certbot-dns-linode Documentation

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API DOCUMENTATION

Certbot plugins implement the Certbot plugins API, and do not otherwise have an external API. The `dns_linode` plugin automates the process of completing a `dns-01` challenge (`DNS01`) by creating, and subsequently removing, TXT records using the Linode API.

Note: The plugin is not installed by default. It can be installed by heading to certbot.eff.org, choosing your system and selecting the Wildcard tab.

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NAMED ARGUMENTS

`--dns-linode-c`	Linode *credentials* INI file. (Required)
`--dns-linode-p`	The number of seconds to wait for DNS to propagate before asking the ACME server to verify the DNS record. (Default: 120 because Linode updates its first DNS every 60 seconds and we allow 60 more seconds for the update to reach other 5 servers)

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CREDENTIALS

Use of this plugin requires a configuration file containing Linode API credentials, obtained from your Linode account's Applications & API Tokens page (legacy) or Applications & API Tokens page (new).

Listing 1: Example credentials file:

```
# Linode API credentials used by Certbot
dns_linode_key = 0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ64
dns_linode_version = 4
```

The path to this file can be provided interactively or using the `--dns-linode-credentials` command-line argument. Certbot records the path to this file for use during renewal, but does not store the file's contents.

Caution: You should protect these API credentials as you would the password to your Linode account. Users who can read this file can use these credentials to issue arbitrary API calls on your behalf. Users who can cause Certbot to run using these credentials can complete a `dns-01` challenge to acquire new certificates or revoke existing certificates for associated domains, even if those domains aren't being managed by this server.

Certbot will emit a warning if it detects that the credentials file can be accessed by other users on your system. The warning reads "Unsafe permissions on credentials configuration file", followed by the path to the credentials file. This warning will be emitted each time Certbot uses the credentials file, including for renewal, and cannot be silenced except by addressing the issue (e.g., by using a command like `chmod 600` to restrict access to the file).

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EXAMPLES

Listing 1: To acquire a certificate for `example.com`

```
certbot certonly \
  --dns-linode \
  --dns-linode-credentials ~/.secrets/certbot/linode.ini \
  -d example.com
```

Listing 2: To acquire a single certificate for both `example.com` and `www.example.com`

```
certbot certonly \
  --dns-linode \
  --dns-linode-credentials ~/.secrets/certbot/linode.ini \
  -d example.com \
  -d www.example.com
```

Listing 3: To acquire a certificate for `example.com`, waiting 120 seconds for DNS propagation (Linode updates its first DNS every minute and we allow some extra time for the update to reach other 5 servers)

```
certbot certonly \
  --dns-linode \
  --dns-linode-credentials ~/.secrets/certbot/linode.ini \
  --dns-linode-propagation-seconds 120 \
  -d example.com
```

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