

OWL - How do I activate users other than "admin" to use SSH?

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By default the OWL router only allows the user "admin" to log in over SSH.

Example 1 - Adding a specific User

This is triggered by a setting in **`/etc/sshd.conf`**:

```
...  
AllowUsers admin  
...
```

This setting can be changed manually or by adding the following lines at the end of your startup script.

```
file="/etc/sshd.conf"  
line="AllowUsers admin coadmin"  
grep $line $file || {  
  # replace the AllowUsers line with the one we defined and restart  
  ssh  
    sed -i "s/AllowUsers.*/$line/" $file  
    /etc/init.d/ssh restart ;  
}
```

In this example the user "coadmin" is allowed in addition to the "admin" user. Afterwards please restart the router.

Example 2 - Adding all admin users

By removing the access restrictions in **`/etc/sshd.conf`** the system reverts back to allowing only admin users:

This setting can be changed manually or by adding the following lines at the end of your startup script.

```
file="/etc/sshd.conf"
```

```
grep "AllowUsers" $file && {  
    # remove all lines starting with "AllowUsers" and restart ssh  
    sed -i "/AllowUsers.*/d" $file  
    /etc/init.d/ssh restart ;  
}
```

Afterwards please restart the router.