

This tutorial will help you in extending LVM partition without rebooting the server.

- 1- At first, I want to expand the size in the \root directory, as shown below by using "df -h" command line the \root has only 66 GB available.

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[root@localhost ~]# df -h
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Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
devtmpfs	16G	0	16G	0%	/dev
tmpfs	16G	0	16G	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	16G	12M	16G	1%	/run
tmpfs	16G	0	16G	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/mapper/rhel-root	71G	5.5G	66G	8%	/
/dev/sda1	1014M	192M	823M	19%	/boot
/dev/mapper/rhel-home	20G	33M	20G	1%	/home
tmpfs	3.2G	0	3.2G	0%	/run/user/0

- 2- By using "lsblk" it's shows that the VM has unmounted disk drive in "sdb" with a size of 1T.

```
[root@localhost ~]# lsblk
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NAME	MAJ:MIN	RM	SIZE	RO	TYPE	MOUNTPOINT
sda	8:0	0	100G	0	disk	
├─sda1	8:1	0	1G	0	part	/boot
├─sda2	8:2	0	98.9G	0	part	
│ └─rhel-root	253:0	0	71G	0	lvm	/
│ └─rhel-swap	253:1	0	7.9G	0	lvm	[SWAP]
│ └─rhel-home	253:2	0	20G	0	lvm	/home
sdb	8:16	0	1T	0	disk	
sr0	11:0	1	1024M	0	rom	

- 3- "We need to create a new partition. Run fdisk /dev/sdb, where /dev/sdb is the label of our disk (Disk /dev/sdb):"[1]

- 4- Then type "n" for create a new partition

```
[root@localhost ~]# fdisk /dev/sdb
Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.23.2).

Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.

Device does not contain a recognized partition table
Building a new DOS disklabel with disk identifier 0x1baed589.

Command (m for help): n
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5-“P” for primary:

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Partition type:
  p   primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)
  e   extended
Select (default p): p
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5- Press “ENTER button” 3 times to choose the default sitting:

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Partition number (1-4, default 1):
First sector (2048-2147483647, default 2048):
Using default value 2048
Last sector, +sectors or +size{K,M,G} (2048-2147483647, default 2147483647):
Using default value 2147483647
Partition 1 of type Linux and of size 1024 GiB is set
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6- Then “t” to “indicate the type of partition” [1]:

7- “L” to list all OS type therefore we will choose “8e” in our case since it’s Linux LVM.

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Command (m for help): t
Selected partition 1
Hex code (type L to list all codes): L

 0 Empty                24 NEC DOS               81 Minix / old Lin   bf Solaris
 1 FAT12                 27 Hidden NTFS Win    82 Linux swap / So  c1 DRDOS/sec (FAT-
 2 XENIX root            39 Plan 9              83 Linux             c4 DRDOS/sec (FAT-
 3 XENIX usr             3c PartitionMagic     84 OS/2 hidden C:   c6 DRDOS/sec (FAT-
 4 FAT16 <32M           40 Venix 80286         85 Linux extended   c7 Syrxinx
 5 Extended              41 PPC PReP Boot      86 NTFS volume set  da Non-FS data
 6 FAT16                 42 SFS                 87 NTFS volume set  db CP/M / CTOS / .
 7 HPFS/NTFS/exFAT      4d QNX4.x              88 Linux plaintext  de Dell Utility
 8 AIX                   4e QNX4.x 2nd part    8e Linux LVM        df BootIt
 9 AIX bootable          4f QNX4.x 3rd part    93 Amoebe           e1 DOS access
 a OS/2 Boot Manag     50 OnTrack DM         94 Amoebe BBT       e3 DOS R/O
 b W95 FAT32            51 OnTrack DM6 Aux   9f BSD/OS           e4 SpeedStor
 c W95 FAT32 (LBA)     52 CP/M               a0 IBM Thinkpad hi eb BeOS fs
 e W95 FAT16 (LBA)     53 OnTrack DM6 Aux   a5 FreeBSD          ee GPT
 f W95 Ext'd (LBA)     54 OnTrackDM6         a6 OpenBSD          ef EFI (FAT-12/16/
10 OPUS                 55 EZ-Drive           a7 NeXTSTEP         f0 Linux/PA-RISC b
11 Hidden FAT12         56 Golden Bow        a8 Darwin UFS       f1 SpeedStor
12 Compaq diagnost     5c Priam Edisk        a9 NetBSD            f4 SpeedStor
14 Hidden FAT16 <3     61 SpeedStor         ab Darwin boot      f2 DOS secondary
16 Hidden FAT16         63 GNU HURD or Sys   af HFS / HFS+       fb VMware VMFS
17 Hidden HPFS/NTF     64 Novell Netware    b7 BSDI fs          fc VMware VMKCORE
18 AST SmartSleep      65 Novell Netware    b8 BSDI swap        fd Linux raid auto
1b Hidden W95 FAT3      70 DiskSecure Mult  bb Boot Wizard hid fe LANstep
1c Hidden W95 FAT3      75 PC/IX              be Solaris boot     ff BBT
1e Hidden W95 FAT1     80 Old Minix

Hex code (type L to list all codes): 8e
Changed type of partition 'Linux' to 'Linux LVM'
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8- “w” to save changes.

