

# [How-To] Reset Default OpenVPN User Password via CLI

## Purpose

The purpose of this is to reset the default OpenVPN user password via the CLI when locked out and don't have other admin accounts to get in with.

## Prerequisites

List of prerequisites:

- Root user or sudo user
- OpenVPN AS

## CLI Commands to Reset Password

### Step 1

Run these commands to reset the password for OpenVPN user:

```
sudo su -l
```

```
cd /usr/local/openvpn_as/scripts
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --key "prop_superuser" --value "true" UserPropPut
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --key "user_auth_type" --value "local" UserPropPut
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --new_pass=<PASSWORD> SetLocalPassword
```

```
./sacli start
```

With these commands, and changing out <PASSWORD> for your desired password, you should be able to get back in.

## Step 2: Reset/Remove 2FA From Account

Run these commands to remove 2FA from the default OpenVPN account.

```
sudo su -l
```

```
cd /usr/local/openvpn_as/scripts
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --key "prop_deny" --value "false" UserPropPut
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --key "prop_google_auth" UserPropDel
```

```
./sacli --user "openvpn" --lock 0 GoogleAuthRegen
```

```
./sacli start
```

## Step 3: Reset the Password Lockout Policy

Run these commands to reset the password policy for the default OpenVPN account.

```
./sacli --key "vpn.server.lockout_policy.reset_time" --value "1" ConfigPut
```

```
./sacli start
```

```
sleep 2
```

```
./sacli --key "vpn.server.lockout_policy.reset_time" ConfigDel
```

```
./sacli start
```

<https://openvpn.net/as-docs/reset-admin-access.html#notes-on-older-access-server-versions>

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