Adding Users with Superadduser

Adding users to a system can be tedious. It involves creating an account, setting a password, and creating a home directory. This tip shows how to make adding users easier with the use of superadduser.

Code Listing 1: Install superadduser

```
# emerge app-admin/superadduser
```

or

```
# apt-get install superadduser
```

or

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...
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Using superadduser is very easy. Just run the command and follow the prompts.

Code Listing 2: Using superadduser

// Replace the examples with your own information

```
# superadduser
Login name for new user [ ]: johndoe
User id for johndoe [ defaults to next available]:
Initial group for johndoe [ users]:
Additional groups for johndoe (seperated  with commas, no spaces) []:
johndoe's home directory [ /home/johndoe]:
johndoe's shell [ /bin/bash]:
johndoe's account expiry date (YYYY-MM-DD) [ ]:
OK, I'm about to make a new account.
Here's what you entered so far:
New login name: johndoe
New UID: [ Next available]
Initial group: users
Additional groups:
Home directory: /home/johndoe
Shell: /bin/bash
Expiry date: [ no expiration]
This is it... if you want to bail out, hit Control-C.
Otherwise, press  ENTER to go ahead and make the account.
ENTER
Making new account...
Changing the user information for johndoe
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name [ ]: John Doe
Room Number [ ]:
Work Phone [ ]:
Home Phone [ ]:
Other [ ]:
New UNIX password: user_password
Retype new UNIX password: user_password
Done...
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