

How to change the MySQL root account password on CentOS7?

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1. Stop mysql:

```
systemctl stop mysqld
```

2. Set the mySQL environment option

```
systemctl set-environment MYSQLD_OPTS="--skip-grant-tables"
```

3. Start mysql usig the options you just set

```
systemctl start mysqld
```

4. Login as root

```
mysql -u root
```

5. Update the root user password with these mysql commands

```
mysql> UPDATE mysql.user SET authentication_string = PASSWORD('MyNewPassword')
-> WHERE User = 'root' AND Host = 'localhost';
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
mysql> quit
```

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As mentioned my shokulei in the comments, for 5.7.6 and later, you should use

```
mysql> ALTER USER 'root'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'MyNewPass';
```

Or you'll get a warning

6. Stop mysql

```
systemctl stop mysqld
```

7. Unset the mySQL envitroment option so it starts normally next time

```
systemctl unset-environment MYSQLD_OPTS
```

8. Start mysql normally:

```
systemctl start mysqld
```

Try to login using your new password:

```
7. mysql -u root -p
```

Ref:

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/33510184/how-to-change-the-mysql-root-account-password-on-centos7>

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