

Add vsftpd users to manage apache www folder on ubuntu

So, you have a web server and would like to modify the content via vsftpd. After you have installed vsftpd, modify `/etc/vsftpd.conf`:

```
# Enable this to allow users to write files to their web folder
write_enable=YES
# To restrict users to specific web folders and block access to parent
folders
chroot_local_user=YES
# You may want to enable passive mode if you have a firewall
pasv_enable=YES
pasv_min_port=65000 (example, set your own)
pasv_max_port=65535 (example, set your own)
# Also remember to open up port 20 for FTP-DATA, 21, and 990 for TLS/SSL on
your firewall
```

Next create your users and add them to the web group

```
useradd -s /usr/sbin/nologin {new_username}
sudo passwd {new_username} # you will be prompted to enter a password twice
sudo usermod -d /var/www/{web folder} {new_username}
usermod -a -G www-data {new_username}
```

Next, modify `/etc/shells` by adding the following line at the bottom:

```
/usr/sbin/nologin
```

Finally, restart your ftp server

```
service vsftpd restart
```

Now test your new web ftp user account and check if the directory is writable and also make sure the pages are viewable in a browser.

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