Redis data persistency on Uberspace

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Uberspace provides a nice german introduction on how to use Redis on their servers and also kindly points out that Redis resides in memory and will (when used with default settings) loose its state (speak: all your data *yikes*) when there is a crash or restart. So let us fix that:

Setting up Redis

Just a quick reharsal of their tutorial. Redis is beeing set up in two steps basically:

```
test -d ~/service || uberspace-setup-svscan uberspace-setup-redis
```

Enabling persistency

There are several persistency models you can read up on here:. But I would recommend sticking with the most common way shown here, which strikes a good balane between performance and data safety.^[1]

```
nano ~/.redis/conf
```

And then add the following lines:

```
dir /home/YOUR_UBERSPACE_USER_NAME/.redis/
appendonly yes
appendfsync everysec
```

```
# Restart redis
svc -du ~/service/redis
```

Verifying persistency

Now run the tool that will put data into Redis and make it do so. You can then check ① both that the persistency file grew to a size greater than ② and ② also restart Redis and afterwards check whether your tool still sees the previously entered data.

```
# ① Check that the persistency file holds content
du -sch ~/.redis/appendonly.aof
```

```
# ② Restart Redis. This would kill all the contained data
# if the persistency setting would not work. Then check if
# the data is still available in your Redis using tool
svc -du ~/service/redis
```

Sources

1. Redis persistence demystified (oldblog.antirez.com)