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Delete all root mail / inbox from a shell prompt
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Q. I've CentOS Linux acting as router for our small community based college. I see logwatch and other cron job generating emails for root account. How do I delete those emails? I don't want to disable email facility but just wanted to get rid of all root emails.

A. The easilst way is to empty root / users email message file i.e. /var/spool/mail/root or /var/spool/mail/username. Simply type the following command at shell: [1]

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> /var/spool/mail/root
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