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TITLE: GROUP ADMINISTRATION

- **Groups in Linux** - In Linux, groups are used to manage a collection of users and their access to system resources such as files and directories.
- **Key Concepts**
 - **Group ID (GID):**
Each group has a unique numeric identifier called the **GID**.
 - **Group Information Storage:**
Group names and GIDs are stored in the `/etc/group` file.
 - **Private Group for Each User:**
When a new user is created, a private group with the same name is typically created and assigned as their **primary group**.
 - **Primary and Secondary Groups:**
 1. **Primary Group:** - Defined in the `/etc/passwd` file. Every user must belong to one primary group. Files created by the user are associated with this group by default.
 2. **Secondary Groups:** - Listed in the `/etc/group` file. A user can be part of **multiple secondary groups**. These groups grant additional access to files and directories.
- **Creating a Group with default options**
 - To create a group the syntax is - **#groupadd <name for the group>**

```
dani:x:1007:
root@Annie:/home/annie# groupadd group1
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin:x:1005:
admin2:x:1006:
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ **Creating a group with user specified group id (GID)**

- **#groupadd -g <groupid> <groupname>**
- Verify it in **tail /etc/group**

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# groupadd -g 1024 group2
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:
group2:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ **Changing the name of the group**

The syntax for changing the group name is

- **#groupmod -n <new name> <existing name>**

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# groupmod -n linux group2
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:
linux:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ **Adding and Removing Members to a Group:**

Adding the members to the group is to add users to the group. To add the members to the group the syntaxes are

- To add a **single user** to the group.

#usermod -G <group name> <username>

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# usermod -G group1 dani
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:dani
linux:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ **Adding multiple single or multiple users to the group with various attributes:**

#gpasswd < option> <arguments> <group name>

Options:

- **-M** For Adding Multiple users to a group.
- **-A** for Adding a group Administrator.
- **-a** for Adding a single user to a group.
- **-d** removing a user from a group

#gpasswd -M <user>,<user>,<user> <group>

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# gpasswd -M user1,user2 admin2
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:user1,user2
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:dani
linux:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ **Making a user as a administrator**

- **#gpasswd -A username groupname**
- **verify it in /etc/gshadow**

```
oot@Annie:/home/annie# gpasswd -A dani linux
oot@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/shadow
ser2:$y$j9T$ic.5HWGQ1shxwfSiFMZUW0$7GCrcZtPcBSeuYRbJ8/jncQFWjbgss8SJS7pW9hfdd
0218:0:99999:7:::
ser1:$y$j9T$17X/pJiv9FW1ap/kJjPxL/$ntu1FgDRDwWbfxlkBHKU89S5/f4hi92Lw3KUa/Rqyr
0218:0:99999:7:::
ser3:!:20218:0:99999:7:::
ani:!:20218:0:99999:7:::
oot@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ Removing a user from the group:

- #gpasswd -d <username><groupname>

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:user1,user2
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:dani
linux:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie# gpasswd -d user1 admin2
Removing user user1 from group admin2
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin2:x:1006:user2
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:dani
linux:x:1024:
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ Delete Group:

groupdel <groupname>

```
root@Annie:/home/annie# groupdel linux
root@Annie:/home/annie# tail -4 /etc/group
admin:x:1005:
admin2:x:1006:user2
dani:x:1007:
group1:x:1008:dani
root@Annie:/home/annie#
```

➤ To find what process runs in system

```

root@Annie:/home/annie# ps -ef

```

UID	PID	PPID	C	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
root	1	0	0	09:58	?	00:00:15	/sbin/init splash
root	2	0	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kthreadd]
root	3	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[pool_workqueue_release]
root	4	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/R-rcu_g]
root	5	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/R-rcu_p]
root	6	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/R-slub_]
root	7	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/R-netns]
root	9	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:03	[kworker/0:1-rcu_par_gp]
root	11	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/u256:0]
root	12	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[kworker/R-mm_pe]
root	13	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[rcu_tasks_kthread]
root	14	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[rcu_tasks_rude_kthread]
root	15	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[rcu_tasks_trace_kthread]
root	16	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[ksoftirqd/0]
root	17	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:04	[rcu_preempt]
root	18	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[migration/0]
root	19	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[idle_inject/0]
root	20	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[cpuhp/0]
root	21	2	0	09:58	?	00:00:00	[cpuhp/1]