While we all know we should always choose a root password that is too difficult to guess, yet easy enough to remember, occasionally you may find yourself sitting at a box and you don't have the root password (anymore).

While it is not possible to *retrieve* the password for root, luckily it is possible to *change* it without knowing the current password.

First method

If you can log on as a user who has administrative rights (as asked and recommended during Pardus install), then it is quite easy to change the root-password.

- Open Konsole and type

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sudo su
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- Type your **own** password and press Enter.

Either the cursor is next to a pound sign (#), or you get a message that you are not in the sudoers list and the cursor is next to a dollar sign ($)

If you see the pound sign, then...

- Type: passwd
- Enter and confirm a new password.
- All done.

But if still have the dollar sign then head on over the...

Second Method

- Start or restart the computer.
- When grub appears, press the Escape key. You may need to be quick! A window will pop up, saying,

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You are leaving the graphical boot menu and starting the text mode interface.
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- There are two buttons, "http://en.pardus-wiki.orgOK"http://en.pardus-wiki.org and "http://en.pardus-wiki.orgCancel"http://en.pardus-wiki.org. Even though there is no mouse support, the OK-button is pre-selected, so just press Enter.
- You will see your Grub menu entries in text mode. If necessary, using the up and down arrow keys highlight the Pardus entry.
- Press "http://en.pardus-wiki.orge"http://en.pardus-wiki.org