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# Create the systemd service

## Create the service file

```
vim /lib/systemd/system/nginx.service
```

## service file contents

```
[Unit]
Description=The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
After=syslog.target network.target remote-fs.target nss-lookup.target

[Service]
Type=forking
PIDFile=/var/run/nginx/nginx.pid
# Nginx will fail to start if /var/run/nginx/nginx.pid already exists but
# has the wrong
# SELinux context. This might happen when running `nginx -t` from the
# cmdline.
# https://bugzilla.redhat.com/show_bug.cgi?id=1268621
ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t
ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx
ExecReload=/bin/kill -s HUP $MAINPID
ExecStop=/bin/kill -s QUIT $MAINPID
PrivateTmp=true

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

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