Initial thought before researching it on the intergoogles, I would not create a user with a blank password. That seems like a terrible idea from a security standpoint. Anyone who knows that user name would be able to have the same access. Now, I could see if you had a generic user so that anyone could run basic reports without seeing the more private data.

LinuxConfig seems to reinforce that the blank password is a bad idea. They do state that having a user with a blank password could be viable for making testing easier. They provide a quick tutorial on the setup for the user, but they also state they “assume you know what you are doing and have taken into consideration the obvious security risk.”

The general consensus I get from the previews in Google results is that a blank password is not a good thing and should not be done. Currently, I do not see a good reason for doing so.

<https://linuxconfig.org/mysql-allow-empty-password>