

Filesystem

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Description

This example below shows you how to expand an existing filesystem that it managed by Logical Volume Manager (LVM)

Examine the existing filesystem

This command will to the host to rescan the host adapters after a new disk has been added.

```
echo "- - -" | tee /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/scan
```

/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv is the filesystem I want to expand.

```
root@dock-host-2:/mnt# df -lh
Filesystem                Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
tmpfs                      1.6G  1.7M  1.6G   1% /run
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 63G  17G  43G  28% /
tmpfs                      7.9G   0  7.9G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                      5.0M   0  5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sda2                  974M 163M 745M  18% /boot
tmpfs                      1.6G  4.0K  1.6G   1% /run/user/1000
```

Use lsblk to take a look at all devices available. In my example I am going to use /dev/sdb as the disk to expand the existing filesystem in the LVM. lsblk shows that is /dev/sdb is 128GB in size.

```
root@dock-host-2:~# lsblk
NAME                MAJ:MIN RM  SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
loop0                7:0    0 55.5M  1 loop /snap/core18/2344
loop1                7:1    0 55.5M  1 loop /snap/core18/2409
loop2                7:2    0 118.4M  1 loop /snap/docker/1779
loop3                7:3    0 61.9M  1 loop /snap/core20/1494
```

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loop4          7:4   0 102.4M 1 loop /snap/lxd/23243
loop5          7:5   0  61.9M 1 loop /snap/core20/1518
loop6          7:6   0 117.2M 1 loop /snap/docker/1767
loop7          7:7   0   47M 1 loop /snap/snapd/16292
loop8          7:8   0   47M 1 loop /snap/snapd/16010
loop10         7:10  0 102.4M 1 loop /snap/lxd/23270
sda            8:0   0  128G 0 disk
├─sda1         8:1   0    1M 0 part
├─sda2         8:2   0    1G 0 part /boot
└─sda3         8:3   0  127G 0 part
   └─ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 253:0  0 63.5G 0 lvm /
sdb            8:16  0  128G 0 disk
sr0           11:0   1 1024M 0 rom

```

The next step is to run a command to prep the new disk for the LVM format.

```

root@dock-host-2:~# pvcreate /dev/sdb
WARNING: dos signature detected on /dev/sdb at offset 510. Wipe it? [y/n]: y
Wiping dos signature on /dev/sdb.
Physical volume "/dev/sdb" successfully created.

```

Once the disk is ready we need to identify the the LVM name and use it to extend the volume with the new disk we set up.

```

root@dock-host-2:~# vgs
VG      #PV #LV #SN Attr   VSize   VFree
ubuntu-vg  1  1  0 wz--n- <127.00g 63.50g

```

Once we know the name of the Volume Group we can expand the Volume Group with the new disk.

```

root@dock-host-2:~# vgextend ubuntu-vg /dev/sdb
Volume group "ubuntu-vg" successfully extended

```

After the Volume Group has been extended we can run some commands to verify the new size. You can see in the example below that we have more space in our Volume Group.

```

root@dock-host-2:~# vgs
VG      #PV #LV #SN Attr   VSize  VFree
ubuntu-vg  2   1   0 wz--n- 254.99g <191.50g

root@dock-host-2:~# vgdisplay
--- Volume group ---
VG Name            ubuntu-vg
System ID
Format             lvm2
Metadata Areas     2
Metadata Sequence No 3
VG Access          read/write
VG Status          resizable
MAX LV             0
Cur LV            1
Open LV            1
Max PV             0
Cur PV            2
Act PV             2
VG Size            254.99 GiB
PE Size            4.00 MiB
Total PE           65278
Alloc PE / Size    16255 / <63.50 GiB
Free PE / Size     49023 / <191.50 GiB
VG UUID            CVE1jf-w4fj-FreW-Xn1p-i3gv-gzbh-GcpJdY

```

Now that the Volume Group is expanded we need to expand the Logical Volume and expand the Filesystem to use the new disk space. The commands below are used to check on the Logical Volume and then extend the Logical Volume.

```

root@dock-host-2:~# lvdisplay
--- Logical volume ---
LV Path            /dev/ubuntu-vg/ubuntu-lv
LV Name            ubuntu-lv
VG Name            ubuntu-vg
LV UUID            K5CEft-q6tF-cjxB-wCFh-f970-CTy9-07KYYk
LV Write Access    read/write
LV Creation host, time ubuntu-server, 2021-12-19 20:48:29 +0000
LV Status          available
# open             1
LV Size            <63.50 GiB
Current LE         16255

```

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Segments      1
Allocation    inherit
Read ahead sectors  auto
- currently set to 256
Block device   253:0
```

```
root@dock-host-2:~# lvextend -l +100%FREE /dev/ubuntu-vg/ubuntu-lv
Size of logical volume ubuntu-vg/ubuntu-lv changed from <63.50 GiB (16255
extents) to 254.99 GiB (65278 extents).
Logical volume ubuntu-vg/ubuntu-lv successfully resized.
```

The last step is the expand the filesystem and verify that there is more free space.

```
root@dock-host-2:~# resize2fs /dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv
resize2fs 1.46.3 (27-Jul-2021)
Filesystem at /dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv is mounted on /; on-line
resizing required
old_desc_blocks = 8, new_desc_blocks = 32
The filesystem on /dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv is now 66844672 (4k)
blocks long.
```

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tmpfs           7.9G   0  7.9G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs           5.0M   0  5.0M   0% /run/lock
/dev/sda2       974M 163M  745M  18% /boot
tmpfs           1.6G  4.0K  1.6G   1% /run/user/1000
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