Linux Fundamentals

VERSION 3



Part 4

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Filters

grep

• The **grep** is to filter lines of text containing (or not containing) a certain string.

\$ cat tennis.txt

Amelie Mauresmo, Fra

Kim Clijsters, BEL

Justine Henin, Bel

Serena Williams, usa

Venus Williams, USA

\$ cat tennis.txt | grep Williams

Serena Williams, usa

Venus Williams, USA Eng Ali Mohammad. Bani Bakkar Eng Ali Mohammad. Bani Bakkar Bani Bakkar Eng Ali Mohammad. Bani Bakkar

Example

```
$ echo "one Two three">>ali3.txt
$ echo "one two three">>ali3.txt
$ echo "three four five">>ali3.txt
$ grep two ali3.txt
one two three
$ cat ali3.txt | grep two
one two three
$ cat ali3.txt | xargs echo
one Two three one two three four five
```

- Cat filename | grep –i "flag" (security tasks)
- Cat filename | grep -i "root\|password\|login" (security tasks)

Grep cont.

You can write this without the cat.

\$ grep Williams tennis.txt Serena Williams, usa Venus Williams, USA

• **grep -i** filters in a case insensitive way.

\$ grep ali tennis.txt Justine Henin, Bel \$ grep -i ali tennis.txt filters

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Kim Clijsters, BEL Justine Henin, Bel

grep -v outputs lines not matching the string.

\$ grep -v Fra tennis.txt Kim Clijsters, BEL Justine Henin, ali Serena Williams, usa Venus Williams, USA

cut

- The cut filter can select columns from files, depending on a delimiter or a count of bytes.
- Use **cut** to filter for the username and userid in the **/etc/passwd** file.
- It uses the colon as a delimiter, and selects fields 1 and 3.

\$ cut -d: -f1,3 /etc/passwd | tail -4

Figo:510 Pfaff:511 Harry:516

Hermione:517

When using a space as the delimiter for cut, you have to quote the space.

\$ cut -d" " -f1 tennis.txt

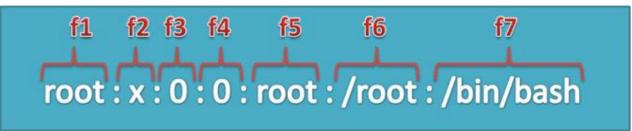
Amelie

Kim

Justine

Serena

Venus



tr

You can translate characters with tr.

\$ cat tennis.txt | tr 'e' 'E' AmEliE MaurEsmo, Fra Kim ClijstErs, BEL JustinE HEnin, BEl SErEna Williams, usa VEnus Williams, USA

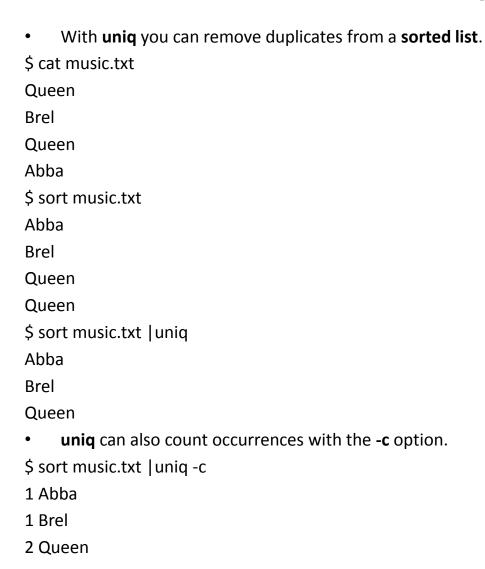
Here we set all letters to uppercase by defining two ranges.

\$ cat tennis.txt | tr 'a-z' 'A-Z' AMELIE MAURESMO, FRA KIM CLIJSTERS, BEL JUSTINE HENIN, BEL SERENA WILLIAMS, USA VENUS WILLIAMS, USA

WC

- Counting words, lines and characters is easy with wc.
- \$ wc tennis.txt
- 5 15 100 tennis.txt
- \$ wc -l tennis.txt
- 5 tennis.txt
- \$ wc -w tennis.txt
- 15 tennis.txt
- \$ wc -c tennis.txt
- 100 tennis.txt

uniq



od

 uses od to show the contents of the file in hexadecimal bytes

```
$ cat > text.txt
abcdefg
1234567
$ od -x text.txt
0000000 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 0a 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 0a
0000020
```

The same file can also be displayed in octal bytes.

