



# **Update the user account password**

## **ONTAP 9.6 REST API reference**

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# Update the user account password

## Security authentication password endpoint overview

### Overview

This API changes the password for a local user account.

Only cluster administrators with the *"admin"* role can change the password for other cluster or SVM user accounts. If you are not a cluster administrator, you can change your own password only.

### Examples

#### Changing the password of another cluster or SVM user account by a cluster administrator

Specify the user account name, and the new password in the body of the POST request. The `owner.uuid` or `owner.name` are not required to be specified for a cluster-scoped user account.

For an SVM-scoped account, along with new password and user account name, specify either the SVM name as the `owner.name` or SVM uuid as the `owner.uuid` in the body of the POST request. These indicate the SVM for which the user account is created and can be obtained from the response body of a GET request performed on the `/api/svm/svms` API.

```
# The API:
POST "/api/security/authentication/password"

# The call to change the password of another cluster user:
curl -k -u <cluster_admin>:<password> -X POST "https://<mgmt-
ip>/api/security/authentication/password" -d
'{"name":"cluster_user1","password":"hello@1234"}'

# The call to change the password of another SVM user:
curl -k -u <cluster_admin>:<password> -X POST "https://<mgmt-
ip>/api/security/authentication/password" -d
'{"owner.name":"svm1","name":"svm_user1","password":"hello@1234"}'
```

#### Changing the password of an SVM-scoped user



The IP address in the URI must be same as one of the interfaces owned by the SVM.

```
# The API:
POST "/api/security/authentication/password"

# The call:
curl -k -u svm_user1:hello@1234 -X POST "https://<SVM-
ip>/api/security/authentication/password" -d
'{"name":"svm_user1","password":"new1@1234"}'
```

## Update the user account password

POST /security/authentication/password

Updates the password for a user account.

### Required parameters

- `name` - User account name.
- `password` - New password for the user account.

### Optional parameters

- `owner.name` or `owner.uuid` - Name or UUID of the SVM for an SVM-scoped user account.

### Related ONTAP commands

- `security login password`

### Learn more

- [DOC /security/authentication/password](#)
- [DOC /security/accounts](#)

### Request Body

Name	Type	Description
<code>name</code>	string	The user account name whose password is being modified.

Name	Type	Description
owner	owner	Owner name and UUID that uniquely identifies the user account. This field is optional and valid only when a cluster administrator is executing the API to uniquely identify the account whose password is being modified. The "owner" field is not required to be specified for SVM user accounts trying to modify their password.
password	string	The password string

### Example request

```

{
  "owner": {
    "_links": {
      "self": {
        "href": "/api/resourcelink"
      }
    },
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}

```

### Response

Status: 201, Created

### Error

Status: Default

### ONTAP Error Response Codes

Error Code	Description
7077919	Minimum length for new password does not meet the policy.

Error Code	Description
7077920	New password must have both letters and numbers.
7077921	Minimum number of special characters required do not meet the policy.
7077940	Password exceeds maximum supported length.
7077941	The defined password composition exceeds the maximum password length of 128 characters.
7077918	Password cannot contain the username.
7077924	New password must be different than last N passwords.
7077925	New password must be different to the old password.

Name	Type	Description
error	error	

### Example error

```
{
  "error": {
    "arguments": {
      "code": "string",
      "message": "string"
    },
    "code": "4",
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",
    "target": "uuid"
  }
}
```

### Definitions

## See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

\_links

Name	Type	Description
self	<a href="#">href</a>	

owner

Owner name and UUID that uniquely identifies the user account. This field is optional and valid only when a cluster administrator is executing the API to uniquely identify the account whose password is being modified. The "owner" field is not required to be specified for SVM user accounts trying to modify their password.

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
name	string	The name of the SVM.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM.

account\_password

The password object

Name	Type	Description
name	string	The user account name whose password is being modified.
owner	<a href="#">owner</a>	Owner name and UUID that uniquely identifies the user account. This field is optional and valid only when a cluster administrator is executing the API to uniquely identify the account whose password is being modified. The "owner" field is not required to be specified for SVM user accounts trying to modify their password.
password	string	The password string

## error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

## error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.



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