

# dsenableroot

Enable or disable the root account.

## Syntax

```
dsenableroot [-d] [-u username] [-p password] [-r rootPassword]
```

## Key

- u Username of a user that has administrative privileges on this computer.
- p Password to use in conjunction with the specified username.  
If this is not specified, you will be prompted for entry.
- r Password to be used for the root account.  
If this is not specified for enabling, you will be prompted for entry.

dsenableroot sets the password for the root account if enabling the root user account. Otherwise, if disable [-d] is chosen, the root account passwords are removed and the root user is disabled.

## Examples

Sets a password and enable the root user account.

password and the new root password.

```
$ dsenableroot
```

Disable the root account, your username is fred.

```
$ dsenableroot -d
```

The supplied arguments will be used to enable the root user.

```
$ dsenableroot -u fred -p fred123
```

The supplied arguments will be used to disable the root user.

```
$ dsenableroot -d -u fred -p fred123
```


“*Make mistakes, make mistakes, make mistakes.*”


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[passwd](#) - Modify a user password.

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