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Change MySQL root password

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Q. How do I change MySQL server root password under Linux / UNIX operating system at shell prompt?

A. You need to `mysqladmin` command which is a client for performing administrative operations. You can use it to check the server's configuration and current status, to create and drop databases, **change mysql root password** and more.

How do I change mysql root password?

If you are setting a root password first time, use any one of the following command syntax:

```
mysqladmin password "NEW-PASSWORD"
```

OR

```
mysqladmin -u root password "NEW-PASSWORD"
```

OR

```
mysqladmin -u root -h localhost password "NEW-PASSWORD"
```

To set password to `d3s9cXq`, enter:

```
# mysqladmin -u root password "d3s9cXq"
```

Please note that if the `NEW-PASSWORD` value contains spaces or other characters that are special to your command interpreter, you need to enclose it within quotes. Thus, the next time you invoke `mysqladmin` (or any other client program such as `mysql`) using the same account, you will need to specify the new password. So to login as root, enter the command:

```
# mysql -u root -p
```

OR

```
# mysql -h localhost -u root -p
```

Where,

- **-u root:** Specify username
- **-p :** Prompt for password

If you would like to change current password `d3s9cXq` to `OlzzYs$qz`, enter the following command:

```
# mysqladmin -u root -p password "OlzzYs$qz"
```

Output:

```
Enter password: <enter old password>
```

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