

# Force Password Change

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Force password change is set in the `mdl_user_preferences` table with the value `auth_forcepasswordchange`. A value of 0 means a password change is not required while a 1 means the user will be forced to change their password. This value will typically not exist at all until a user is forced to change their password at least once.

If you ever need to bulk-force password change across all users in the system (e.g. for security reasons), you can add the `auth_forcepasswordchange` option to the `mdl_user_preferences` with a value of 1 if it doesn't exist, or simply update it from 0 to 1 if it does. Remember this is only relevant to internal authentication methods such as the default `manual` authentication method.

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