

# Manage Users in Linux

## Project description

In this scenario, a new employee (`researcher9`) just joined the organization. As a result, the research team tasked me to manage the user access within the organization. The operating system is Linux, indicating that the tasks require a command-line interface (Linux Bash shell) approach via Linux Terminal.

## Describing the commands I used

The following are the commands i used when managing the user access:

1. `useradd` allows us to add users to the system.  
`sudo useradd researcher9`
2. `usermod` allows us to assign the users to a specific group as well as a secondary group.  
`sudo usermod -g research_team researcher9`
3. `userdel` allows us to delete the users from the system.  
`sudo userdel researcher9`
4. `groupdel` allows us to delete the user's group.  
`sudo groupdel researcher9` (When a new user is created, a group with the same name as the user is also created and that user is the only member of that group. After removing users, it is highly recommended to clean up any such empty groups that are file behind, which is why i used groupdel).
5. `chown` allows us to assign file ownership.  
`sudo chown researcher9 /home/researcher2/projects/project_r.txt`

## Adding the user and group

The organization would like to add `researcher9` to the system and add him to the `research_team` group as his primary group. Here's the command:

1. `Sudo useradd researcher9`

```
2. Sudo usermod -g research_team researcher9
```

Alternatively, we can perform both steps at once:

```
1. Sudo useradd researcher9 -g research_team
```

```
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo useradd researcher9
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo usermod -g research_team researcher9
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$
```

## Assign file ownership

Researcher9 will take over project\_r and the owner has to be him (project\_r.txt). The project\_r.txt is located in /home/researcher2/projects and is currently owned by researcher2.

The command to change the ownership to researcher9 is:

```
sudo chown researcher9 /home/researcher2/projects/project_r.txt
```

```
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo chown researcher9 /home/researcher2/projects/project_r.txt
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$
```

## Add the user to a secondary group

A few months later, researcher9 is now working in both the research and sales departments. My task is to add researcher9 to the sales department as a secondary group without removing him from research department. Sales team is sales\_team.

```
Sudo usermod -a -G sales_team researcher9
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```
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo usermod -a -G sales_team researcher9
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$
```

## Delete a user

A year later, researcher9 decided to leave the company. In this task, I have to remove him from the system. The command to make it happen is:

1. `sudo userdel researcher9`
2. `sudo groupdel researcher9`

```
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo userdel researcher9
userdel: group researcher9 not removed because it is not the primary group of user researcher9.
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$ sudo groupdel researcher9
analyst@be8fd768d3c9:~$
```

## Summary

In this project, I demonstrated my ability to manage users by adding the users, assigning the users to the specific group and secondary group, assigning the file ownership, and deleting their account.