How to fix "Access denied; you need (at least one of) SUPER, BINLOG ADMIN privilege(s) for this operation"?

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This error occurs when PHPKB Software is trying to execute an operation in MySQL / MariaDB that requires specific privileges (either '**SUPER**' or '**BINLOG ADMIN**), but your user account lacks the necessary permissions.

Here's how you can fix it:

1. Login as a User with Elevated Privileges

To fix the issue, you'll need to log in as a user that has the required privileges via command-line or terminal. Typically, the '**root**' user has these permissions.

1 mysql -u root -p

2. Grant the Necessary Privileges

If you don't have the required privileges, you can ask a user with those privileges (like the `root` user) to grant them to your user.

- To grant 'SUPER' privilege:

1 GRANT SUPER ON *.* TO 'your_username'@'localhost';

- To grant 'BINLOG ADMIN' privilege (specific to binary logging administration):

1 GRANT BINLOG ADMIN ON *.* TO 'your_username'@'localhost';

NOTE: Replace 'your_username' with your MySQL / MariaDB username.

3. Flush Privileges (Optional)

After granting the necessary privileges, it's a good idea to flush privileges to ensure the changes take effect immediately:

1 FLUSH PRIVILEGES;

4. Re-run the Operation

Once the privileges are granted, try re-running the operation that caused the error or simply reload your page.

Additional Notes:

MySQL Version Considerations: In recent versions of MySQL (8.0+), the '**SUPER**' privilege is being deprecated and replaced with more granular privileges like '**REPLICATION SLAVE**', '**REPLICATION CLIENT**', and '**BINLOG ADMIN**'. If you're using a newer version of MySQL, granting '**BINLOG ADMIN**' might be enough.

Scope: Make sure the privileges are granted with the correct scope (e.g., localhost or remote connections).

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