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Linux: Resetting a user's password

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Q. How do I reset a user's password under any Linux distribution from command prompt?

A. To reset a user's password, use passwd command. You have to change it to a different password.

Login as the root user

Open terminal or shell prompt

Type the following command:

passwd username

For example, reset a tom's password, enter:

passwd tom

Type a new password twice.

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