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AIX: Recovering From an Unknown root Password (2/97)

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TOPIC -----

User entered root password with ergonomics keyboard in install_assist after installing operating system and password is not what user entered on the keyboard. So he does not know what the root password is.

DISCUSSION -----

Switch server key to the maintenance mode with the AIX installation CD and boot into maintenance mode or do a hard reset. Then access the rootvg from the CD and start a shell. You can modify the "/etc/security/passwd" file with vi by removing the encrypted password after the "=", leave the rest of the information in tack and save the file.

The root section of the passwd file should look similar to this:

```
root:
    password =
    lastupdate =
    flags =
```

Before you shutdown the server type:

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sync; sync; sync
```

and press return.

To restart the server, press the reset button and move the key to the normal mode.

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