

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

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`

Source:

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