

NAME

group – user group file

DESCRIPTION

/etc/group is a text file which defines the groups on the system. There is one entry per line, with the following format:

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group_name:passwd:GID:user_list
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The field descriptions are:

group_name

the name of the group.

password

the (encrypted) group password. If this field is empty, no password is needed.

GID

the numerical group ID.

user_list

a list of the usernames that are members of this group, separated by commas.

FILES

/etc/group

BUGS

As the 4.2BSD **initgroups**(3) man page says: No-one seems to keep */etc/group* up-to-date.

SEE ALSO

login(1), **newgrp**(1), **getgrent**(3), **getgrnam**(3), **passwd**(5)

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