Extending a logical volume in VMWare machine

This article provides steps for extending the root partition residing in a logical volume created with Logical Volume Manager (LVM) in a virtual machine running Lucy.

Caution: We recommend to take a complete backup of the virtual machine prior to making these changes.

- 1. Power off the virtual machine.
- 2. Edit the virtual machine settings and extend the virtual disk size.

Device	Sumn	0350	Disk file			
Memory			lucy.vmdk			
Processors	1 GB 1					
Hard Disk (SCSI)	20 G	8	Capacity			
CD/DVD (IDE)			Current size: 8.8 GB			
Network Adapter	NAT		System free: 190.7 GB			
Display	Auto	detect	Maximum size: 20 GB			
		Expand Disk Capacity	>	<		
		Specify the maximum size f Maximum disk size (GB)	: <u>50.d</u> 2	this hard disk. nultiple files.		
		Expand increases only partitions and file syst	the size of a virtual disk. Sizes of ems are not affected.	local Map		
		3 Expa	nd Cancel Help	1 Expand		
			Compact disk to reclaim unuse	d space. Compact		
				Advanced		
		Add Remove				

For more information, see Increasing the size of a virtual disk (1004047).

3. Power on the virtual machine.

4. Print the partition table to verify the number of partitions by running the command:

fdisk -1

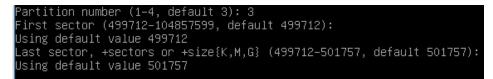
By default, there are 3: sda1, sda2 and sda5.

Device Boot	Start	End	Blocks	Id	System
/dev/sda1 *	2048	499711	248832	83	Linux
/dev/sda2	501758	41940991	20719617	5	Extended
/dev/sda5	501760	41940991	20719616	8e	Linux LVM

- 4. Create a new primary partition sda3:
 - a) Run the command:
 - # fdisk /dev/sda
 - b) Press <n> to create a new primary partition.
 - c) Press for primary.

Partit.	ion type:			
р	primary (1 primary, 1	L extended,	2	free)
1	logical (numbered fro	om 5)		
Select	(default p): p			

- d) Press <3> for the partition number.
- e) Press <Enter> two times.



- f) Press <t> to change the system's partition ID.
- g) Press <3> to select the newly creation partition.
- h) Type **8e** to change the Hex Code of the partition for Linux LVM.
- i) Press **<w>** to write the changes to the partition table.



- 5. Restart the virtual machine:
- # shutdown -r now

- 7. Verify whether sda3 has successfully created, by running the command:
- # fdisk -l

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oot@phishing:~# fdisk –l
Disk /dev/sda: 53.7 GB, 53687091200 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 6527 cylinders, total 104857600 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
Disk identifier: 0x0008d718
                      Start
   Device Boot
                                      End
                                                          Id
                                                              System
 dev/sda1
                      2048
                                                248832
                                                              Linux
 /dev/sda2
                     501758
                                41940991
                                             20719617
                                                              Extended
 'dev/sda3
                     499712
                                  501757
                                                              Linux LVM
                     501760
 'dev∕sda5
                                41940991
                                             20719616
                                                          8e Linux LVM
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8. Create another primary partition sda4:

a) Run the command:

- # fdisk /dev/sda
- b) Press <n> to create a new primary partition.
- c) Press for primary.

Partition type:		
p primary (2 primary, 1 extended,	1	free)
1 logical (numbered from 5)		
Select (default p): p		
Selected partition 4		

Note. The number of partition <4> was selected automatically.

d) Press <Enter> two times.

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First sector (41940992–104857599, default 41940992):
Using default value 41940992
Last sector, +sectors or +size{K,M,G} (41940992–104857599, default 104857599):
Using default value 104857599
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e) Press <t> to change the system's partition ID.

- f) Press <4> to select the newly creation partition.
- g) Type 8e to change the Hex Code of the partition for Linux LVM.

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Command (m for help): t
Partition number (1–5): 4
Hex code (type L to list codes): 8e
Changed system type of partition 4 to 8e (Linux LVM)
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- h) Press **<w>** to write the changes to the partition table.
- 9. Restart the virtual machine once again:

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# shutdown -r now
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10. Verify whether **sda4** has successfully created, by running the command:

fdisk -1

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root@phish	11ng: *	⊄†d1SK –I					
Disk /dev/sda: 53.7 GB, 53687091200 bytes							
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 6527 cylinders, total 104857600 sectors							
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes							
Sector siz	ze (log	(ical/physic	al): 512 byt	es / 512 but	es		
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes							
Disk identifier: 0x0008d718							
Device	Root	Start	End	Blocks	Id	Sustem	
/dev/sda1		2048	499711	248832	83	Linux	
/dev/sda2		501758	41940991	20719617	5	Extended	
/dev/sda3		499712	501757	1023	8e	Linux LVM	
/dev/sda4		41940992	104857599	31458304	8e	Linux LVM	
/dev/sda5		501760	41940991	20719616	8e	Linux LVM	

11. Run this command to convert the new partition to a physical volume:

pvcreate /dev/sda4

root@phishing:~# pvcreate /dev/sda4 Writing physical volume data to disk "/dev/sda4" Physical volume "/dev/sda4" successfully created

12. Run this command to extend the physical volume:

vgextend phishing /dev/sda4

root@phishing:~# vgextend phishing /dev/sda4 Volume group "phishing" successfully extended

13. Run this command to verify how many physical extents are available to the Volume Group:

vgdisplay phishing | grep "Free"

root@phishing:~# vgdisplay phishing | grep "Free" | Free PE / Size 7680 / 30.00 GiB

14. Run the following command to extend the Logical Volume:

lvextend -L+#G /dev/phishing/root

Where <**#**> is the number of Free space in GB available as per the previous command. Use the full number output from Step 13 including any decimals.

root@phishing:~# lvextend	-L+30.00G /dev/phishing/root
Extending logical volume	e root to 48.91 GiB
Logical volume root succ	cessfully resized

15. Run the following command to expand the ext3 filesystem online, inside of the Logical Volume:

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# resize2fs /dev/phishing/root
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root@phishing:~# resize2fs /dev/phishing/root
resize2fs 1.42.5 (29–Jul–2012)
Filesystem at /dev/phishing/root is mounted on /; on–line resizing required
old_desc_blocks = 2, new_desc_blocks = 4
Performing an on–line resize of /dev/phishing/root to 12820480 (4k) blocks.
The filesystem on /dev/phishing/root is now 12820480 blocks long.
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16. Run the following command to verify that the / filesystem has the new space available:

df -h

root@phishing:∼# df –h					
Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
rootfs	49G	4.5G	42G	10%	
udev	10M	0	10M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	101M	236K	101M	1%	/run
/dev/mapper/phishing-root	49G	4.5G	42G	10%	
tmpfs	5.0M	0	5.OM	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	202M	0	202M	0%	/run/shm
/dev/sda1	228M	17M	200M	8%	/boot