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Linux Change Default User Home Directory While Adding A New User

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Q. By default user is added to /home directory. I'd like to add user to /iscsi/home/\${user} directory instead of default /home. How do I force useradd to add user to /iscsi/home under CentOS / RHEL / Fedora Linux?

A. Default values for account creation defined in /etc/default/useradd file under CentOS / RHEL / Fedora / Debian / Ubuntu and other Linux distros. Simply open this file using a text editor:

```
# vi /etc/default/useradd
```

The default home directory defined by HOME variable, find line that read as follows:

```
HOME=/home
```

Replace with:

```
HOME=/iscsi/user
```

Save and close the file. Now you can add user using regular useradd command:

```
# useradd vivek
```

```
# passwd vivek
```

Verify user information:

```
# finger vivek
```

Output:

```
Login: vivek                      Name: Vivek Gite
Directory: /iscsi/user/vivek      Shell: /bin/bash
Last login Thu Sep 13 07:58 2007 (IST) on pts/1 from 10.16.15.2
No mail.
No Plan.
```

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