

How do I change the password of another user without having to sign in as them?

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Here's a quick trick: You are signed in as yourself, but you need to change the password for another account, say, a service account. You could change the account by doing this:

- Add the account to your machine.
- Sign in as that user.
- Change the password.
- Sign out.
- Sign back in as yourself.

But that's a lot of work, and it adds the account to your machine just to change its password.

Here's the trick: You can change the password directly from the password change dialog.

- Hit **Ctrl + Alt + Del**.
- Select *Change a password*.
- On the *Change a password* screen, focus defaults to the *Old password* edit box, but you can go up to the account name box and change the account name to the account whose password you want to change.
- Enter the account name, the old password, and the new password.

Bingo, you changed somebody else's password without having to sign out or even add them to your local machine.

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