

# Disable root account

You might want to disable your `root` account from logging in.

1. Disable the account (remove password)

```
$ sudo passwd -d root
```

2. Lock the account (adds `!` to `/etc/shadow`)

```
$ sudo passwd -l root
```

Now logging in as `root` shouldn't be possible, but you can still elevate to it with `sudo su`.

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