

# ifup and ifdown

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## Overview

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If have been using **ifup** and **ifdown** for quite some time now, and as far as i was aware the syntax was pretty simple, however I got really caught out the other day and wanted to share what I discovered (not entirely on my own, with the help of some other, way more clever people).

## Simple Syntax

So, to take down an interface, I would use the following:

```
ifdown eth1
```

Device 'eth1' successfully disconnected.

Simple, and to bring that interface back up:

```
ifup eth1
```

Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/3)

Wow, too easy. I use this normally when I have changed and IP Address and want to invoke that change quickly (without using the systemctl command or a reboot).

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