

DISK'S & PARTITIONS

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- In this lecture we will learn about Disk Partitions.
- We will look at the File Systems such as EXT series and NFS.
- External Storage Devices such as DAS,NAS, and SAN.
- LVM in Action.

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List all Block devices

- Block devices are special files that refer to or represent a device (which could be anything from a hard drive to a USB drive). So naturally, there are command line tools that help you with your block devices-related work.
- Major Number is used to identify the type of block device, value 8 represents a SCSI device starts with SD.
- Minor Number is used to distinguish individual, physical or logical devices.

```
[~]$ lsblk
```

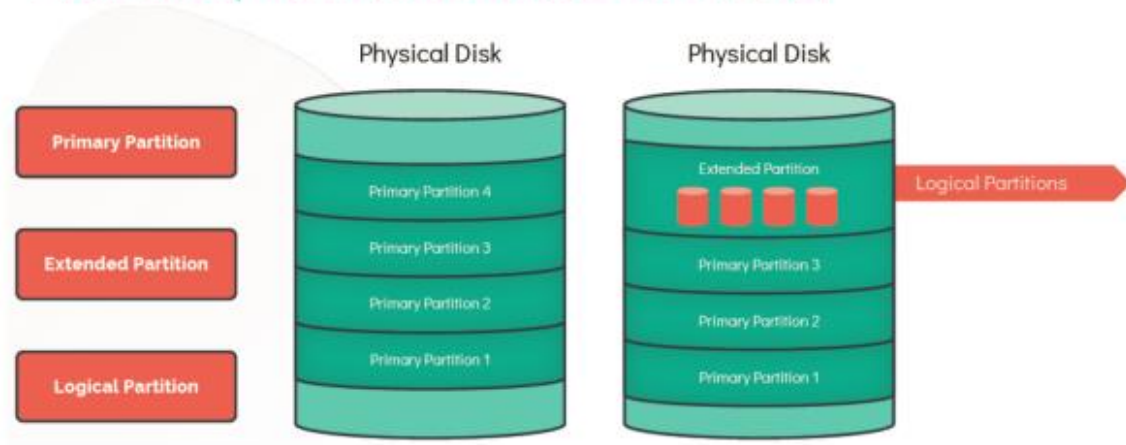
```
[~]$ ls -l /dev/ | grep "^b"
```

- To Print, Create and Delete the partition table use `fdisk -l` command

```
[~]$ sudo fdisk -l /dev/sda
```

Partition Types -

PARTITION TYPES – PRIMARY, EXTENDED AND LOGICAL



- PRIMARY - Use to Boot an Operating System.
- EXTENDED - Can host logical partitions but cannot be used on its own.
- LOGICAL - Created within an extended partition.

Creating Partitions -

- **gdisk** is an improved version of the **fdisk** that works with the GTP partition table.

- To create a partition on `sdb` use

```
[~]$ gdisk /dev/sdb
GPT fdisk (gdisk) version 1.0.1
```

Partition table scan:

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  MBR: protective
  BSD: not present
  APM: not present
  GPT: present
```

Found valid GPT with protective MBR; using GPT.

Command (? for help): ?

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b back up GPT data to a file
c change a partition's name
d delete a partition
i show detailed information on a partition
l list known partition types
n add a new partition
o create a new empty GUID partition table (GPT)
p print the partition table
q quit without saving changes
r recovery and transformation options (experts only)
s sort partitions
t change a partition's type code
v verify disk
w write table to disk and exit
x extra functionality (experts only)
? print this menu
```

Command (? for help): n

Partition number (1-128, default 1): 1

First sector (34-41943006, default = 2048) or {+-}size{KMGTP}: 2048

Information: Moved requested sector from 34 to 2048 in
order to align on 2048-sector boundaries.

Use 'l' on the experts' menu to adjust alignment

Last sector (2048-41943006, default = 41943006) or {+-}size{KMGTP}:
41943006

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Current type is 'Linux filesystem'
Hex code or GUID (L to show codes, Enter = 8300):
Changed type of partition to 'Linux filesystem'
Command (? for help): w
Final checks complete. About to write GPT data. THIS WILL OVERWRITE
EXISTING
PARTITIONS!!
Do you want to proceed? (Y/N): Y
OK; writing new GUID partition table (GPT) to /dev/vdb.
The operation has completed successfully.
```

```
[~]$ sudo fdisk -l /dev/sdb
Disk /dev/sdb: 20 GiB, 128035676160 bytes, 250069680 sectors
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disklabel type: gpt
Disk identifier: 7CABF26E-9723-4406-ZEA1-C2B9B6270A23
Device Start End Sectors Size Type
/dev/sdb1 2048 41943006 204800 20GB Linux filesystem
```