

# Change root MySQL password in Windows/Plesk

This article covers how to change root mysql password in Windows/Plesk.

**Step 1.** Go to C:\Program Files\Parallels\Plesk\Databases\MySQL\Data\my.ini and add the following line at the top:

```
skip-grant-tables
```

(this will let you access MySQL with no password)

**Step 2.** Restart MySQL

**Step 3.** Open CMD and change to the directory C:\Program Files\Parallels\Plesk\Databases\MySQL\bin\

**Step 4.** Go into the MySQL command utility, (notice you are not using a password):

```
mysql -u root mysql
```

**Step 5.** Change the password using these two commands

```
mysql> UPDATE mysql.user SET Password=PASSWORD('New_Pass_Word') WHERE User='root';
```

```
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

(New\_Pass\_Word is the new password you would like to use )

(if the root user doesn't work when updating the password in Plesk try changing the user from 'root' to 'admin' in the command above)

**Step 6.** Restart mysql

**Step 7.** Go into Plesk and update the MySQL password to the changed

**Step 8.** Remove the line 'skip-grant-tables' from the my.ini file and restart mysql