

Change the HPE iLO Password for an HC400 or HC1200 Gateway

Sometimes you need to reset the iLO Administrator password.

Step-by-step guide

To change the iLO password:

1. Log in to the VMware Host Client for the H-series ESXi.
2. Right-click **Host** in the navigation pane and select **Services > Enable Secure Shell (SSH)**.
3. Using an SSH tool such as PuTTY, log on to the ESXi host.
4. Enter the user and password that you used to access VMware Host Client.
5. Change the directory to **/opt/hp/tools** or **/opt/tools**.
6. Use `vi` to open a file called **pwreset.xml**.
7. Press `i` to switch to insert mode and enter the following:

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<RIBCL VERSION="2.0">
<LOGIN USER_LOGIN="Administrator" PASSWORD="unknown">
<USER_INFO MODE="write">
<MOD_USER USER_LOGIN="Administrator">
<PASSWORD value="new_password">
</MOD_USER>
</USER_INFO>
</LOGIN>
</RIBCL>
```

where *new_password* is the new password you want to use to access iLO.
8. Press **ESC** and then `:wq` at the bottom of the editor and press **Enter** to save the file and quit vi.
9. Enter the following command to reset the password: **`./hponcfg -f pwreset.xml`**.
The iLO password is changed to *new_password*.
10. Quit the SSH session.
11. In the VMware Host Client right-click **Host** in the navigation pane and select **Services > Disable Secure Shell (SSH)**.