

# How to connect as root using WinSCP – Ubuntu

In Ubuntu and other Linux distribution the “root” user is not directly accessible with a login operation without first doing an intermediate login with an unprivileged user.

Luckily, you can configure WinSCP to log in automatically from an unprivileged user into the “root ” user, by following these simple steps:

- log into the system and become “root” via su or sudo;
- launch the command “visudo” and configure it to allow other users to become “root” without a password by adding the following line;

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user ALL = (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
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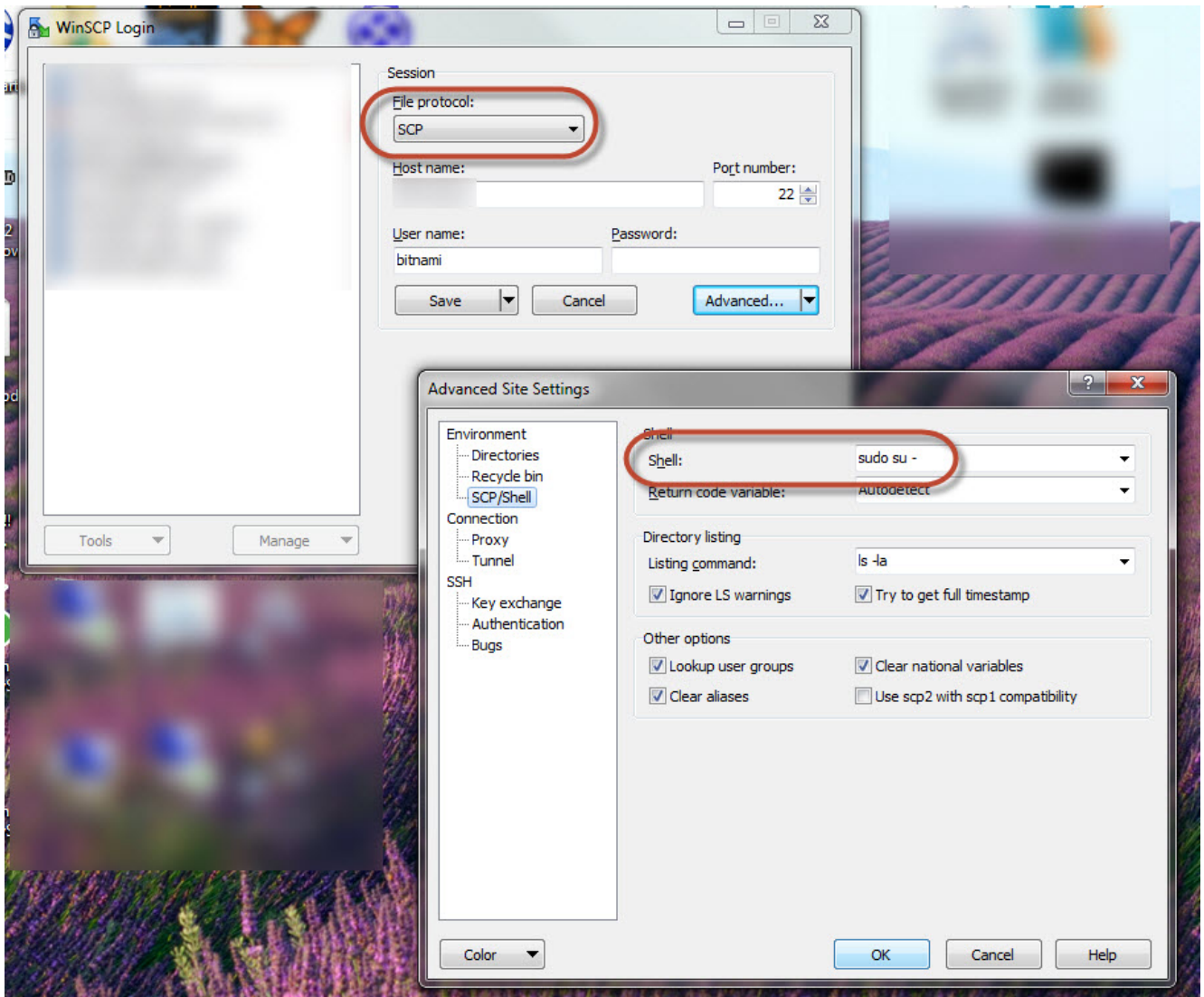
the string “user” must be changed with the name of your regular unprivileged user;

- Finally, to save and exit visudo (vi editor), enter the command;

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:wq
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- Then change the following option into the WinSCP program: “Environment>> SCP >> Shell” from “Default” in;

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sudo su -
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Now try to login with WinSCP, you will be logged in directly in as “root”.