



Changing the Cisco Linux Root Password

You can change the password for the Cisco Linux root user, as needed, by performing the following procedure:



Note

Your new password must be a minimum of six characters and cannot be based on a dictionary word.

Procedure

- Step 1** Log in to the Cisco IPICS server with root privileges.
The Cisco Linux desktop displays.
- Step 2** Open a terminal window by clicking the Red Hat menu and choosing **System Tools > Terminal**.
A terminal window displays.
- Step 3** To temporarily disable the Cisco Linux restrictions for changing the root password, enter the following command:
`[root] #sh /root/.security/unimmunize.sh`
- Step 4** To create a new root password, enter the following command:
`[root] #passwd`
Cisco Linux informs you that it is changing the password for the root user.
- Step 5** At the New Password prompt, enter a new root password and press **Enter**.

When you enter your password, no characters display for security reasons.

Step 6 At the Retype New Password prompt, enter the new password again and press **Enter**.

Step 7 Upon password confirmation, the system displays the following message:
`passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.`

Step 8 To reenable the Cisco Linux restrictions for changing the root password, enter the following command:

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[root] #sh /root/.security/immunize.sh
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Step 9 Close the terminal window by clicking **X**.
You are returned to the Linux desktop.