\$ od -b text.txt

0000000 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 012 061 062 063 064 065 066 067 0120000020

pipe examples

who | wc

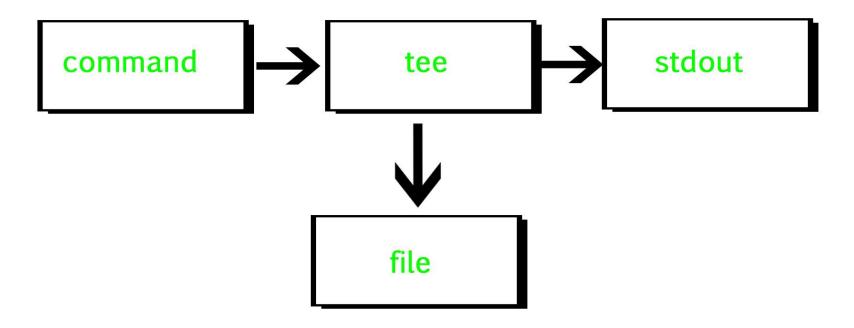
How many users are logged on to this system? \$ who root tty1 Jul 25 10:50 paul pts/0 Jul 25 09:29 (laika) Harry pts/1 Jul 25 12:26 (barry) paul pts/2 Jul 25 12:26 (pasha) \$ who | wc-l 4 Display a sorted list of logged on users. \$ who | cut -d' ' -f1 | sort Harry paul paul root

pipe examples

Display a sorted list of logged on users, but every user only once. \$ who | cut -d' ' -f1 | sort | uniq Harry paul root grep | cut Display a list of all bash user accounts on this computer. \$ grep bash /etc/passwd root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash paul:x:1000:1000:paul,,,:/home/paul:/bin/bash serena:x:1001:1001::/home/serena:/bin/bash \$ grep bash /etc/passwd | cut -d: -f1 root paul Serena display the users of /etc/

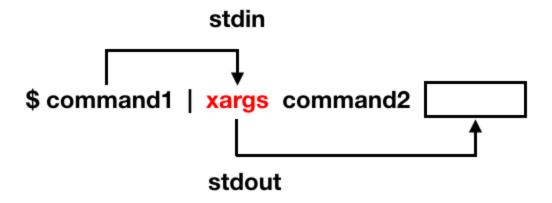
cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd | column

Tee



Tee, xarg

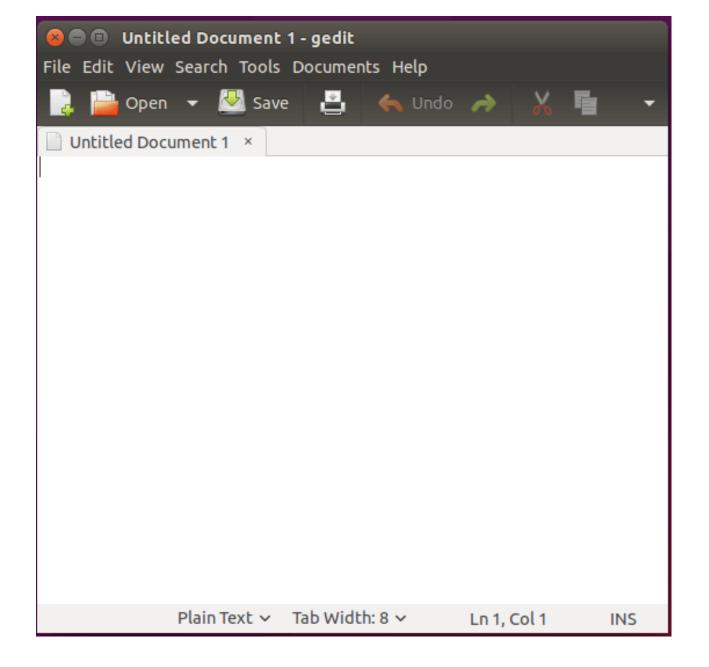
- wc -l file1.txt| tee file2.txt
- echo 'one two three' | xargs mkdir ls one two three



