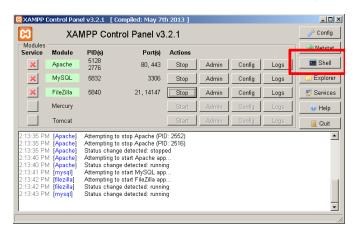
## **Reset the MySQL Root Password**

By default, the MySQL installation that ships with XAMPP has an empty root password. This is a serious security risk, especially if you plan to use XAMPP in production scenarios.

To change the MySQL root password, follow these steps:

- 1. Ensure that the MySQL server is running.
- 2. Open your Windows command prompt by clicking the "Shell" button in the XAMPP control panel.

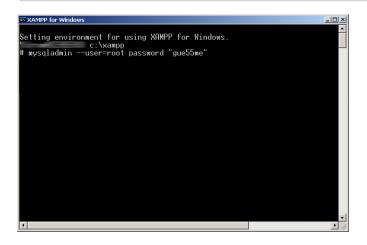


3. Use the mysgladmin command-line utility to alter the MySQL password, using the following syntax:

mysqladmin --user=root password "newpassword"

For example, to change the MySQL root password from its default empty value to the password *gue55me*, you would execute:

mysqladmin --user=root password "gue55me"



Or, if a password has already been previously set and you'd like to change it to a new one, you can use the following syntax:

mysqladmin --user=root --password=oldpassword password "newpassword"

For example, to change the root password from 12345 to gue55me, you would execute:

mysqladmin --user=root --password=12345 password "gue55me"

4. Test that your password change has been accepted, by attempting to connect to the MySQL server using the *mysql* command-line client in the same directory. For example, you could use the command below to connect to the server and return the results of a calculation:

