

LogRotate

LogRotate Configuration.

<https://www.redhat.com/sysadmin/setting-logrotate>

If not installed already (it usually is), install the logrotate service:

```
apt install logrotate
```

```
yum install logrotate
```

Configuration of logrotate

/etc/logrotate.conf - used to define default parameters for logrotate

/etc/logrotate.d - used for configuring logrotate for specific logs

example configuration:

```
/root/.unison/unison.log {  
    rotate 7  
    daily  
    compress  
    missingok  
    notifempty  
}
```

Common options you may see used in a configuration file include:

- `compress` - this indicates the log files should be compressed once rotated. `gzip` is used by default.
- `daily` / `weekly` / `monthly` / `yearly` - this specifies that the log file should be rotated every day, week, or month.
- `ifempty` / `notifempty` - these specify whether to either rotate the log file even if it's empty, or to not rotate the log file if it's empty, respectively.
- `missingok` / `notmissingok` - these options will either not generate an error, or will generate an error if the log file does not exist. `notmissingok` is the default.
- `rotate` - this is supplied with a number argument, which specifies how many times the log files are rotated before being removed.
- `size` - this specifies the size a log file has to reach before it is rotated.

Running LogRotate

LogRotate usually comes set up with a daily cron:

```
ls /etc/cron.daily/  
apport  apt-compat  dpkg  logrotate  man-db  plocate
```

You can also run a logrotate configuration at any time:

```
logrotate name
```

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