Linux Text Editors

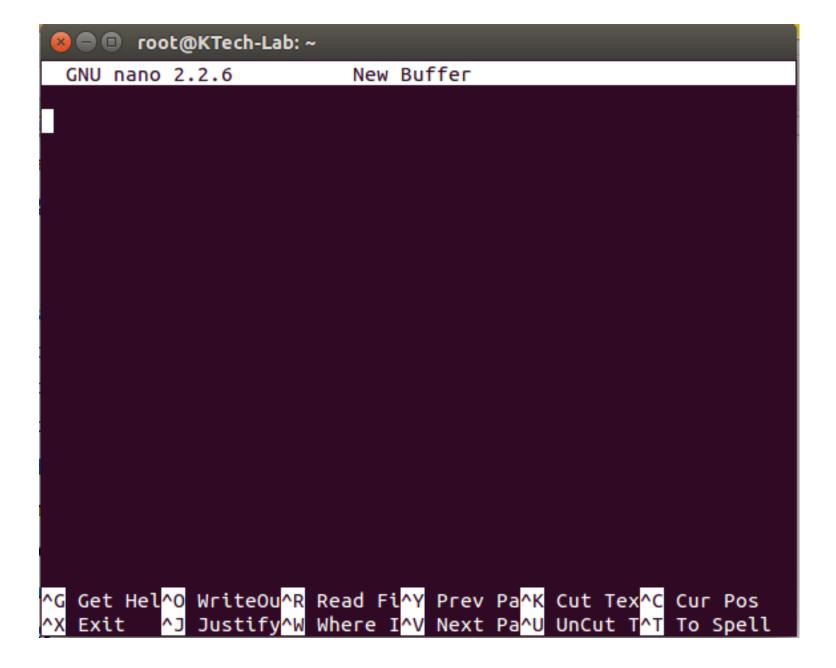
Gedit

- This is a general purpose GUI based text editor and is installed by default text editor on Gnome desktop environment. It is simple to use, highly pluggable and a powerful editor with the following features:
- Support for UTF-8
- Use of configurable font size and colors
- Highly customizable syntax highlighting
- Undo and redo functionalities
- Reverting of files
- Remote editing of files
- Search and replace text
- Clipboard support functionalities and many more



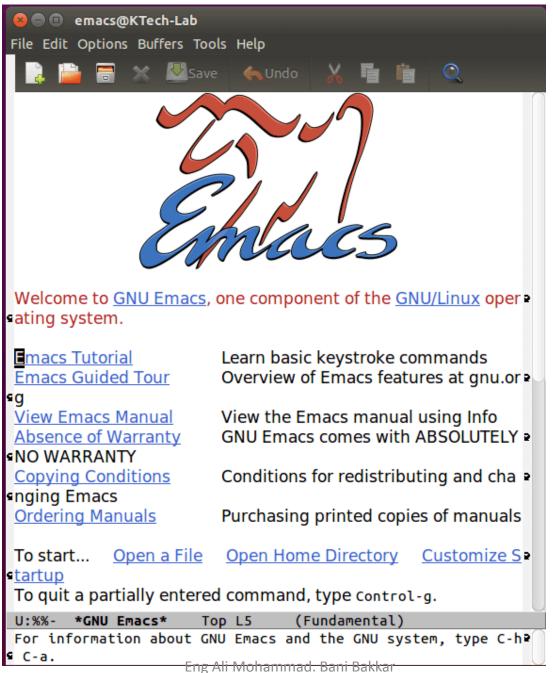
Nano Editor

- Nano is an easy to use text editor especially for both new and advanced Linux users. It enhances usability by providing customizable key binding.
- Nano has the following features:
- Highly customizable key bindings
- Syntax highlighting
- Undo and redo options
- Full line display on the standard output
- Pager support to read form standard input



GNU Emacs

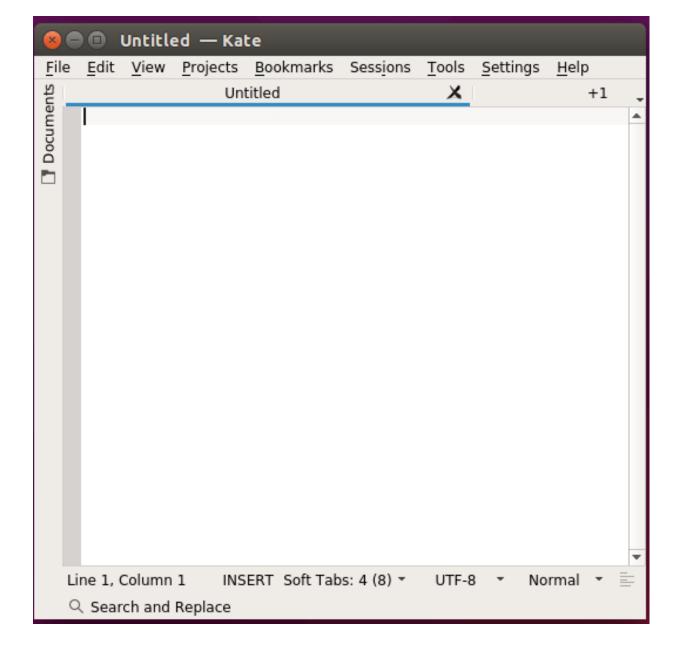
- This is a highly extensible and customizable text editor that also offers interpretation of the Lisp programming language at its core. Different extensions can be added to support text editing functionalities.
- Emacs has the following features:
- User documentation and tutorials
- Syntax highlighting using colors even for plain text.
- Unicode supports many natural languages.
- Various extension including mail and news, debugger interface, calender and many more



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Kate/Kwrite

- Kate is a feature rich and highly pluggable text editor that comes with KDesktop Environment (KDE). The Kate project aims at development of two main products that is: KatePart and Kate.
- KatePart is an advanced text editor component included in many KDE applications which may require users to edit text whereas Kate is an multiple document interface(MDI) text editor.
- The following are some of its general features:
- Extensible through scripting
- Encoding support such as unicode mode
- Text rendering in bi-directional mode
- Line ending support with auto detection functionalities
- Also remote file editing and many other features including advanced editor features, applications features, programming features, text highlighting features, backup features and search and replace features.



