



## Sun Guru

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** *I forgot the root password, how do I recover it?*

**Answer:**

1. You will need to know the root partition (*/dev/sd0a* or */dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0*).
2. Hit the STOP-A or L1-A to halt the system.
3. Boot into single0user mode, either from CDROM (*boot cdrom -s*) or across the network (*boot net -a*).
4. Mount the root partition on /a (*mount /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 /a*).
5. If you are using a Sun console, type "*TERM=sun; export TERM*".
6. Remove the encrypted password from the root line of one of the following files:
  - a. For SunOS 4.x - */a/etc/passwd*
  - b. For SunOS 4.x with shadow passwords/C2 - */a/etc/passwd.adjunct*
  - c. For Solaris 2.x - */a/etc/shadow*
7. Now change directories to the root (*cd /*).
8. Type "*umount /a*".
9. Now reboot into single-user mode (*boot -s*). The system will not have a root password. Use the *passwd* command to enter a new password for root.