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Answer



This only affects debathena-standard users.

If your Athena username differs from your Debian or Ubuntu local username, the `renew` command will ask for the password for your local username. You can fix this with the following command:

```
export ATHENA_USER=joeuser
```

where `joeuser` is your Athena username. You will need to add this command to `~/.bashrc` to make this work every time you login to your machine.

If you use either the Athena dialups or SIPB Debathena dialup servers, you will probably also want to add to your `~/.ssh/config` file lines such as

```
Host linerva linerva.mit.edu linux linux.mit.edu athena.dialup.mit.edu
    GSSAPIDelegateCredentials yes
    User joeuser
```

so that when you `ssh` to those machines, you'll not have to specify your Athena username and will automatically forward your Kerberos tickets.