

How to Setup an FTP Server on Linux Server

- Students must be able to ssh into their Linux server. If they cannot, ssh must be installed and configured on their Linux servers.
- SSH into the server. `ssh username@ipaddress <CR> Yes and password.`
- Update the Linux server. `sudo apt update`
- Upgrade the server. `sudo apt upgrade y`
- Install the FTP server. `sudo apt install vsftpd <CR>`
- See if the FTP server is running. `systemctl status vsftpd --no-page -l`
- Add an FTP user. `sudo adduser (firstname) <CR>`
- Give the user a password (parkway)
- Create a directory to access and send files to the server.
`sudo mkdir /home/firstname/ftp`
- Change the ownership of the new folder.
`sudo chown nobody:nogroup /home/firstname/ftp`
- Remove the write permissions to the folder
`sudo chmod a-w /home/firstname/ftp`
- Create an upload directory where your files will be stored.
`sudo mkdir /home/firstname/ftp/upload`
- Set the owner of this new directory.
`sudo chown firstname:firstname /home/firstname/ftp/upload`
- Test create a sample file in the upload folder.
`echo "My FTP Server" | sudo tee /home/firstname/ftp/upload/demo.txt`
- Verify the permissions for the FTP directory.
`sudo ls -la /home/firstname/ftp`
- Edit the config file `vsftpd.conf`
`sudo nano /etc/vsftpd.conf <CR>`
- Changes to be made to this file:
`local_enable=YES`
`Uncomment: write_enable=YES`
`Uncomment: chroot_local_user=YES`
Go to the end of the file and add these lines:
`user_sub_token=$USER`
`local_root=/home/$USER/ftp`
`pasv_min_port=30000`
`pasv_max_port=31000`
`userlist_enable=YES`
`userlist_file=/etc/vsftpd.userlist`
`userlist_deny=NO`
Save and close
- If the firewall is running, we must allow SSH and FTP traffic to the server.
`sudo ufw allow ssh`
`sudo ufw allow 20,21,990/tcp`
`sudo ufw allow 30000:31000/tcp`
`sudo ufw status`

`sudo ufw enable`

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- Add the new user to allow access to the FTP server
`echo "firstname" | sudo tee -a /etc/vsftpd.userlist`
- Restart the vsftpd service.
`sudo systemctl restart vsftpd`
- Now install FileZilla onto your computer.
- Open FileZilla and supply your host which is your IP of your Linux Server.
add your User name: firstname and password: parkway and Port 21.
Click on QuickConnect. (Remember user is not encrypted)
- **ADDING ENCRYPTION AND SECURITY TO THE FTP SERVER**
- To add SSL encryption use this command:
`sudo openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 3650 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout /etc/ssl/private/vsftpd.pem -out /etc/ssl/private/vsftpd.pem`
Complete all of the information asked for.
- Edit the /etc/vsftpd.conf file to add the location of the SSL and certificate.
`rsa_cert_file=/etc/ssl/private/vsftpd.pem`
`rsa_private_key_file=/etc/ssl/private/vsftpd.pem`
`ssl_enable=YES`
- Add to the end of the config file:
`allow_anon_ssl=NO`
`force_local_data_ssl=YES`
`force_local_logins_ssl=YES`
- Save the file
- `sudo systemctl restart vsftpd`
- Reconnect the FTP server, and you should receive an SSL certificate.