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Thread: [Creating a new user with sudo privileges](#)

iCyber - December 26, 2015, 6:51 am

How to add user with sudo privileges in Ubuntu 14.04 via Terminal/SSH:

First when you start up enter:

```
$ adduser USERNAME
```

You have just created a new user.

Next you want to open up visudo by typing:

```
$ visudo
```

From here you will be able to give a user sudo privileges.

Use your arrow keys to navigate down to:

```
# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
```

You are going to want to hit the "O" key and edit the file to look like this:

```
# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
USERNAME ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
```

Next hit [ESC] and then type ":X" and hit [ENTER]

Congratulations, you now have a user with sudo privileges!

To switch to your new user type:

```
$ su USERNAME
```

It will prompt you for the password you set up when you created the user.

Your command line will then look something like this:

```
USERNAME@HOST:/root$
```

Then if you type "\$ cd" it will take you back to the normal directory of "USERNAME@HOST~\$"

Thanks for following this tutorial, I hope it was useful!

Pastebin ----> <https://pastebin.com/zRVpUD9G>

Kumara - December 26, 2015, 6:51 am

```
useradd -ou 0 -g 0 Example
```

passwd Example

^ Adds a user with root privileges.

Loki123 - December 26, 2015, 8:04 am

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iCyber - December 26, 2015, 8:14 am

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Trip2nite - December 27, 2015, 6:32 am

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iCyber - December 27, 2015, 6:45 am

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Trip2nite - December 27, 2015, 7:50 am

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Loki123 - December 27, 2015, 7:53 am

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Trip2nite - December 27, 2015, 8:39 am

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Don't worry, I have no intention to keep this thread alive any further. :)

muttaqun - January 1, 2016, 8:57 am

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```
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gpasswd -a USER sudo
```

iCyber - January 1, 2016, 10:04 am

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```
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Why did you gravedig?
```

muttaqun - January 1, 2016, 12:32 pm

(Jan 1, 2016 11:04 AM)iCyber Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why did you gravedig?
My bad. I didn't know it has been dead for a while