

The following example executes the `/home/sathiya/backup.sh` script once in every 7 days.

On the day when the `backup.sh` job is supposed to be executed, if the system is down for some reason, `anacron` will execute the `backup.sh` script 15 minutes after the system comes back up (without having to wait for another 7 days).

```
# cat /etc/anacrontab

7      15      test.daily      /bin/sh
/home/sathiya/backup.sh
```

START_HOURS_RANGE and RANDOM_DELAY

The above example indicates that the `backup.sh` script should be executed every day, with a delay of 15 mins. i.e. When the laptop was started, it was only executed after 15 minutes.

What happens when the laptop or desktop was not shutdown? When does the job get executed? This is specified by the `START_HOURS_RANGE` environment variable in the `/etc/anacrontab` file.

By default this is set to 3-22 in the file. This indicates the time range from 3 a.m to 10 p.m.

```
# grep START /etc/anacrontab

START_HOURS_RANGE=3-22
```