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Command (m for help): w
The partition table has been altered!

Calling ioctl() to re-read partition table.
Syncing disks.
[root@localhost ~]#
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9- “To use the created volume in LVM, initialize it with the “**pvcreate**” command:” [1]

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[root@localhost ~]# pvcreate /dev/sdb1
Physical volume "/dev/sdb1" successfully created.
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10-“vgdisplay” to show the name of the volume group, VG ”rhel”.

```
[root@localhost ~]# vgdisplay
--- Volume group ---
VG Name                rhel
System ID
Format                 lvm2
Metadata Areas         1
Metadata Sequence No   4
VG Access               read/write
VG Status               resizable
MAX LV                 0
Cur LV                 3
Open LV                 3
Max PV                 0
Cur PV                 1
Act PV                 1
VG Size                 <98.88 GiB
PE Size                 4.00 MiB
Total PE                25313
Alloc PE / Size         25312 / <98.88 GiB
Free PE / Size           1 / 4.00 MiB
VG UUID                 hMM5vt-0qKf-Xdmp-cDjE-Laz3-icgr-ZwTvSL
```

11-“Add our partition to below group:” [1]

```
[root@localhost ~]# vgextend rhel /dev/sdb1
Volume group "rhel" successfully extended
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12-“Using “**lvdisplay**”, we look at the name and path to the logical one that needs to be expanded (by default, this is root and **/dev/rhel/root**):” [1]

```
[root@localhost ~]# lvdisplay
--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/rhel/root
LV Name                 root
VG Name                 rhel
LV UUID                 Am[REDACTED]
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time localhost, 2020-04-20 13:01:24 +0300
LV Status                available
# open                  1
LV Size                 71.00 GiB
Current LE              18176
Segments                1
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      8192
Block device            253:0

--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/rhel/home
LV Name                 home
VG Name                 rhel
LV UUID                 HA[REDACTED]
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time localhost, 2020-04-20 13:01:25 +0300
LV Status                available
# open                  1
LV Size                 20.00 GiB
Current LE              5120
Segments                1
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      8192
Block device            253:2

--- Logical volume ---
LV Path                /dev/rhel/swap
LV Name                 swap
VG Name                 rhel
LV UUID                 EM[REDACTED]
LV Write Access         read/write
LV Creation host, time localhost, 2020-04-20 13:01:26 +0300
LV Status                available
# open                  2
LV Size                 <7.88 GiB
Current LE              2016
Segments                1
Allocation              inherit
Read ahead sectors      auto
- currently set to      8192
Block device            253:1
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13-“lvextend” specify the path to the logical volume.

```
[root@localhost ~]# lvextend /dev/rhel/root /dev/sdb1
Size of logical volume rhel/root changed from 71.00 GiB (18176 extents) to <1.07 TiB (280319 extents).
Logical volume rhel/root successfully resized.
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14-“xfs\_growfs” expand the file system and execute.

```
[root@localhost ~]# lvextend /dev/rhel/root /dev/sdb1
Size of logical volume rhel/root changed from 71.00 GiB (18176 extents) to <1.07 TiB (280319 extents).
Logical volume rhel/root successfully resized.
[root@localhost ~]# xfs_growfs /dev/rhel/root
meta-data=/dev/mapper/rhel-root isize=512    agcount=4, agsize=4653056 blks
       =                       sectsz=512   attr=2, projid32bit=1
       =                       crc=1        finobt=0 spinodes=0
data      =                       bsize=4096  blocks=18612224, imaxpct=25
       =                       sunit=0      swidth=0 blks
naming    =version 2              bsize=4096  ascii-ci=0 ftype=1
log       =internal              bsize=4096  blocks=9088, version=2
       =                       sectsz=512   sunit=0 blks, lazy-count=1
realtime  =none                 extsz=4096   blocks=0, rtextents=0
data blocks changed from 18612224 to 287046656
```

15-“df -h” Check the result:

```
[root@localhost ~]# df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
devtmpfs        16G   0    16G   0% /dev
tmpfs           16G   0    16G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs           16G  12M   16G   1% /run
tmpfs           16G   0    16G   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/mapper/rhel-root 1.1T  5.5G  1.1T   1% /
/dev/sda1       1014M  192M  823M  19% /boot
/dev/mapper/rhel-home 20G   33M   20G   1% /home
tmpfs           3.2G   0    3.2G   0% /run/user/0
```

## References:

1- <https://pocketadmin.tech/en/centos-8-extend-lvm/>