Lime Text

 This is a powerful IDE-like text editor which is free and open-source successor of popular Sublime Text. It has a few frontends such as command-line interface that you can use with the pluggable backend.

```
editor.go
         main.go
 mc (t *qmlfrontend) HandleInput(keycode int, modifiers int) bool {
   log4go.Debug("qmlfrontend.HandleInput: key=%x, modifiers=%x", keycode, modifiers)
   shift := false
   alt := false
   ctrl := false
   super := false
   if key, ok := lut[keycode]; ok {
       ed := backend.GetEditor()
       if (modifiers & shift_mod) != 0 {
           shift = true
       if (modifiers & alt_mod) != 0 {
           alt = true
       if (modifiers & ctrl_mod) != 0 {
           if runtime.GOOS == "darwin" {
               super = true
           } else {
               ctrl = true
       if (modifiers & meta_mod) != 0 {
           if runtime.GOOS == "darwin" {
               ctrl = true
           } else {
               super = true
       ed.HandleInput(backend.KeyPress{Key: key, Shift: shift, Alt: alt, Ctrl: ctrl, Super: super})
00000345 72 [2014/08/27 15:43:36 PDT] [DEBG] (main.func-008:597) calling newEngine
00000428 70 [2014/08/27 15:43:36 PDT] [DEBG] (main.func·008:599) setvar frontend
00000509 68 [2014/08/27 15:43:36 PDT] [DEBG] (main.func-008:601) setvar editor
00000588 63 [2014/08/27 15:43:36 PDT] [DEBG] (main.func-008:604) loadfile
./.. 00000662 164 [2014/08/27 15:43:37 PDT] [INFO] (github.com/limetext/lime/backend.(*Editor).loadKeybinding:182) Loaded
git branch: master INSERT MODE Line xx, Column yy
                                                                                                 Tab Size/Spaces: 4
```

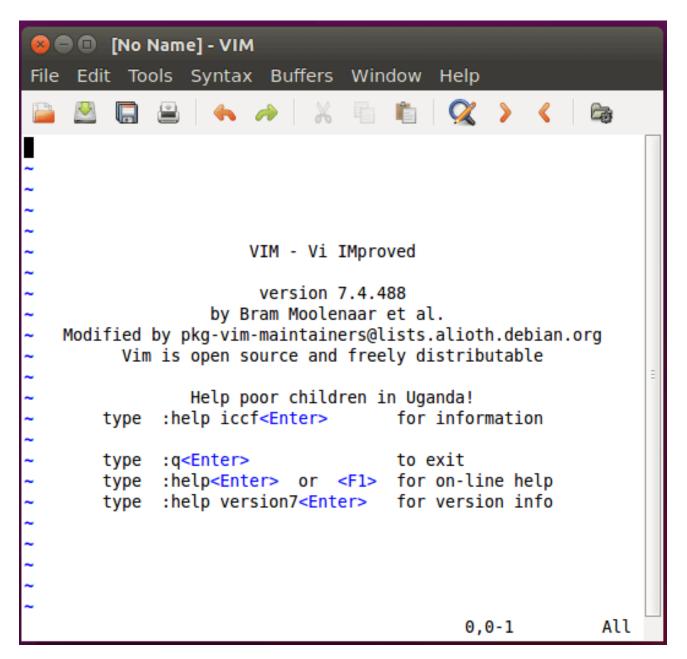
Jed Editor

 This is also another command line editor with support for GUI like features such as dropdown menus. It is developed purposely for software development and one of its important features is support of unicode mode.

```
Toot@KTech-Lab: ~
                                            Windows
                  Edit Search Buffers
F10 key ==> File
                                                      System
    This is a scratch buffer. It is NOT saved when you exit.
     To access the menus, press F10 or ESC-m and the use the as
    keys to navigate.
    Latest version information is available on the web from
    <http://www.jedsoft.org/jed/>. Other sources of JED
    information include the usenet newsgroups comp.editors ans
    alt.lang.s-lang. To subscribe to the jed-users mailing l
    <http://www.jedsoft.org/jed/mailinglists.html>.
    Copyright (C) 1994, 2000-2009 John E. Davis
    Email comments or suggestions to <jed@jedsoft.org>.
      --(Jed 0.99.19U) Emacs: *scratch*
                                             All
                                                    11:28am---
```

