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Changing a lxc container hostname

Is there any way to rename a lxc container hostname with a command sent *inside* the container's command line? I know that you can do something like `sudo mv /var/lib/lxc/oldname /var/lib/lxc/newname` and then rename hostname and paths in config with (`sudo vim /var/lib/lxc/newname/config`).

But could I do it without leaving the container's console and then typing in the main console?

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1 just running the hostname command inside the container does not work? or setting the hostname with the usual config files? – [eMBee](#) Feb 7 '16 at 8:13

1 Answer

Depends on distribution. On Debian should be enough:

- edit `/etc/hostname` file, set to e.g. `host.example.com`
- add primary IP address (probably `eth0` interface) to `/etc/hosts` :
`192.168.1.5 host.example.com`

Then check with `hostname -f` . On physical node you should be able to update hostname without reboot using `sysctl kernel.hostname=host.example.com` . Inside LXC container `/sys` might be mounted as read-only, so restart might be needed.

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