

Change HostName

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To change the hostname of an Alma Linux instance, use the following procedure.

First, check the current hostname: from the console enter:

```
hostname  
or  
hostnamectl
```

This will give an output similar to below:

```
Static hostname: localhost.localdomain  
Icon name: computer-server  
Chassis: server  
Machine ID: 87b77afdf05948d88282bb44dc1e8386  
Boot ID: a7c17a79aa394c2f84758fa133c735cb  
Operating System: AlmaLinux 8.5 (Arctic Sphynx)  
CPE OS Name: cpe:/o:almalinux:almalinux:8::baseos  
Kernel: Linux 4.18.0-348.el8.x86_64  
Architecture: x86-64
```

In this example we can see that the hostname is the default value of **localhost.localdomain** and we want to change this to something that we can use and recognise.

To set the hostname use the following:

```
hostnamectl set-hostname 'your-hostname'
```

For example, lets say I want to change the hostname to be mailsvr, then I would use:

```
hostnamectl set-hostname mailsvr
```

We can now check the hostname from the console again using:

```
hostname  
or  
hostnamectl
```

The hostname returned will now be the one you set (mailsvr) in this example.

We also need to edit the following file:

```
/etc/hosts
```

Add a line at the end of the file with your **Alma Linux IP** and the **hostname** you just used:

```
127.0.0.1    controller localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4  
::1         controller localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6  
150.10.10.1  mailsvr
```

Now reboot the Alma Linux instance.

When you log back in, you should see your command prompt now contains your hostname:

```
[root@mailsvr /]#
```

Hostname setting is complete.

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