gVim Editor

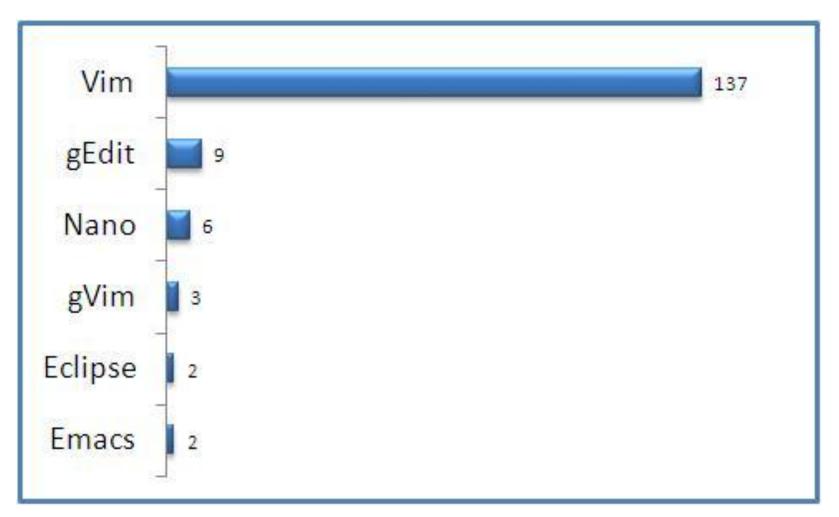
 It is a GUI version of the popular Vim editor and it has similar functionalities as the command line Vim.



also

- Geany Editor
- Leaf Pad
- Bluefish
- Atom
- VSCode
- Light Table
- Medit Text Editor
- Neovim Vim-based Text Editor
- etc

Favorite Linux Text Editor Voting Results



Vim

- Vim is a powerful text editor used in CLI (command line interface).
- Linux uses a lot of configuration files, you'll
 often need to edit them and vim is a great tool
 to do so.
- Alternatives to vim are the commandline editors nano and joe.

VIM - Vi IMproved

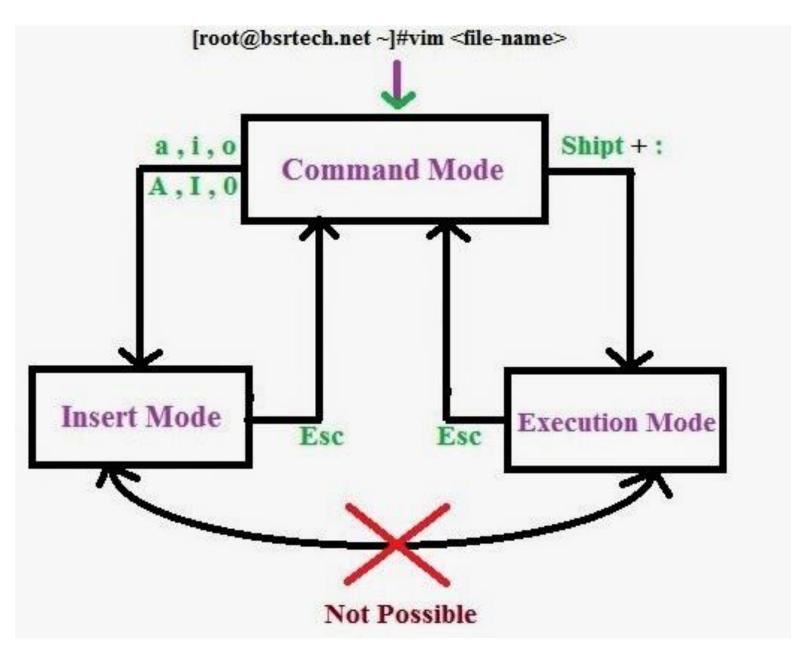
version 7.4.52
by Bram Moolenaar et al.
Modified by pkg-vim-maintainers@lists.alioth.debian.org
Vim is open source and freely distributable

Help poor children in Uganda!

type :help iccf<Enter> for information

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Vim Command Reference

```
save: :w
save and exit: :wq
force: ! (example :w! :q!)
documents.
copy: y
copy a line: yy
paste: p
cut: d
cut a line: dd
```

Set number

Vim Command Reference

- command action
- x delete the character below the cursor
- X delete the character before the cursor
- r replace the character below the cursor
- p paste after the cursor (here the last deleted character)
- xp switch two characters

Introduction to Users management

User types

- Root user
- Service user
- Normal user

What is the importance for every type?

commands

whoami

The whoami command tells you your username.

who

The **who** command will give you information about who is logged on the system.

who am i

With **who am i** the **who** command will display only the line pointing to your current session.

