Subject: login fails after upgrade to ver 1.42
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I upgraded a system that stored passwords as plain text , including updating the menu database and table. After this, I could not log in.

I think that the update to the menu database reset the password storage to encrypted. I have solved my problem by

Edit the config.inc file to output all sql queries
Try logging in as a user - this fails
extract the encrypted password from the saved sql query
replace the plain text password in the menu database with the encrypted password, using, in my case phpmyadmin

This needs repeating for all users with plain text passwords

Generally, the best option is do not use plain text passwords. As this is a one-time problem, I expect to use the work round rather than have a patch issued.

However, does my workround expose a security weakness if logging of sql queries are enabled?