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### Trying to auto login on a Debian 11 machine that has no gui.

I had install Debian 11 on a special slice, without any graphics.

I would like to get it logged in automatically as root, then launch a shell script (.sh).

As far as i understand, most setting files uses to be at /etc/somefile.conf, is it enough to just locate the correct one and edit it with Nano?

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Automating a root login probably isn't the best idea I've heard this week - there are a couple of ways to run a script as root without having root log on to the machine. This is easily done with the system crontab or a systemd unit that runs on boot.

If you really need a root login this is done with a systemd override. See [https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/getty#Automatic\\_login\\_to\\_virtual\\_console](https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/getty#Automatic_login_to_virtual_console)

Hope this helps -

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Thanks, i'm going to try it.

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maybe you need:

rungetty - minimal console getty that can run any process

apt-cache search autologin found this one, there may be others as well

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<https://superuser.com/questions/969923/automatic-root-login-in-debian-8-0-console-only>

Look at the first solution, it should also work for Debian 11

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What do you mean by 'has no gui'? are you trying to autologin to a tty? or you mean that there's no display manager (gdm, sddm, lightdm...) and you are trying to login to a desktop environment (kde, xfce, gnome...)?

Because the ways to achieve this will vary based on your situation.

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