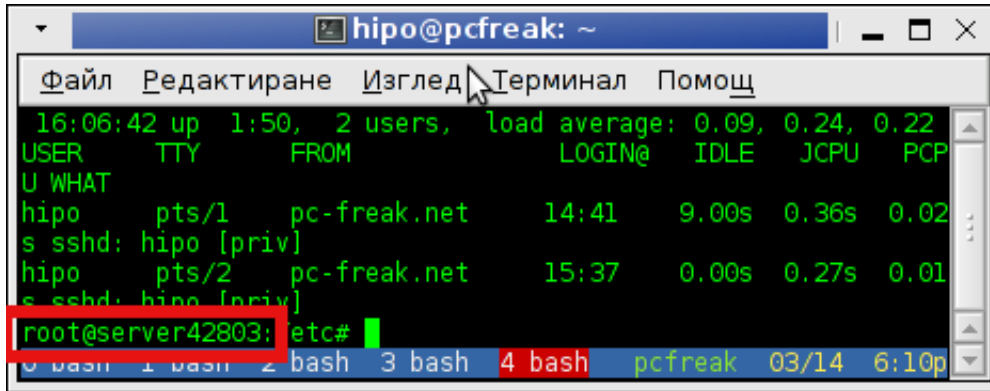# How to change hostname permanently on Debian and Ubuntu Linux

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I had to configure a newly purchased dedicated server from **UK2**. New servers cames shipped with some random assigned node hostname like *server42803*. This is pretty annoying, and has to be changed especially if your company has a *naming server policy* in some format like; company-s1#, company-s2#, company-sN#.

Changing hostname via hosts definition file **/etc/hosts** to assign the IP address of the host to the hostname is not enough for changing the hostname shown in shell via SSH user login.

To display full hostname on Debian and Ubuntu, had to type:

server42803:~# hostname
server42803.uk2net.com

To change permanently server host to lets say *company-s5*;

 server42803:~# cat /etc/hostname | \
sed -e 's#server42803.uk2net.com#company-s5#' > /etc/hostname

To change for current logged in SSH session:

 server42803:~# hostname company-s5
company-s5:~#

Finally because already old hostname is red by sshd, you have to also restart **sshd** for new hostname to be visible on user ssh:

company-s5:~# /etc/init.d/ssh restart
...

As well as run script: 2 / 2

company-s5:~# /etc/init.d/hostname.sh

Mission change host accomplished, Enjoy :)