

# Quick Disclaimer & Best Practices: User Privileges

It goes without saying when running engagements with Evilginx, you should be operating as **non-root user**. Operating as root can lead to many risk that include:

**Total System Exposure:** Root access equals unrestricted power over your VPS. Attackers breaching root can control, manipulate, or devastate your system.

**Irreversible Damages:** A single incorrect command as root could result in permanent system damage. It's not just deleting files, but potentially crashing critical services.

**Attacks on your VPS:** Root privileges can unintentionally disable important security measures, leading to unnoticed security loopholes that jeopardize your VPS.

**Legal Implications:** Root missteps not only risk your system's security, but also increase your exposure to legal issues. Even accidental actions could result in hefty lawsuits.

For the purposes of this course, I'll be utilizing root privileges solely for setup and demonstration.