

■ Project 2 — Cloud Server Hardening & Secure Access

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Quick Actions ■

- Create admin user □

```
sudo adduser adminuser && sudo usermod -aG sudo adminuser
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- Grant sudo (NOPASSWD) □

```
echo 'adminuser ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL' | sudo tee /etc/sudoers.d/adminuser
```

- Disable root SSH □

```
sudo sed -i 's/^#*PermitRootLogin.*/PermitRootLogin no/' /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

- Generate SSH key □

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096
```

- Copy SSH key □

```
ssh-copy-id adminuser@<server-ip>
```

Commands — Full Snippets ■■



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09. Quick Setup Commands
10. Create admin user:
11. sudo adduser adminuser &
12. & sudo usermod -aG sudo adminuser
13. Grant sudo privileges:
14. echo 'adminuser ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL' | sudo tee
15. /etc/sudoers.d/adminuser
16. Disable root SSH login:

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17. sudo sed -i 's/^#*PermitRootLogin.*/PermitRootLogin no/'
18. /etc/ssh/sshd_config &
19. & sudo systemctl restart ssh
20. Generate SSH key:
21. ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096
22. Copy SSH key to server:
23. ssh-copy-id adminuser@
24. Configure UFW:
25. sudo apt install ufw -y &
26. & sudo ufw allow OpenSSH &
27. & sudo ufw enable &
28. &
29. sudo ufw status verbose
30. Install Fail2Ban:
31. sudo apt install fail2ban -y &
32. & sudo systemctl enable fail2ban &
33. & sudo
34. systemctl start fail2ban
35. Check Fail2Ban logs:
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36. sudo fail2ban-client status sshd &
37. & sudo cat /var/log/fail2ban.log | grep
38. Ban
39. Enable Auditd:
40. sudo apt install auditd -y &
41. & sudo systemctl enable auditd &
42. & sudo
43. ausearch -m USER_LOGIN,USER_CMD
44. (Bonus) Install Wazuh Agent:
45. curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/apt/wazuh-agent-4.x.deb &
46. & sudo
47. WAZUH_MANAGER='
48. ' dpkg -i wazuh-agent-4.x.deb &
49. & sudo systemctl start
50. wazuh-agent
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