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To establish secure **password policies** for **MySQL** on **Ubuntu**, you can follow the **CIS (Center for Internet Security)** benchmarks. These guidelines consolidate best practices for password management. Here's how to set up robust password policies:

1. Download the CIS Password Policy Guide:

- The **CIS Password Policy Guide** provides comprehensive recommendations for managing passwords securely.
- It covers aspects beyond just the password itself, emphasizing the overall goal of strong user authentication and defense against attackers.

2. Review the Guide:

- Familiarize yourself with the guidance in the **CIS Password Policy Guide**.
- Understand the importance of enforcing effective password policies.

3. Implement the Following Policies:



- **Password Complexity:**
 - Require passwords to meet complexity criteria (e.g., minimum length, character types).
 - Avoid common or easily guessable passwords.
 - Encourage the use of passphrases.
- **Password Expiration:**
 - Set a reasonable password expiration period (e.g., every 90 days).
 - Prompt users to change their passwords periodically.
- **Account Lockout:**
 - Implement account lockout after a specified number of failed login attempts.
 - Prevent brute-force attacks by locking out accounts temporarily.
- **Password History:**
 - Enforce a password history policy to prevent reuse of recent passwords.
 - Maintain a record of previously used passwords.
- **User Education:**
 - Educate users about password security best practices.
 - Promote strong, unique passwords.

4. MySQL-Specific Considerations:

- **Root User:** Change the default **root** password and restrict its usage.
- **User Accounts:** Create separate user accounts with appropriate privileges.
- **Socket Directory:** Ensure proper ownership and permissions for MySQL socket files.

5. Regularly Review and Update:

- Continuously assess and adjust password policies based on evolving threats and organizational needs.

Remember that strong password policies contribute significantly to overall system security. By adhering to the CIS guidelines, you'll enhance the protection of your MySQL deployment on Ubuntu.  

For detailed configuration specifics, refer to the **CIS Password Policy Guide**. It serves as a valuable resource for maintaining robust password practices.