• w

The **w** command shows you who is logged on and what they are doing.

id

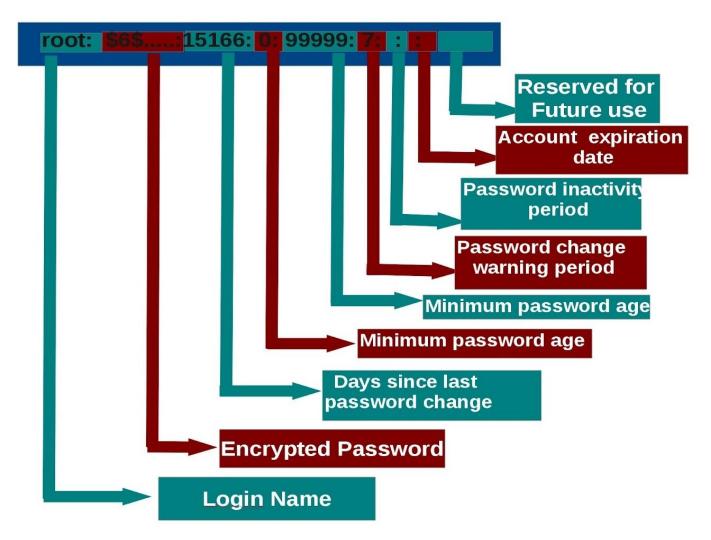
The **id** command will give you your user id, primary group id, and a list of the groups that you belong to.

Whereis

/etc/passwd

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
    2 3 4 5
                  6
1.root: username
 2.x: password (saved in /etc/shadow in encrypted form)
     UID (0 is for root)
     GID (0 is for root)
5.root: comments
6./root: Home directory
 7./bin/bash: Login Shell
```

/etc/shadow



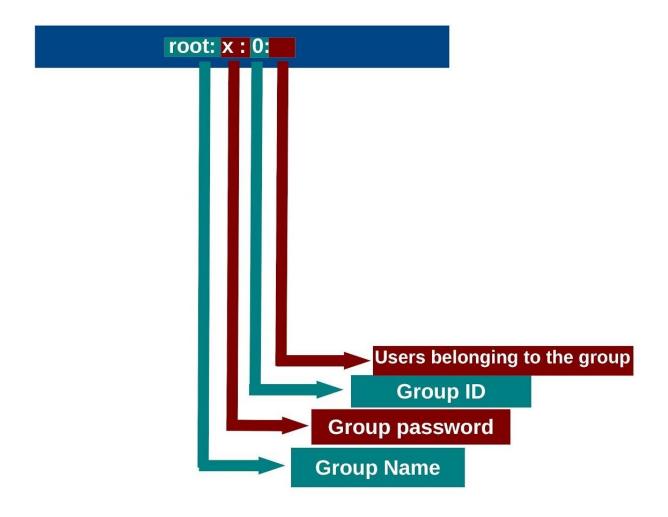
su to another user

- The su command allows a user to run a shell as another user.
- su \$username
- By default, the su command maintains the same shell environment.

Useradd userdel

- Useradd / adduser
- -s : shell
- -p :password
- -u :user id
- -c: gecos
- -e :expiration date
- -md : home directory
- Use usermod to change the attributes of the user after creation
- You can delete the user with **userdel**. The -r option of userdel will also remove the home directory.

/etc/group



- # useradd ali
- # passwd ali
- # useradd -G admin -u 1005 -s /usr/sbin/nologin ali
- # useradd -c "ahmed " -e 2016-12-31 -s /bin/csh ahmed
- To verify:
- # id
- # id ali
- # id -u ali (UID for ali)
- # tail -n 1 /etc/passwd
- username:password:UID:GID:GECOS:/home/dir:shell
- note:
- # tail -n 1 /etc/shadow
- name:password:1astchange:minage:maxage:warning:inactive:expire:b1ank
- The number 1 indicates an MD5 hash. The number 6 appears when a SHA-512 hash is used.
- # authconfig --passalgo=<descrypt|bigcrypt|md5|sha256|sha512> (to change the hashing type)
- note:
- !! indicates that the user has no password

Modify users:

- #usermod -L ali (lock the user)
- #usermod -U ali (unlock the user)
- #usermod -G sales ali (overwrite secondary group)
- #usermod -aG admin ali (append to secondary group)
- or:
- #vim /etc/group
- To verify:
- #id ali

Delete users:

- #userdel ali
- #userdel -r test (removes home directory)
- Note:
- useradd command assigns new users the first free UID number available in the range starting from UID 1000 or above.
- [root@master ~]#useradd ali
- #ls /home/ -l
- drwx-----. 5 ali ali 4096 Jun 21 21:36 ali
- [root@master ~]#userdel ali
- [root@master ~]#useradd ahmed
- #ls /home/ -l
- drwx-----. 5 ahmed ahmed 74 Jun 23 05:00 ali
- drwx-----. 3 ahmed ahmed 74 Jun 23 02:55 ahmed

Groupadd

- -g:primary group id
- -G: secondary group id
- -aG: add secondary group
- \$useradd ali –G sales

 TO ADD A USER TO A SECONDARY GROUP USE:

