

By using “hostnamectl” command as you can see below:

```
[root@localhost etc]# hostnamectl
  Static hostname: localhost.localdomain
        Icon name: computer-vm
        Chassis: vm
        Machine ID: dfab[REDACTED]
        Boot ID: elc6[REDACTED]
  Virtualization: vmware
  Operating System: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server 7.8 (Maipo)
        CPE OS Name: cpe:/o:redhat:enterprise_linux:7.8:GA:server
        Kernel: Linux 3.10.0-1127.el7.x86_64
  Architecture: x86-64
```

My VM or server (Linux-Red hat) is named as default localhost therefore the below steps will help you to change the default into desired name.

- 1- After you login as root, move to the following path "/etc"

```
[root@localhost ~]# cd /etc/
```

- 2- Write the following command “hostname” after that in the same line write your desired name.

```
[root@localhost etc]# hostname OP[REDACTED]
```

- 3- Edit the hostname file by using “vi” and save the changes.

Press “I” for insert mood, after inserting press ctrl C then write “:wq!” to save the changes as shown below:

```
[root@localhost etc]# vi hostname
OP[REDACTED]
-- INSERT --
:wq!
```

- 4- Edit the /etc/hosts file by using “vi” as explained before and save the changes.

Before:

```
[root@localhost etc]# cat hosts
127.0.0.1    localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1         localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6
```

After:

```
[root@localhost etc]# vi hosts
[root@localhost etc]# cat hosts
127.0.0.1    OP
::1         OP
```

- 5- Check your changes by using “hostnamectl”:

```
[root@OP ~]# hostnamectl
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[root@OP ~]#
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References:

<https://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/ubuntu-change-hostname-command/>