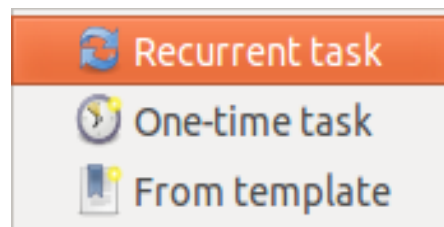


REGULAR BACKUPS USING GRIVE ON UBUNTU - II

Crontab

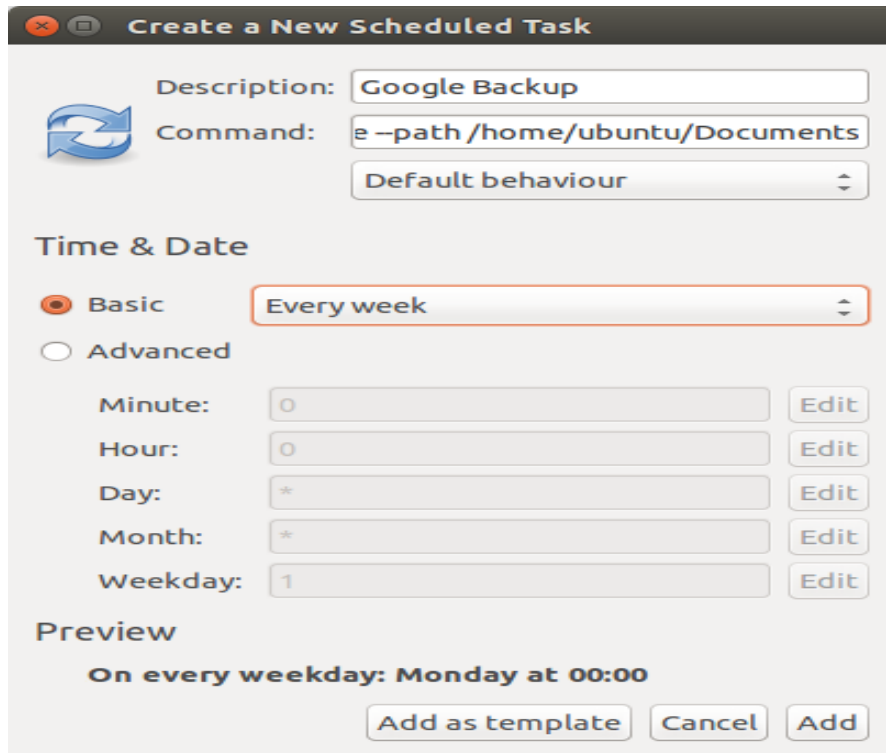
Grive won't do backups unless you run it. But being a CLI application which requires no user input to start the backup it can be run from a scheduled task.

Instead of manually editing the *crontab* file, I chose the GUI solution: GNOME Schedule. Install it with *sudo apt-get install gnome-schedule*. Run it from Dash or from Terminal (*gnome-schedule*). On the main window, click the drop-down arrow next to *New* and add a *Recurrent Task*.

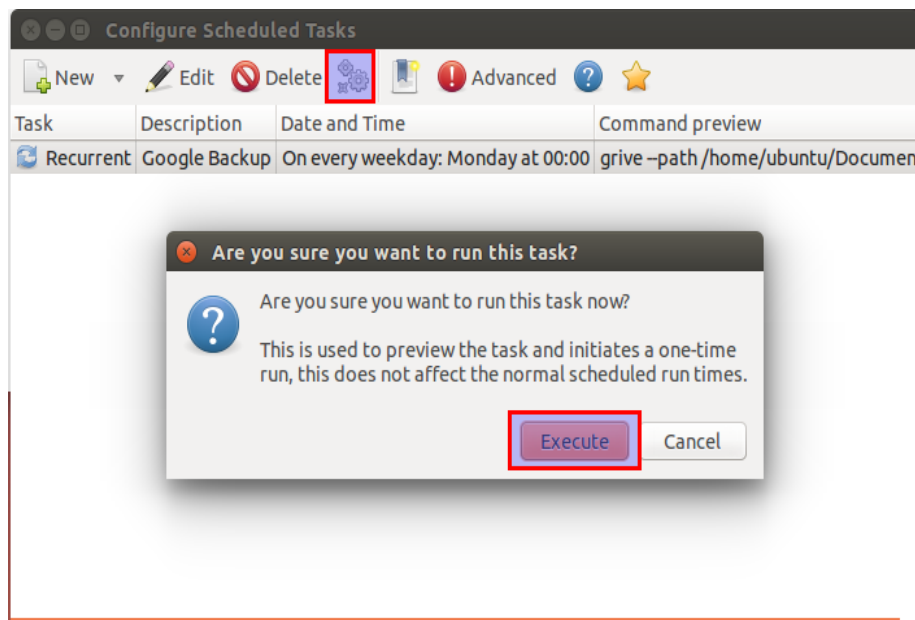


Make it run every week (or how often you want). The command is:

```
grive --path /home/<username>/Documents
```



Click the *Add* button. Now, to test the task, click the *Run* button in the main window and ignore any warnings.

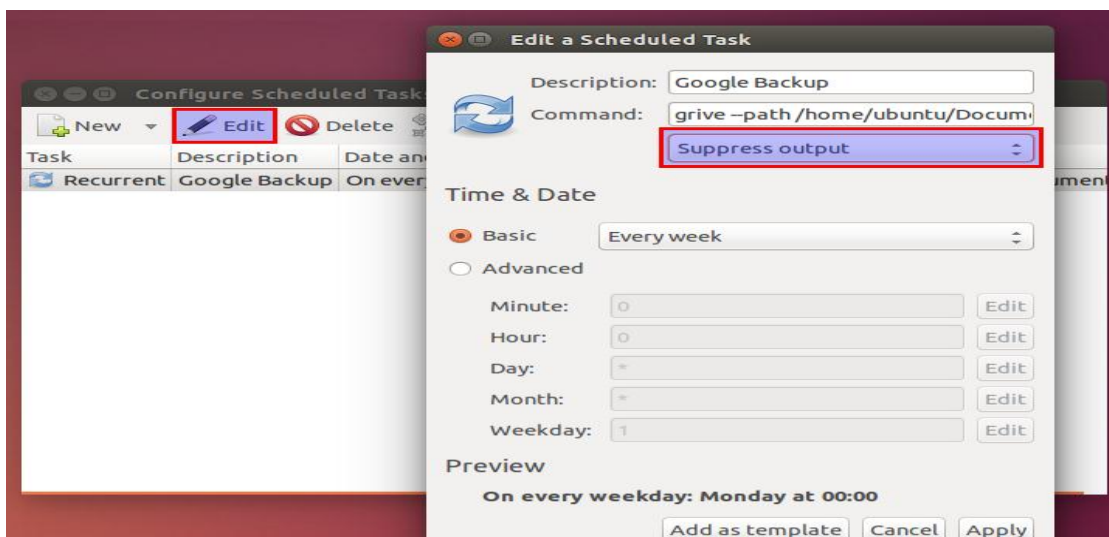


If you see something like in the below screenshot, everything worked good.

```
Terminal
Reading local directories
Synchronizing folders
Reading remote server file list
Detecting changes from last sync
Synchronizing files
Finished!
Press ENTER to continue and close this window.
```

If Grive starts synchronizing again all files and uploads other files than you know you have in the selected folder, it means you got the path wrong. Check again the command and use absolute paths.

Now that everything works, you might want to suppress output from Grive. Edit the task as follows:



Source: <http://onetransistor.blogspot.in/2014/09/regular-backups-using-grive-on-ubuntu.html>