

Reinstall

Learn how to reinstall your Vultr Optimized Cloud Compute instance to reset it to a fresh state.

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How to Reinstall a Vultr Optimized Cloud Compute Instance

Introduction

Reinstalling an instance wipes the file system, resets all configurations, and reinstalls the operating system. Any data on the instance's file system is permanently deleted and cannot be recovered unless a backup or snapshot is available in your Vultr account.

Follow this guide to reinstall a Vultr Optimized Cloud Compute instance using the Vultr Customer Portal, API, CLI, or Terraform.

Warning

Reinstalling an instance will wipe all data and reinstall the operating system.

Vultr Customer Portal

1. Navigate to **Products** and click **Compute**.
2. Click your target Vultr Optimized Cloud Compute instance to open its management page.
3. Click **Server Reinstall** on the top-right navigation menu.
4. Check the confirmation prompt and click **Reinstall Server** to apply the changes.

Vultr API

1. Send a `GET` request to the [List Instances endpoint](#) and note your target instance's ID.

CONSOLE

```
$ curl "https://api.vultr.com/v2/instances" \  
-X GET \  
-H "Authorization: Bearer ${VULTR_API_KEY}"
```

2. Send a `POST` request to the [Reinstall Instance endpoint](#) to reinstall the target instance.

CONSOLE

```
$ curl "https://api.vultr.com/v2/instances/{instance-id}/reinstall" \  
-X POST \  
-H "Authorization: Bearer ${VULTR_API_KEY}" \  

```

Vultr CLI

1. List all available instances and note your target instance's ID.

CONSOLE

```
$ vultr-cli instance list
```

2. Reinstall the target instance.

CONSOLE

```
$ vultr-cli instance reinstall <instance_id>
```

Terraform

1. Open your Terraform configuration for the existing Optimized Cloud Compute instance.
2. Trigger a reinstall by replacing the instance during apply.

CONSOLE

```
$ terraform apply -replace=vultr_instance.occ
```

3. Apply the configuration and observe the following output:

```
Apply complete! Resources: 1 added, 0 changed, 1 destroyed.
```



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