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Thread: [Assign a user sudo privs?](#)

SSYN-UDP - May 3, 2017, 5:04 am

Hello community,

I have been informed and done some research that staying logged in as root is damaging or can cause damage to your system. This being said I have attempted to create a new user. However using this method k4linux.com/2015/09/kali-linux-20-tutorials-add-non-root-user.html I had no success. When I enter that command all that happens is I remain in terminal on the next line down as root@kali #

However somehow I did manage to create an account called " yourusername " however the problem is when I log into this account (which works fine) when I for example run " sudo user " and then enter my password. It informs me I do not have Sudo Privs and that this event has been reported. How is it possible to assign this account the correct privs?

Thank you,

Liam

deadsh0t - May 4, 2017, 5:59 am

edit /etc/sudoers

you should see 1 user that has sudo right already wich is root
copy and paste that line and replace root with your username

SSYN-UDP - May 4, 2017, 6:10 am

Thank you very much. That's worked a treat. It's probably clear that I am still getting used to Linux. Sorry if the questions seem a little basic.

deadsh0t - May 4, 2017, 6:26 am

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Nah no problem we all gotta start somewhere right

Pillus - May 4, 2017, 12:34 pm

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deadsh0t - May 5, 2017, 12:25 am

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that wouldnt be a problem in particullar since you could just delete the user or change what you did since it is 2 lines that you added

you could also just make a copy of the sudoers files beforehand

But still nice thinking