

Changing the hostname

Since Cloud-Init constantly checks the configuration of the server and corrects it in case of doubt, the service must be deactivated for corresponding local changes.

1. Edit the configuration file:
`nano /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg`
2. The values of the parameters "preserve_hostname" and "manage_etc_hosts" must be changed as followed:
`preserve_hostname: true manage_etc_hosts: false`
3. Now the hostname can be edited:
`nano /etc/hostname`
4. To ensure a correct resolution of the hostname, the entry in the hosts file must also be updated
`nano /etc/hosts`
A corresponding entry would look like this
<IP of the server> <Full Qualified Domain Name> (*10.0.0.1 myexampledomain.com*)
5. Finally, the system must be restarted.
`reboot`
6. Now you should use `hostname -f` to check if the changes have taken effect.