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# Joomla! Password Recovery

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## How to Recover Joomla! Administrator Password via PHPMyAdmin



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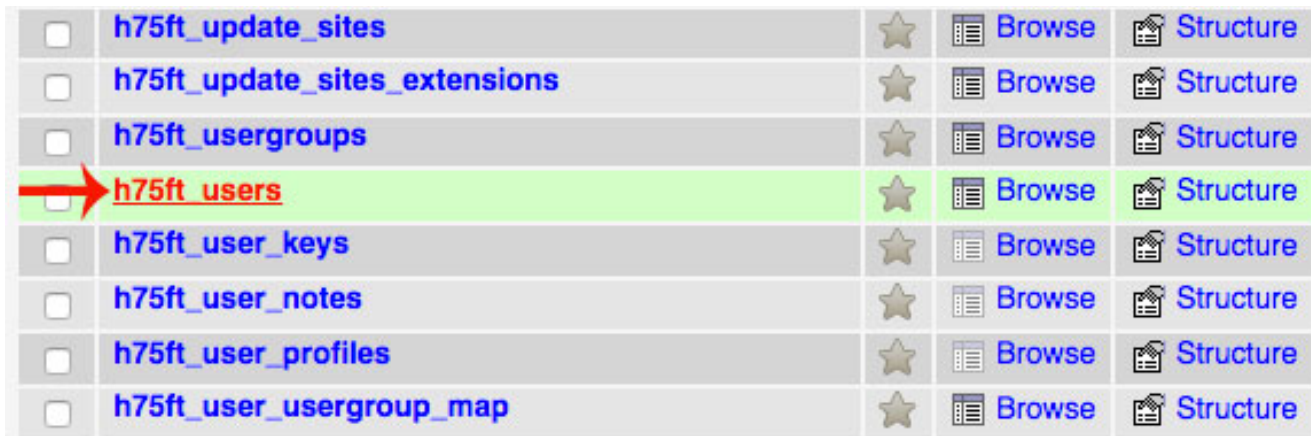
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For some reasons Joomla! admin password may be lost. In this situation, the administrator needs a solution to reset his/her password in order to take the website under control again. Resetting the password will be an easy job if you still have access to the hosting account of the website. In this article we will describe, how to recover a Joomla! administration password via PHPMYAdmin.

In this article we use cPanel. Since it's the most common hosting control panel. But this guideline can be used for other panels as well.

## *Reset Joomla! Password via PHPMYAdmin*

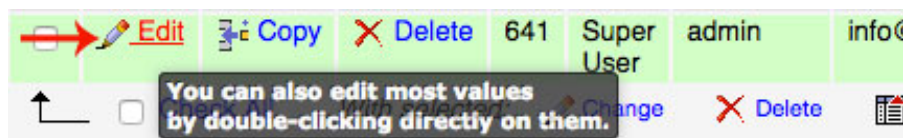
1. Go to your hosting area and login.
2. Scroll down to the "Database" block and click on the "PHPMYAdmin" icon.
3. Select the database of the website by clicking on its name and wait for it to load the tables.
4. Click on the prefix\_users table (prefix is the prefix of your Joomla! tables).



A screenshot of the PHPMYAdmin interface showing a list of database tables. The table 'h75ft\_users' is highlighted in green, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Each row in the table list includes a checkbox, the table name, a star icon, a 'Browse' button, and a 'Structure' button.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_update_sites</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_update_sites_extensions</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_usergroups</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_users</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_user_keys</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_user_notes</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_user_profiles</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">h75ft_user_usergroup_map</a>	★	<a href="#">Browse</a>	<a href="#">Structure</a>

5. Find the "Super User" account and hit its "Edit" icon.



Note that your website may have multiple administrator. So, pay attention to find the right user.

6. Find the “password” field and replace the hashed code below with the its current code:

433903e0a9d6a712e00251e44d29bf87:UJob9J5fufL3FKfCcoTLsYJBh2PFULvT

password	varchar(100)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="433903e0a9d6a712e00251e44d29bf87:UJob9J5fufL3FKfCcoTLsYJBh2PFULvT"/>
block	tinyint(4)	<input type="text"/>	0
sendEmail	tinyint(4)	<input type="text"/>	

7. Click the “Go” button at the bottom of the form to save changes.

lastResetTime	datetime	<input type="text"/>	0000-00-00 00:00:00
resetCount	int(11)	<input type="text"/>	0
otpKey	varchar(1000)	<input type="text"/>	
otep	varchar(1000)	<input type="text"/>	
requireReset	tinyint(4)	<input type="text"/>	0

Now, the Joomla! administrator password is admin. It’s because the hashed code you entered in the password field is actually the MD5 hashed code of the word “admin”. Some more examples go following:

secret:

d2064d358136996bd22421584a7cb33e:trd7TvKHx6dMeoMmBVxYmgovuXEA4199

OU812:

5e3128b27a2c1f8eb53689f511c4ca9e:J584KAEv9d8VKwRGhb8ve7GdKoG7isMm

Also, you can decode the password you’d like with with a MD5 hash code generator like this:  
<http://www.miraclesalad.com/webtools/md5.php>

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