Change Password in LINUX

How do I change the password in LINUX?

To modify a user's password or your own password in LINUX use the passwd command. Open the terminal and then type the passwd command entering the new password, the characters entered do not display on screen, in order to avoid the password being seen by a passer-by. The passwd command prompts for the new password twice in order to detect any typing errors. The encrypted password is stored in /etc/shadow file.

Change Any Users Password

Login as the root user and type the command:

```
# passwd userName
# passwd vivek
# passwd tom
```

Sample outputs:

```
Enter new LINUX password:
Retype new LINUX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```

Change Your Own Password

Simply type the passwd command:

```
$ passwd
```

Sample outputs:

```
(current) LINUX password:
Enter new LINUX password:
Retype new LINUX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```