |
| chkconfig httpd --add | systemctl daemon-reload | Used when you create a new service file or modify any configuration. |

| Sysvinit Runlevel | Systemd Target | Notes |
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| 0 | runlevel0.target, poweroff.target | Halt the system. |
| 1, s, single | runlevel1.target, rescue.target | Single user mode. |
| 2, 4 | runlevel2.target, runlevel4.target, multi-user.target | User-defined/Site-specific runlevels - identical to 3. |
| 3 | runlevel3.target, multi-user.target | Multi-user, non-graphical. Users can usually login via multiple consoles or via the network. |
| 5 | runlevel5.target, graphical.target | Multi-user, graphical. Usually has all the services of runlevel 3 plus a graphical login. |
| 6 | runlevel6.target, reboot.target | Reboot |
| emergency | emergency.target | Emergency shell |

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| systemctl get-default | Determine which target unit is used by default. |
| systemctl set-default multi-user.target | Change default boot target to multi-user.target. |
| journalctl -b | Show all messages from this boot. |
| journalctl -b -p err | Show all messages of priority levels ERROR (4) and worse, from the current boot. |
| journalctl -p warning --since="2014-06-14 23:59:59" | View the warning or higher priority messages from certain point in time. |
| journalctl -f | Follow new messages. |
| journalctl -u SERVICE | Show only log of SERVICE. |
| journalctl /usr/sbin/httpd | Show all messages by a specific executable. |
| journalctl --full | Display full (= not truncated) messages. |
| systemctl --state=failed | Lets find the systemd services which fail to start. |
| systemctl list-units --type=target | Show current runlevel. |
| systemctl isolate graphical.target | Changes the current target (runlevel). |
| systemctl rescue/emergency | Changing to Rescue(single user mode)/Emergency Mode. |
| systemctl kill SERVICE.service | Kill SERVICE (all processes) with SIGTERM. |
| systemctl --failed | List failed services on boot. |
| systemd-cgls | cgroup tree |
| systemctl show -p "Wants" multi-user.target | What other units does a unit depend on? |
| systemctl list-jobs | Check for possibly stuck jobs use. |

| Old Command | Systemd Command | Description |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| halt | systemctl halt | Halts the system. |
| poweroff | systemctl poweroff | Powers off the system. |
| reboot | systemctl reboot | Restarts the system. |
| pm-suspend | systemctl suspend | Suspends the system. |
| pm-hibernate | systemctl hibernate | Hibernates the system. |
| pm-suspend-hybrid | systemctl hybrid-sleep | Hibernates and suspends the system. |