

## Re: SU privileges

**Source:** <http://unix.derkeiler.com/Mailing-Lists/AIX-L/2004-06/0274.html>

---

**From:** Jan-Frode Myklebust (*janfrode\_at\_PARALLAB.UIB.NO*)

**Date:** 06/24/04

Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2004 14:10:15 +0200  
To: aix-l@Princeton.EDU

On Thu, Jun 24, 2004 at 06:49:06AM -0500, David Zarnoch wrote:

>

> *How would I set up a group to allow SU privileges?*

To limit that only specific users are allowed to use the 'su' command?  
Then adding these users to group=security and changing the permissions  
on /usr/bin/su should do the trick:

```
% ls -ld /usr/bin/su
-r-sr-xr-x 1 root security 18980 Apr 30 2003 /usr/bin/su
% chmod 4550 /usr/bin/su
-r-sr-x---- 1 root security 18980 Apr 30 2003 /usr/bin/su
```

> *Could I create a group "rootprvl" or would I need to use "sudo"?*

If you want to give a group of users the possibility to run 'su -  
\$username' without needing to know the password of \$username, then I  
think 'sudo' is the best solution.

-jf

(awaiting a flood of vacation messages from misconfigured vacation  
programs from the users on this list)