

# Getting root Access

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On Linux there are 2 main categories of users:

1. **non-privileged users** - have no special rights on the system.
  2. The **root** user (superuser or the administrator).
- **Root privileges** are the powers that the root account has on the system. The root account is the most privileged on the system and has absolute power over it.
  - Root exists on any Linux system is there's only one.
  - It's not recommended to use root for ordinary tasks. When root permissions are needed you simply become root only to perform that particular administrative task.