

Changing the logname with sudo

If you use sudo and RCS, the

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RCS tags always appear as root instead of the actual person that edited the file. It's possible to compare file modification times with sudo log entries, but that's tedious. There's a much simpler way using sudo options.

Edit /etc/sudoers with visudo and add the following line:

Code Listing 1

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Defaults>root    !set_logname
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This tells sudo not to change the logname to root, but to use the existing username. Now, RCS tags will show the real author.

<http://www.gentoo.org/news/en/gwn/20040517-newsletter.xml>

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