

## Fix "Not in Sudoers file" Error in Ubuntu Linux

"Sudo" is a commonly used command in Ubuntu Linux. Two of the best advantages about using sudo are:

1. Restrained privileges
2. Logs of the actions done by users

But sometimes if you try to accomplish a task using Sudo command, you get an error message saying : " is not in Sudoers File". This can

get quite frustrating as depicted in the pic. The file /etc/sudoers, has the rules that users have to follow when using sudo command, and

this error arises when your user name is not in that file which

restricts you to use that command. Here is a solution for the same.

STEPS :

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(1) Open a Terminal window.

(2) Go to superuser by typing "su" and then entering the password for root user.

(3) Now type "visudo" to open the sudoers file.

(4) You will see a file more or less like this.

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# /etc/sudoers
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# This file MUST be edited with the 'visudo' command as root.
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# See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
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Defaults    env_reset
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# Host alias specification
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# User alias specification
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# Cmnd alias specification
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# User privilege specification
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root ALL=(ALL) ALL
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(5) Navigate to the end of file and add the following line :

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USER ALL=(ALL) ALL
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where "USER" is the username you use as standard user.

(6) Save and quit. This should solve the problem.