

# Reset admin password for Joomla

You cannot recover the existing password, but you can reset it to a new password.

The passwords are stored using a one-way MD5 hash which prevents recovering the password. However, you can reset the password by editing the password field in the database. We set the password to a known value and then you may log-in using that new password.

The password is stored in the MySQL database `joomla_users` table `password` field. (change this for your table prefix if different)

Use a MySQL utility such as [phpMyAdmin](#) or [MySQL Query Browser](#) to edit this field.

Open the table, find your admin username, and then select that row for editing.

The password must be hashed, you cannot simply enter text into this field.

**Set the password to a known value:**

```
- password = "this is the MD5 hashed password"
- admin = 21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3
- secret = 5ebe2294ecd0e0f08eab7690d2a6ee69
- OU812 = 7441de5382cf4fecbaa9a8c538e76783
```

Paste the hashed password into the field, save the change, and log-in using the new password.



*Immediately change your password to something more secure!*

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