

# How to Add a User and Grant Root Privileges on CentOS 6.5

## Pre-Flight Check

- These instructions are intended specifically for adding a user on CentOS 6.5.
- I'll be working from a Liquid Web Core Managed CentOS 6.5 server, and I'll be logged in as root.

## Step 2: Grant Root Privileges to the User

For a refresher on editing files with vim see: [New User Tutorial: Overview of the Vim Text Editor](#)

```
visudo
```

Find the following code:

```
## Allow root to run any commands anywhere  
root ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

In this case, we're granting root privileges to the user mynewuser . Add the following below that code:

```
mynewuser ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

Then exit and save the file with the command :wq .

If you've followed the instruction above correctly, then you should now have a user setup by the name of mynewuser which can use sudo to run commands as root!