

NAME

vipw, **vigr** – edit the password, group, shadow–password or shadow–group file

SYNOPSIS

vipw [*options*]

vigr [*options*]

DESCRIPTION

The **vipw** and **vigr** commands edit the files `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/group`, respectively. With the `–s` flag, they will edit the shadow versions of those files, `/etc/shadow` and `/etc/gshadow`, respectively. The programs will set the appropriate locks to prevent file corruption. When looking for an editor, the programs will first try the environment variable **\$VISUAL**, then the environment variable **\$EDITOR**, and finally the default editor, **vi(1)**.

OPTIONS

The options which apply to the **vipw** and **vigr** commands are:

–g, --group

Edit group database.

–h, --help

Display help message and exit.

–p, --passwd

Edit passwd database.

–q, --quiet

Quiet mode.

–R, --root CHROOT_DIR

Apply changes in the *CHROOT_DIR* directory and use the configuration files from the *CHROOT_DIR* directory.

–s, --shadow

Edit shadow or gshadow database.

ENVIRONMENT**VISUAL**

Editor to be used.

EDITOR

Editor to be used if **VISUAL** is not set.

FILES

`/etc/group`

Group account information.

`/etc/gshadow`

Secure group account information.

`/etc/passwd`

User account information.

`/etc/shadow`

Secure user account information.

SEE ALSO

vi(1), **group(5)**, **gshadow(5)**, **passwd(5)**, **shadow(5)**.