

Cron





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The **cron** service allows us to schedule commands to run at regular intervals like:

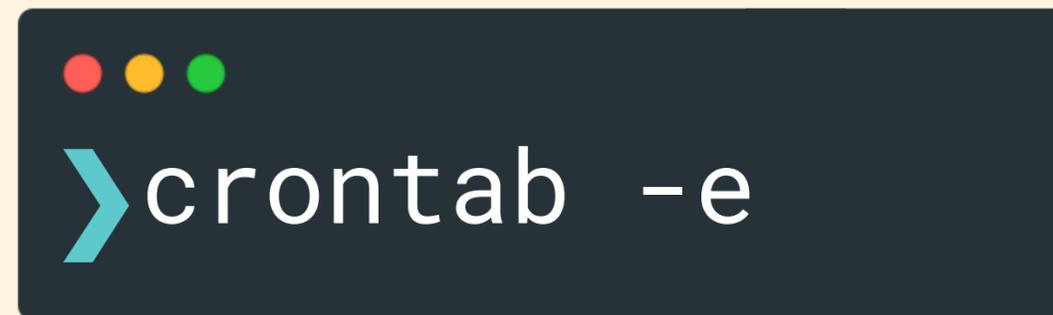
- Every 30 minutes
- Every day at midnight
- Every 1st of the month
- Every December 15th





Editing the crontab

To set up a cron job, we need to edit the crontab configuration file. Rather than edit the files directly, it's best to use the `crontab -e` command.

A dark-themed terminal window with three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) at the top left. A light blue prompt character is followed by the text `crontab -e` in white.

```
>crontab -e
```





Cron Syntax

a b c d e command

Minute
0-59

Hour
0-23

Day
1-31

Month
1-12

Day(of week)
0-6





Cron Characters

* Any value

5,6 List of values
(5 and 6)

1-4 Range of values
(1 to 4)

*/5 Step values
(every 5)

0

Minute
0-59

4

Hour
0-23

8-14

Day
1-31

*

Month
1-12

*

Day(of week)
0-6





Run a job **at minute 30**, every hour
(every time the clock shows x:30)

30 * * * * command

Minute	Hour	Day	Month	Day(of week)
0-59	0-23	1-31	1-12	0-6





Run a job **every day at midnight**
(when hour is 0 and minute is 0)

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0

*

*

*

command

Minute
0-59

Hour
0-23

Day
1-31

Month
1-12

Day(of week)
0-6





Run a job **every day at 6:30AM**
(when hour is 6 and minute is 30)

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6

*

*

*

command

Minute
0-59

Hour
0-23

Day
1-31

Month
1-12

Day(of week)
0-6





Run a job **every monday at 6:30AM**

30 **6** ***** ***** **1** **command**

Minute	Hour	Day	Month	Day(of week)	
0-59	0-23	1-31	1-12	0-6	





Run a job **every monday in April at 6:30AM**

30 **6** ***** **4** **1** **command**

Minute	Hour	Day	Month	Day(of week)	
0-59	0-23	1-31	1-12	0-6	





Run a job at midnight
on the first of every month

0 0 1 * * command

Minute
0-59

Hour
0-23

Day
1-31

Month
1-12

Day(of week)
0-6





Run a job at midnight
every weekday (monday-friday)

0

0

*

*

1-5

command

Minute
0-59

Hour
0-23

Day
1-31

Month
1-12

Day(of week)
0-6





Run a job **every 5 minutes**

* / 5 * * * * command

Minute	Hour	Day	Month	Day(of week)	
0-59	0-23	1-31	1-12	0-6	

