

Reset expired password in Windows 11

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Symptoms

When logging in, Windows 11 might ask you to create a new password - **Your password has expired and must be changed** error message pops up. It might be confusing if you haven't set a password for Windows yet.

Cause

The forced password change request is related to enhanced Windows security policies introduced in Windows 11.

Resolution

1. Leave the **Password** field blank since the current password is indeed empty.
2. In the **New password** and **Confirm password** fields, enter the new Windows password and press Enter.

Note: If you don't remember a Windows password set some time ago and want to reset it, we advise you to follow the steps from [this Microsoft article](#). Alternatively, if you have a Parallels Desktop Pro license, you can follow the steps from [KB 114193](#).

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