

How to run Jenkins using the root user in Linux (CentOS)



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I was having a tough time executing jobs in Jenkins because the jobs were executing using the Jenkins user and not the root user. So obviously I had to switch users to root and then run the Jenkins jobs. This is how you switch the Jenkins user to root:

1. Open up the this script (using VIM or other editor):

```
vim /etc/sysconfig/jenkins
```

2. Find this line and change to “root”:

```
$JENKINS_USER="root"
```

3. Then change the ownership of Jenkins home, webroot and logs:

```
chown -R root:root /var/lib/jenkins chown -R root:root /var/cache/jenkins chown -R root:root /var/log/jenkins
```



4. Restart Jenkins and check the user has been changed:


```
/etc/init.d/jenkins restart ps -ef | grep jenkins
```

Now you should be able to run the Jenkins jobs as the root user.


Thanks to Manula for his helpful blog post [jenkins-under-different-user-in.html](#)

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