**To configure root user timeout in Ubuntu or CentOS, you can follow these general steps:**

**Open the /root/.bashrc file using a text editor (such as nano, vim, or gedit).**

Add the following line to the end of the file:

**export TMOUT=xxx**

where xxx is the number of seconds of inactivity before the root user is logged out automatically. For example, if you want to log out the root user after 10 minutes of inactivity, you can set xxx to 600 (10 minutes \* 60 seconds).

Save the file and exit the text editor.

To apply the changes immediately, either run the **source** command or log out and log back in as the root user.