usermod -a -G examplegroup exampleusername

- UID ranges:
- UID 0 is always assigned to the superuser account, root.
- UID 1-200 is a range of "system users" assigned statically to system processes by Red Hat.
- UID 201-999 is a range of "system users" used by system processes that do not own files on the file system.
- UID 1000+ is the range available for assignment to regular users.
- To change the default:
- #vim /etc/login.defs
- Password aging:
- #chage -l ali (list info about the user)
- #chage -E 2017-1-1 ali (expire the user on the specified address)
- #chage -m 1 ali (set minimum number of days before password change)
- #chage -M 120 ali (set maximim number of days before password change)
- #passwd -x 90 ali (the password will expire after 90 days)
- Create a default file or directoy in the user's home directory:
- #touch /etc/skel/new_file
- GUI tool to manage users and groups:
- #yum install system-config-users
- #system-config-users

- Primary group is the user Private Group (UPG).
- # groupadd sales
- # groupadd -g 1005 admin
- To verify:
- # id
- # id ali
- # grep sales /etc/group
- groupname:password:GID:list,of,users,in,this,group
- # groupmod -g 2000 admin
- # groupadd old
- # groupmod -n new old (rename a group)

run a program as another user

 The sudo program allows a user to start a program with the credentials of another user.

Before this works, the system administrator has to set up the **/etc/sudoers** file. This can be useful to delegate administrative tasks to nother user (without giving the root password).

- Running commands as root with sudo:
- # vim /etc/sudoers
- ali ALL=(ALL) ALL
- %sales ALL=(ALL) ALL
- \$ sudo passwd ahmed
- \$ sudo passwd -l ahmed
- To verify:
- # tail -f /var/log/secure

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo adduser ayman
Adding user `ayman' ...
Adding new group `ayman' (1000) ...
Adding new user `ayman' (1000) with group `ayman' ...
Creating home directory `/home/ayman' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
Sorry, passwords do not match.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for ayman
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
        Full Name []:
        Room Number []:
        Work Phone []:
        Home Phone []:
       Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n]
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ su ayman
Password:
ayman@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu$ sudo adduser rami
[sudo] password for ayman:
ayman is not in the sudoers file.
avman@ubuntu:/home/ubuntuS
```

