

Reset password in ubuntu

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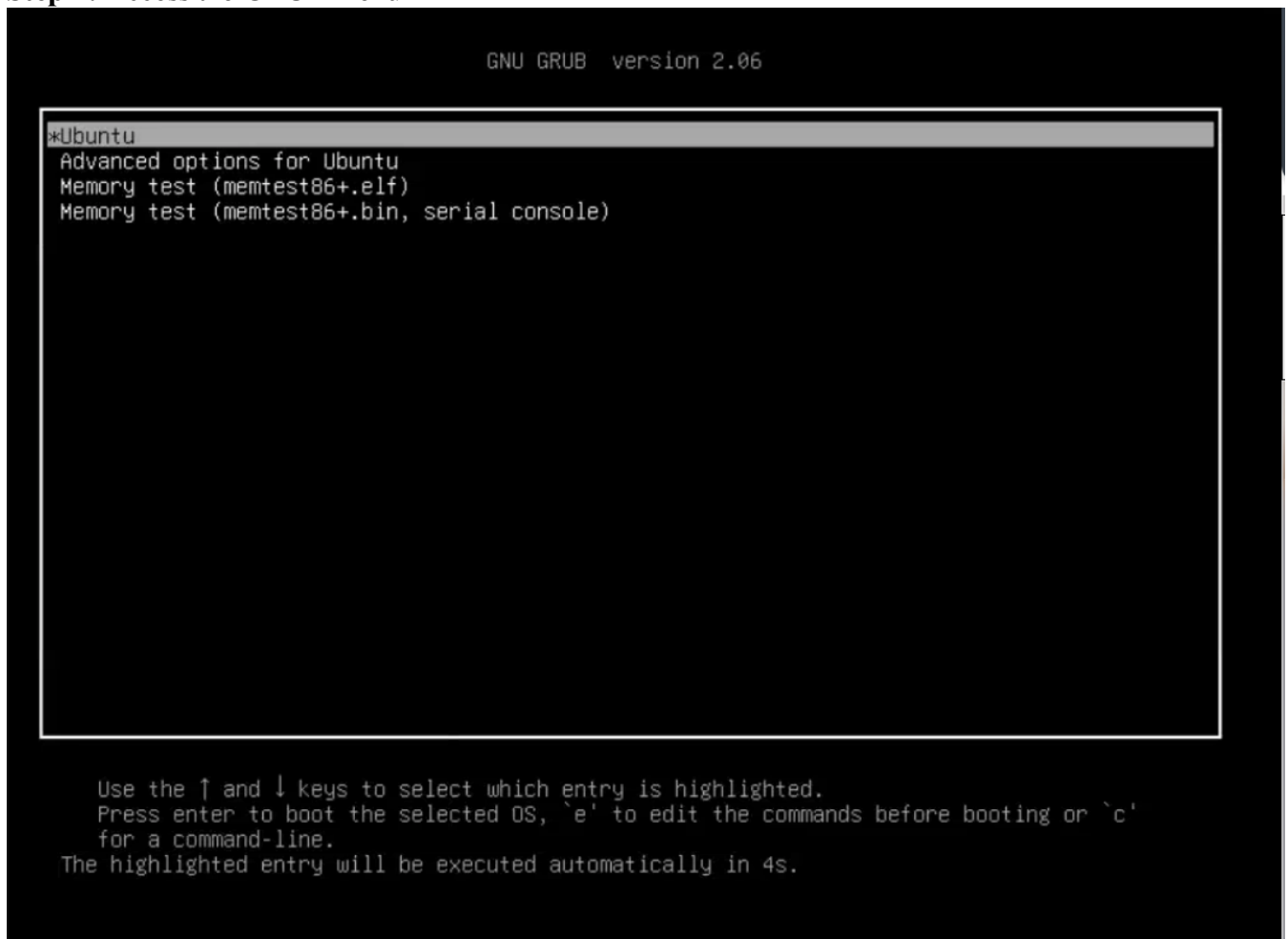
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Overview: This article explains how to reset a user password in Ubuntu by editing GRUB boot parameters and using single-user mode.

This article provides a step-by-step guide on **resetting password** in ubuntu using the **GRUB bootloader**. The process involves booting into **single-user** mode or **recovery mode** and then using the command line to reset the password.

Step 1: Access the OVA console through your virtualization platform.

Step 2: Access the GRUB menu



Step 3: Select **ubuntu** and Press '**E**' to edit the entry.

Step 4: Modify boot parameters. To boot into single-user mode, you need to modify the Linux boot parameters. Find the **line that starts with linux** . This line specifies the **boot parameters**.

GNU GRUB version 2.04


```
insmod part_msdos
insmod ext2
set root='hd0,msdos5'
if [ x$feature_platform_search_hint = xy ]; then
    search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set=root --hint-bios=hd0,msdos5\
--hint-efi=hd0,msdos5 --hint-baremetal=ahci0,msdos5 02459bc4-7328-43d5\
-83f0-3d0e2e41de5c
else
    search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set=root 02459bc4-7328-43d5-83f\
0-3d0e2e41de5c
fi
linux /boot/vmlinuz-5.8.0-40-generic root=UUID=02459bc4-7\
328-43d5-83f0-3d0e2e41de5c ro quiet splash $vt_handoff_
initrd /boot/initrd.img-5.8.0-40-generic
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Step 5: Edit the clause of the second last line from '**ro quiet splash \$vt_handoff**' to '**rw init=/bin/bash**'

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After adding **rw init=/bin/bash**

Step 6: Press **F10** or **Ctrl-x** to save the edits and boot

Step 7: Reset password. Type the '**passwd**' command and provide the new password for the user

```
root@(none):/# passwd username
```

For example, reset the password of root as follows:

```
root@(none):/# passwd
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@(none):/# _
```

Step 8: Type the command '**exec /sbin/init**' to reboot or **reboot from the console**.

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