

Resetting password in an Ubuntu virtual machine

- Parallels Desktop for Mac Standard Edition

To reset a password in an Ubuntu virtual machine perform the following steps:

1. Go to virtual machine's Configuration > **Hardware** > **Boot Order**.
2. Tick **Select boot device on startup**
3. Run Ubuntu
4. Once the virtual machine start to boot, make sure that the virtual machine is active (click inside virtual machine window) and press **Shift** key repeatedly (if your virtual machine uses UEFI press the **Esc** key instead) until you see the grub menu.
5. From the boot menu, select **recovery mode**, which is usually the second boot option
6. After you select recovery mode and wait for all the boot-up processes to finish, you'll be presented with a few options. Navigate to the **Drop to root shell prompt** using the arrow keys and press **Enter**.

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<p>The root account is the ultimate administrator and can do anything to the Ubuntu installation
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<p>In recent versions of Ubuntu, the filesystem is mounted as read-only, so you need to enter th
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mount -o rw,remount /
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7. If you have forgotten your username as well, type:

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ls /home
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8. To reset the password, type:

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passwd username
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<p>Where username is the username you want to reset.</p>
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<p>You&#39;ll then be prompted for a new password. When you type the password you will get no vi
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<p>Now the password should be reset. Type</p>
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exit
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<p>to return to the recovery menu.</p>
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<li>After you get back to the recovery menu, select <strong>resume normal boot</strong>, and use
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