



## ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'btrfs-replace.8'***

**C:\>man btrfs-replace.8**

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### NAME

btrfs-replace - replace devices managed by btrfs with other device.

### SYNOPSIS

btrfs replace <subcommand> <args>

### DESCRIPTION

btrfs replace is used to replace btrfs managed devices with other device.

### SUBCOMMAND

cancel <mount\_point>

Cancel a running device replace operation.

start [-Bfr] <srcdev>|<devid> <targetdev> <path>

Replace device of a btrfs filesystem.

On a live filesystem, duplicate the data to the target device which is currently stored on the source device. If the source device is not available anymore, or if the -r option is set, the data is built only using the RAID redundancy mechanisms. After completion of the operation, the source device is removed from the filesystem. If the <srcdev> is a numerical value, it is assumed to be the device id of the filesystem which is mounted at <path>, otherwise it is the path to the source device. If the source device is disconnected, from the system, you have to use the devid parameter format. The <targetdev> needs to be same size or larger than the <srcdev>.

Note

the filesystem has to be resized to fully take advantage of a larger target device; this can be achieved with `btrfs filesystem resize <devid>:max /path`

## Options

`-r`

only read from `<srcdev>` if no other zero-defect mirror exists. (enable this if your drive has lots of read errors, the access would be very slow)

`-f`

force using and overwriting `<targetdev>` even if it looks like it contains a valid btrfs filesystem.

A valid filesystem is assumed if a btrfs superblock is found which contains a correct checksum. Devices that are currently mounted are never allowed to be used as the `<targetdev>`.

`-B`

no background replace.

`status [-1] <mount_point>`

Print status and progress information of a running device replace operation.

## Options

`-1`

print once instead of print continuously until the replace operation finishes (or is cancelled)

## EXAMPLES

Replacing an online drive with a bigger one

Given the filesystem:

```
Label: 'MyVault' uuid: ae20903e-b72d-49ba-b944-901fc6d888a1
```

```
Total devices 2 FS bytes used 1TiB
```

```
devid 1 size 1TiB used 500.00GiB path /dev/sda
```

```
devid 2 size 1TiB used 500.00GiB path /dev/sdb
```

In order to replace `/dev/sda` (devid 1) with a bigger drive located at `/dev/sdc` you would run the following:

```
btrfs replace start 1 /dev/sdc /mnt/my-vault/
```

You can monitor progress by:

```
btrfs replace status /mnt/my-vault/
```

After the replacement is complete, as per the docs at `btrfs-filesystem(8)` in order

to use the entire storage space of the new drive you need to run:

```
btrfs filesystem resize 1:max /mnt/my-vault/
```

## EXIT STATUS

btrfs replace returns a zero exit status if it succeeds. Non zero is returned in case of failure.

## AVAILABILITY

btrfs is part of btrfs-progs. Please refer to the btrfs wiki

<http://btrfs.wiki.kernel.org> for further details.

## SEE ALSO

mkfs.btrfs(8), btrfs-device(8), btrfs-filesystem(8),

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