

# Authentication

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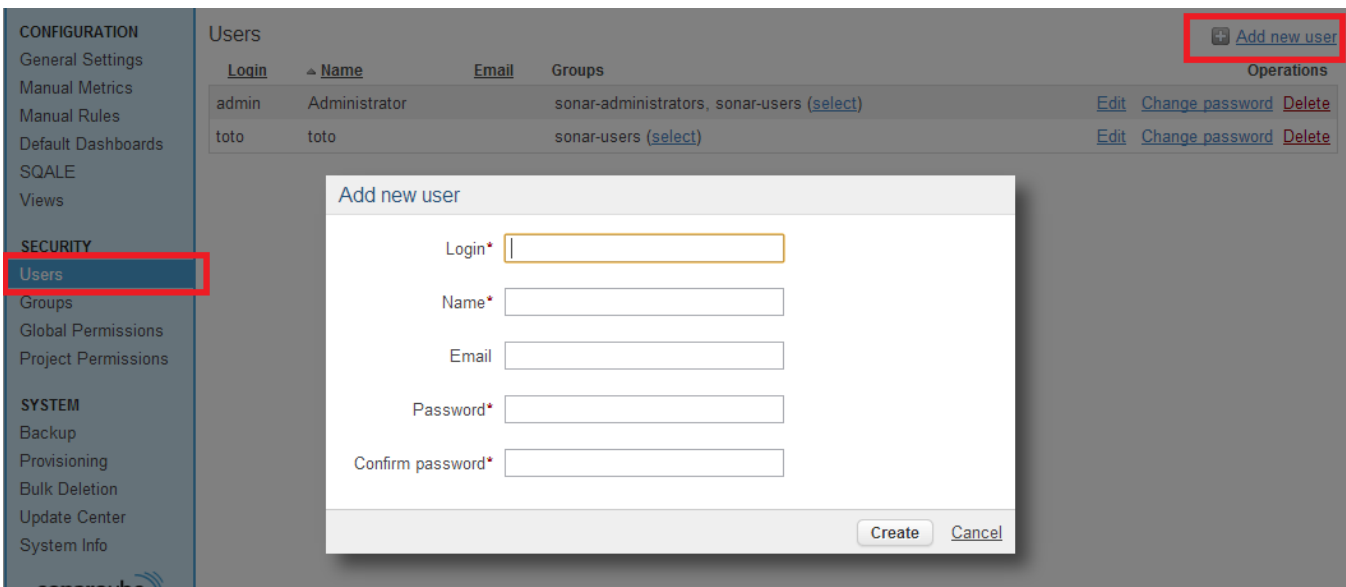
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The first question that should be answered when setting the security strategy is: Can anonymous users browse the SonarQube instance or must authentication be required? To force user authentication, log in as a [System administrator](#) and go to **Settings > General Settings > Security** and set the *Force user authentication* property to `true`. To allow users to sign up for a SonarQube account, set the *Allow users to sign up* property to `true`.

## Creating a User

A user is a set of basic information: login, password, name and email.

To create a new user, go to **Setting > Users > Add new user**:



The screenshot displays the SonarQube web interface for user management. On the left, a navigation menu is visible with sections for CONFIGURATION, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The 'Users' option under SECURITY is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a table of users with columns for Login, Name, Email, and Groups. Two users are listed: 'admin' (Administrator) and 'toto' (toto). The 'Add new user' button in the top right corner is also highlighted with a red box. A modal dialog box titled 'Add new user' is open in the foreground, containing five input fields: Login\*, Name\*, Email, Password\*, and Confirm password\*. The 'Create' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the dialog.

Login	Name	Email	Groups	Operations
admin	Administrator		sonar-administrators, sonar-users (select)	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Change password</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
toto	toto		sonar-users (select)	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Change password</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

## Changing your Password

To change your password, log in and go to **My\_Name > My Profile**:

## My Profile

**Login:** admin  
**Name:** Administrator  
**Email:**  
**Groups:** sonar-administrators, sonar-users


**Change password**

**Old value:**

**New value:**

**Confirm new value:**

## Overall notifications

 **LDAP plugin**

When the [LDAP plugin](#) is installed and activated, it is no longer possible for users to change their password. Then, only system administrators can do so through **Settings > Users > Change password**. Note that this password is only used when the LDAP server is not reachable and the authentication mechanism fall back to the SonarQube built-in mechanism.

## Default Admin Credentials

When installing SonarQube, a default user with [Administer System permission](#) is created automatically:

- Login: admin
- Password: admin

## FAQ

### I lost the admin password

In case you lost the admin password of your SonarQube instance, you can reset it by executing the following query:

```
update users set crypted_password = '88c991e39bb88b94178123a849606905ebf440f5',  
salt='6522f3c5007ae910ad690bb1bdf264a34884c6d' where login = 'admin'
```

This will reset the password to admin.