



## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'vgextend.8' command***

**\$ man vgextend.8**

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### NAME

vgextend ? Add physical volumes to a volume group

### SYNOPSIS

vgextend position\_args

[ option\_args ]

### DESCRIPTION

vgextend adds one or more PVs to a VG. This increases the space avail?

able for LVs in the VG.

Also, PVs that have gone missing and then returned, e.g. due to a tran?

sient device failure, can be added back to the VG without re-initializ?

ing them (see --restoremissing).

If the specified PVs have not yet been initialized with pvcreate, vgex?

tend will initialize them. In this case pvcreate options can be used,

e.g. --labelsector, --metadatasize, --metadataignore, --pvmetadata?

copies, --dataalignment, --dataalignmentoffset.

### USAGE

vgextend VG PV ...

[ -A|--autobackup y|n ]

[ -f|--force ]

[ -Z|--zero y|n ]

[ -M|--metadatatype lvm2 ]

[ --labelsector Number ]

[ --metadatasize Size[m|UNIT] ]  
[ --pvmetadatacopies 0|1|2 ]  
[ --metadataignore y|n ]  
[ --dataalignment Size[k|UNIT] ]  
[ --dataalignmentoffset Size[k|UNIT] ]  
[ --reportformat basic|json|json\_std ]  
[ --restoremissing ]  
[ COMMON\_OPTIONS ]

Common options for lvm:

[ -d|--debug ]  
[ -h|--help ]  
[ -q|--quiet ]  
[ -t|--test ]  
[ -v|--verbose ]  
[ -y|--yes ]  
[ --commandprofile String ]  
[ --config String ]  
[ --devices PV ]  
[ --devicesfile String ]  
[ --driverloaded y|n ]  
[ --journal String ]  
[ --lockopt String ]  
[ --longhelp ]  
[ --nohints ]  
[ --nolocking ]  
[ --profile String ]  
[ --version ]

## OPTIONS

-A|--autobackup y|n

Specifies if metadata should be backed up automatically after a change. Enabling this is strongly advised! See `vgcfgbackup(8)` for more information.

--commandprofile String

The command profile to use for command configuration. See `lvm.conf(5)` for more information about profiles.

**--config String**

Config settings for the command. These override `lvm.conf(5)` settings. The String arg uses the same format as `lvm.conf(5)`, or may use section/field syntax. See `lvm.conf(5)` for more information about config.

**--dataalignment Size[k|UNIT]**

Align the start of a PV data area with a multiple of this number. To see the location of the first Physical Extent (PE) of an existing PV, use `pvs -o +pe_start`. In addition, it may be shifted by an alignment offset, see `--dataalignmentoffset`. Also specify an appropriate PE size when creating a VG.

**--dataalignmentoffset Size[k|UNIT]**

Shift the start of the PV data area by this additional offset.

**-d|--debug ...**

Set debug level. Repeat from 1 to 6 times to increase the detail of messages sent to the log file and/or syslog (if configured).

**--devices PV**

Restricts the devices that are visible and accessible to the command. Devices not listed will appear to be missing. This option can be repeated, or accepts a comma separated list of devices. This overrides the devices file.

**--devicesfile String**

A file listing devices that LVM should use. The file must exist in `/etc/lvm/devices/` and is managed with the `lvmdevices(8)` command. This overrides the `lvm.conf(5)` `devices/devicesfile` and `devices/use_devicesfile` settings.

**--driverloaded y|n**

If set to no, the command will not attempt to use device-mapper. For testing and debugging.

**-f|--force ...**

Override various checks, confirmations and protections. Use

with extreme caution.

`-h|--help`

Display help text.

`--journal String`

Record information in the systemd journal. This information is in addition to information enabled by the `lvm.conf log/journal` setting. `command`: record information about the command. `out?` put: record the default command output. `debug`: record full command debugging.

`--labelsector Number`

By default the PV is labelled with an LVM2 identifier in its second sector (sector 1). This lets you use a different sector near the start of the disk (between 0 and 3 inclusive - see `LA? BEL_SCAN_SECTORS` in the source). Use with care.

`--lockopt String`

Used to pass options for special cases to `lvmlockd`. See `lvm? lockd(8)` for more information.

`--longhelp`

Display long help text.

`--metadataignore y|n`

Specifies the `metadataignore` property of a PV. If yes, metadata areas on the PV are ignored, and `lvm` will not store metadata in the metadata areas of the PV. If no, `lvm` will store metadata on the PV.

`--metadatasize Size[m|UNIT]`

The approximate amount of space used for each VG metadata area.

The size may be rounded.

`-M|--metadatatype lvm2`

Specifies the type of on-disk metadata to use. `lvm2` (or just `2`) is the current, standard format. `lvm1` (or just `1`) is no longer used.

`--nohints`

Do not use the hints file to locate devices for PVs. A command

may read more devices to find PVs when hints are not used. The command will still perform standard hint file invalidation where appropriate.

#### `--nolocking`

Disable locking. Use with caution, concurrent commands may produce incorrect results.

