/etc/sudoers files

/etc/sudoers controls who can use the sudo command and how it is used.

Whenever editing /etc/sudoers, the visudo command, which verifies the file before writing, should be used in order to prevent a situation where access to sudo is blocked.

Insults

Add or uncomment the following line if you want sudo to insult you if you get your password wrong:

Defaults insults

targetpw

The targetpw command will require that you enter the password of the user that you want to run the command as (typically root).

Defaults targetpw

This is enabled by default on openSUSE. I didn't like this behavior so I disabled it.

Allowing a group to use sudo

The following line will allow any user from the wheel group to use sudo.

%wheel ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

The wheel group is used by Fedora/openSUSE systems as the group whose members can use sudo. On Debian-based systems, the equivalent group is sudo.

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