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Allow root account to use SSH (openssh)

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Q. Previous admin blocked root access to ssh server. How do I allow root account access to ssh server?

A. Allowing direct root access [2] over ssh is a security risk. However following steps will allow you to login as root over ssh session:

Open sshd_config file:
vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config

[1]

Find out line that read as follows:
PermitRootLogin no
Set it as follows:
PermitRootLogin yes

Find out line that read as follows (this line may not exists in your configuration):

```
DenyUsers root user2 user3
```

Set is as follows:

```
DenyUsers user2 user3
```

Save and close the file. Restart the sshd:

```
# /etc/init.d/ssh restart
```

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