[MENU](#)[US](#)

**MUST READ:** [Working from home: Getting your team ready for the switch](#)

## Change users' passwords from the command line

Most organizations recognize the importance of establishing a strict password policy that requires users to change their passwords on a regular basis. If you set a password policy that forces users to change their passwords every few weeks, the computer will prompt the user for a new password when he or she logs on once the designated time has expired.



By [ZDNet Staff](#) | March 7, 2005 -- 16:00 GMT (08:00 PST) | Topic: [Security](#)

Most organizations recognize the importance of establishing a strict password policy that requires users to change their passwords on a regular basis. If you set a password policy that forces users to change their passwords every few weeks, the computer will prompt the user for a new password when he or she logs on once the designated time has expired.

Most users are familiar with the Windows NT Security dialog box that pops up when they press [Ctrl][Alt][Delete]. This dialog box includes the Change Password button, an easy way to make the change.

But these methods aren't the only ways to change passwords, and administrators have even more options. You can open User Manager, double-click the user account, and enter the new password in the Password text box.

You can also change passwords from the command line. At the command prompt, enter the following:

ADVERTISING



MENU

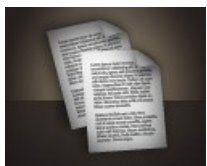


US



```
NET USER <username> <password> /domain
```

Replace <username> with the name of the account you want to change and <password> with the new password. You can use the /domain switch to specify that it's a domain account. If you're changing a local account, leave the switch out.

<https://adclick.g.doubleclick.net>

MENU



US

[yvree\\_PG5IBnChCgy-Tw%2526sai%253DAMfl-YQyWLoPYwY5ba1XO91QC-](#)[RrdyAZQR9qGqI2ZIINILrJG2AymYD7nQJKraK2EMZeGQp75rxzPbRpiUFXFqR-](#)[8bwgL8V3mm5IEsWNLayHYQ%2526sig%253DCg0ArKJSzLRZlc5s1MebEAE%2526urlfix%253D1%2526adurl%253Dhttps:](#)[//cbsInk.cbsileads.com/redir?edition=en&ursuid=&devicetype=desktop&pagetype=&assettitle=&assettype=&topicguid=&](#)[viewguid=9724f8b2-5114-4306-857f-e43b2b2a94e5&docid=33160567&promo=1065&ftag\\_cd=TRE-00-10aaa4f&spotname=dfp-](#)[in-article&destUrl=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.techrepublic.com%252Fresource-library%252Fwhitepapers%252Fit-security-](#)[concerns-budgets-trends-and-plans-techrepublic-premium%252F%253Fpromo%253D1065%2526ftag%253DTRE-](#)[00-10aaa4f%2526cval%253Ddfp-in-article%2526source%253Dzdnet&ctag=medc-dfp-in-article&siteld=&](#)[rsid=cnetzdnetglobalsite&sl=&sc=us&assetguid=&q=&cval=33160567;1065&ttag=&bhid=\)](#)

## IT Security: Concerns, budgets, trends and plans (TechRepublic Premium)

<https://adclick.g.doubleclick.net>

This archived TechRepublic Premium report, originally published in November 2

Research (<https://www.techrepublic.com/resource-library/content-type/research/>) provided by TechRepublic Premium (<https://www.techrepublic.com>

</resource-library/company/techrepublic-premium/>)

To get more information about a specific user account, enter *NET USER <username>*.

### RELATED TOPICS:

SECURITY TV

DATA MANAGEMENT

CXO

DATA CENTERS



By [ZDNet Staff](#) | March 7, 2005 -- 16:00 GMT (08:00 PST) | Topic: [Security](#)

### Recommended For You

Sponsored Links by Taboola

#### Ultra Fast WiFi Booster Flying Off Shelves In United States

Ultra Fast WiFi Booster

## If you're over 40 - this game is a must!

Vikings: War of Clans



MENU



US

## Innovative \$109 Health Smartwatch Gives You Important ECG Tests

G7 Smart Watch

## Remember Her? Try Not To Gasp When You See Her Today

Golden Glimpse

## Wicked Awesome Tungsten Rings - Just \$69.99

Tungsten Fashions

## 20 Pieces of Clothing Older Women should Avoid

WomenTales.com

## 20 Of The World's Most Beautiful Cars All Time Ranked

BeardyMag.com

SHOW COMMENTS



MENU



US

---

MORE RESOURCES

## The role of predictive intelligence in the fight against cyberattacks

White Papers from [Cisco](#)

READ NOW

## IT security and privacy: Concerns, initiatives, and predictions (TechRepublic Premium)

Research from [TechRepublic Premium](#)

READ NOW

## How global labs protect sensitive testing data

Case Studies from [Cisco](#)

READ NOW



MENU



US