example@example-VirtualBox: ~ \(\infty \) \(\infty \) \(\text{File Edit View Search Terminal Help} \) \(\text{example@example-VirtualBox: ~ \$ sudo usermod - aG sudo newuser example@example-VirtualBox: ~ \$ groups newuser newuser : newuser sudo example@example-VirtualBox: ~ \$

```
This file MUST be edited with the 'visudo' command as root.
 Please consider adding local content in /etc/sudoers.d/ instead of
  directly modifying this file.
 See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
Defaults
                env_reset
Defaults
                mail badpass
                secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin"
Defaults
# Host alias specification
# User alias specification
 Cmnd alias specification
# User privilege specification
        ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
root
        ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
jdoe
# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
```

/etc/login.defs

 The /etc/login.defs file contains some default settings for user passwords like password aging and length settings.

/etc/login.defs Set reasonable defaults like these PASS_MAX_DAYS 30 #30 days till change PASS_MIN_DAYS 0 #No min age PASS_MIN_LEN 10 #10 char minimum PASS_WARN_AGE7 #Warn 7 days before expire

File Security

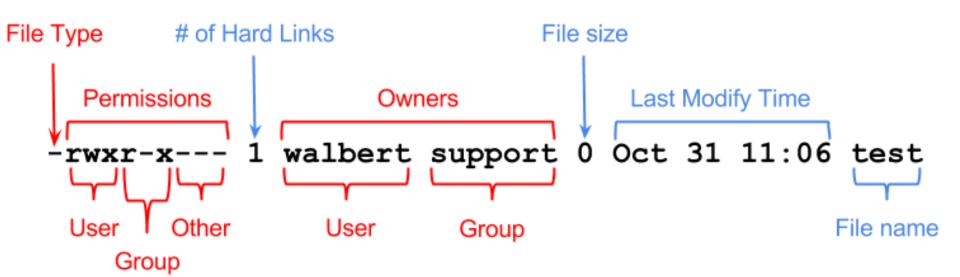
Standard File Permissions

Ownership of Linux files

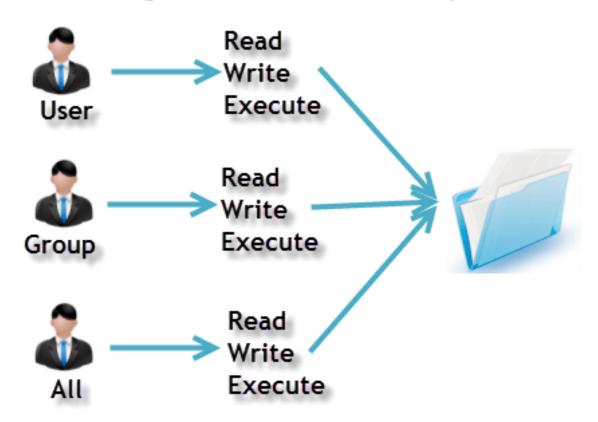
- Every file has a user owner and a group owner
- Every file and directory on your Unix/Linux system is assigned 3 types of owner.
- User
- A user is the owner of the file. By default, the person who created a file becomes its owner. Hence, a user is also sometimes called an owner.
- Group
- A user- group can contain multiple users. All users belonging to a group will have the same access permissions to the file.
- Other
- Any other user who has access to a file. This person has neither created the file, nor he belongs to a usergroup who could own the file. Practically, it means everybody else.

Permissions

- Read: This permission give you the authority to open and read a file. Read permission on a directory gives you the ability to lists its content.
- Write: The write permission gives you the authority to modify the contents of a file. The write permission on a directory gives you the authority to add, remove and rename files stored in the directory.
- **Execute:** you cannot run a program unless the execute permission is set.
- A user must have **execute** access to the **bin** directory in order to execute the **Is** or the **cd** command.
- Use Ls -I /home/ -d



Owners assigned Permission On Every File and Directory



setting permissions (chmod)

- Permissions can be changed with chmod. The first example gives the user owner execute permissions.
- This example removes the group owners read permission.
- \$ chmod g-r permissions.txt
- \$ Is -I permissions.txt
- This example removes the others read permission.
- \$ chmod o-r permissions.txt
- This example gives all of them the write permission.
- \$ chmod a+w permissions.txt

setting permissions (chmod) cont.

- You don't even have to type the a.
- \$ chmod +x permissions.txt
- You can also set explicit permissions.
- \$ chmod u=rw permissions.txt
- make any kind of combination.
- \$ chmod u=rw,g=rw,o=r permissions.txt
- Even fishy combinations are accepted by chmod.
- \$ chmod u=rwx,ug+rw,o=r permissions.txt

setting octal permissions

drwxrwxrwx

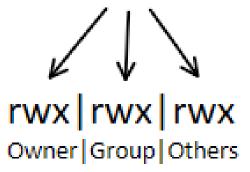
d = Directory

r = Read

w = Write

x = Execute

chmod 777



7	rwx	111
6	rw-	110
5	r-x	101
4	r	100
3	-wx	011
2	-W-	010
1	x	001
0		000

setting octal permissions cont.

- This makes 777 equal to rwxrwxrwx and by the same logic, 654 mean rw-r-xr--. The chmod
- command will accept these numbers.
- \$ chmod 777 permissions.txt
- \$ chmod 664 permissions.txt
- \$ chmod 750 permissions.txt

umask

What is umask?

umask, : User file creation mask which is used for determining the default permission for a new file creation. umask command is a shell built-in.

- the default file creation value is 666, the default directory creation value is
 777
- Say, the umask value is 022(normal user). 002(root user)
- Assume we create a file say "file1". The permissions given for this file will be the result coming from the substraction of the umask from the default value:

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Default: 666 umask: 022

Result: 644

644 is the permission to be given on the file "file1".

Umask cont.

How to find out the umask value?

\$ umask 0022 The option -S gives in more readable format. \$ umask -S u=rwx,g=rx,o=rx This means umask, at the max, allows all permissions for the user, read and execute alone for the group and others.

How to set the umask value?

\$ umask 033

How to set this umask permanently for a user?

To set this value permanently for a user, it has to be put in the appropriate etc/profile file AND etc/bashrc which depends on the default shell of the user.

Who can set the umask value?

It can be set by the root user which will be applicable across the system. Also, a given user can override the umask value by having his own setting in his/her profile file.

chgrp and chown

- chgrp
- You can change the group owner of a file using the chgrp command.

chgrp newgroup file

Chown

 You can change the user owner of a file using the chown command.

chown newuser File

 You can also use chown to change both the user owner and the group owner.

chown groupowner:userowner File

list of special files

- normal file
- d directory
- I symbolic link
- p named pipe
- b block device
- c character device
- s socket