**CentOS 8 display current hostname information**

If you wish to record your existing configuration, type hostnamectl and you will see something similar geared to your environment.

**A note about hostnamectl command**

Systemd based Linux distributions such as CentOS 8 can simply use the hostnamectl command to rename hostname. Systems older than CentOS 8 no longer allow older commands and tend to use the “ctl” as a preferred command. To see current setting just type:

$ hostnamectl  
Sample outputs:

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| --- |
| Static hostname: localhost.localdomain  Transient hostname: li2025-143.members.linode.com  Icon name: computer-vm  Chassis: vm  Machine ID: 3e729c2d7c094902af0333ce40564ffe  Boot ID: e359e65f68ff45f2825134354bdc0a8d  Virtualization: kvm  Operating System: CentOS Linux 8 (Core)  CPE OS Name: cpe:/o:centos:centos:8  Kernel: Linux 4.18.0-80.7.1.el8\_0.x86\_64  Architecture: x86-64 |

A screen shot of a computer

Description automatically generated

**CentOS 8 change hostname command**

The procedure to change the computer name on CentOS Linux:

1. Type the following command to edit /etc/hostname using nano or vi text editor:  
   **sudo vi /etc/hostname**
2. Delete the old name and setup new name.
3. Next Edit the /etc/hosts file:  
   **sudo vi /etc/hosts**
4. Replace any occurrence of the existing computer name with your new one.
5. Reboot the system to changes take effect:  
   **sudo reboot**

**Conclusion**

On CentOS 8 one can use the hostnamectl command to control the system hostname and set a new name as well. This is recommended method for all CentOS 8 users.