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Ubuntu Linux root Password (Default Password)

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I have just installed Ubuntu Linux. But, what is the default root password? I can only login as a normal user. How do I login as root user?

This is the mystery for most users - you didn't set a root password, so what is it? The root user (also known as superuser), is a user on Ubuntu Linux and Unix-like systems with full administrative privileges (full access). So using root account for daily work can be very dangerous and you may damage your working system.

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Ubuntu and root account

By default root account is locked under Ubuntu Linux. Therefore, you cannot login as root or use 'su -' command to become a superuser. To run all administrative command use sudo command. sudo allows a permitted user to execute a command as the superuser or another user. Ubuntu setup your default account (the one created during installation) to run all administrative commands.

For example create a new user called bar, you need to type sudo command as follows:

```
$ sudo adduser bar
```

Password:

When sudo asks for a password, you need to supply **YOUR OWN** password. In other words a root password is not needed. Here are few more examples.

Task: Start / stop / restart services stored in /etc/init.d/ directory

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/ssh stop
$ sudo /etc/init.d/networking restart
```

Task: Avoid typing sudo each and every time

Note that this is not recommended until and unless you are an expert and aware of what you are typing:

```
$ sudo -i
```

Above command will start /bin/bash as a root shell so that you can enter a root user command without using sudo command.

How do I login as root user?

Open terminal and simply type the following command:

```
$ sudo bash
```

OR

```
$ sudo -s
```

Supply your password and you will become a root user.

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