#### `--profile String`

An alias for `--commandprofile` or `--metadataprofile`, depending on the command.

#### `--pvmetadatacopies 0|1|2`

The number of metadata areas to set aside on a PV for storing VG metadata. When 2, one copy of the VG metadata is stored at the front of the PV and a second copy is stored at the end. When 1, one copy of the VG metadata is stored at the front of the PV. When 0, no copies of the VG metadata are stored on the given PV. This may be useful in VGs containing many PVs (this places limitations on the ability to use `vgsplit` later.)

#### `-q|--quiet ...`

Suppress output and log messages. Overrides `--debug` and `--verbose`. Repeat once to also suppress any prompts with answer 'no'.

#### `--reportformat basic|json|json_std`

Overrides current output format for reports which is defined globally by the `report/output_format` setting in `lvm.conf(5)`. `basic` is the original format with columns and rows. If there is more than one report per command, each report is prefixed with the report name for identification. `json` produces report output in JSON format. `json_std` produces report output in JSON format which is more compliant with JSON standard. See `lvmreport(7)` for more information.

#### `--restoremissing`

Add a PV back into a VG after the PV was missing and then returned, e.g. due to a transient failure. The PV is not reinitia-

tialized.

**-t|--test**

Run in test mode. Commands will not update metadata. This is implemented by disabling all metadata writing but nevertheless returning success to the calling function. This may lead to unusual error messages in multi-stage operations if a tool relies on reading back metadata it believes has changed but hasn't.

**-v|--verbose ...**

Set verbose level. Repeat from 1 to 4 times to increase the default of messages sent to stdout and stderr.

**--version**

Display version information.

**-y|--yes**

Do not prompt for confirmation interactively but always assume the answer yes. Use with extreme caution. (For automatic no, see -qq.)

**-Z|--zero y|n**

Controls if the first 4 sectors (2048 bytes) of the device are wiped. The default is to wipe these sectors unless either or both of --restorefile or --uuid are specified.

## VARIABLES

**VG** Volume Group name. See lvm(8) for valid names.

**PV** Physical Volume name, a device path under /dev. For commands managing physical extents, a PV positional arg generally accepts a suffix indicating a range (or multiple ranges) of physical extents (PEs). When the first PE is omitted, it defaults to the start of the device, and when the last PE is omitted it defaults to end. Start and end range (inclusive): PV[:PE-PE]... Start and length range (counting from 0): PV[:PE+PE]...

**String** See the option description for information about the string content.

**Size[UNIT]**

Size is an input number that accepts an optional unit. Input

units are always treated as base two values, regardless of capitalization, e.g. 'k' and 'K' both refer to 1024. The default input unit is specified by letter, followed by |UNIT. UNIT represents other possible input units: b|B is bytes, s|S is sectors of 512 bytes, k|K is KiB, m|M is MiB, g|G is GiB, t|T is TiB, p|P is PiB, e|E is EiB. (This should not be confused with the output control --units, where capital letters mean multiple of 1000.)

## ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

See `lvm(8)` for information about environment variables used by `lvm`.

For example, `LVM_VG_NAME` can generally be substituted for a required `VG` parameter.

## EXAMPLES

Add two PVs to a VG.

```
vgextend vg00 /dev/sda4 /dev/sdn1
```

## SEE ALSO

`lvm(8)`, `lvm.conf(5)`, `lvmconfig(8)`, `lvmdevices(8)`,  
`pvchange(8)`, `pvck(8)`, `pvcreate(8)`, `pvdisplay(8)`, `pvmove(8)`,  
`pvremove(8)`, `pvresize(8)`, `pvs(8)`, `pvscan(8)`,  
`vgcfgbackup(8)`, `vgcfgrestore(8)`, `vgchange(8)`, `vgck(8)`, `vgcreate(8)`,  
`vgconvert(8)`, `vgdisplay(8)`, `vgexport(8)`, `vgextend(8)`, `vgimport(8)`,  
`vgimportclone(8)`, `vgimportdevices(8)`, `vgmerge(8)`, `vgmknodes(8)`,  
`vgreduce(8)`, `vgremove(8)`, `vgrename(8)`, `vgs(8)`, `vgscan(8)`, `vgsplit(8)`,  
`lvcreate(8)`, `lvchange(8)`, `lvconvert(8)`, `lvdisplay(8)`, `lvextend(8)`,  
`lvreduce(8)`, `lvremove(8)`, `lvrename(8)`, `lvresize(8)`, `lvs(8)`, `lvscan(8)`,  
`lvm-fullreport(8)`, `lvm-lvpoll(8)`, `blkdeactivate(8)`, `lvmddump(8)`,  
`dmeventd(8)`, `lvmpolld(8)`, `lvmlockd(8)`, `lvmlockctl(8)`, `cmirrord(8)`,  
`lvmdbusd(8)`, `fsadm(8)`,  
`lvmsystemid(7)`, `lvmreport(7)`, `lvraid(7)`, `lvthin(7)`, `lvmdcache(7)`