

# Linux Plus for AWS and DevOps



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Managing
Users and
Groups







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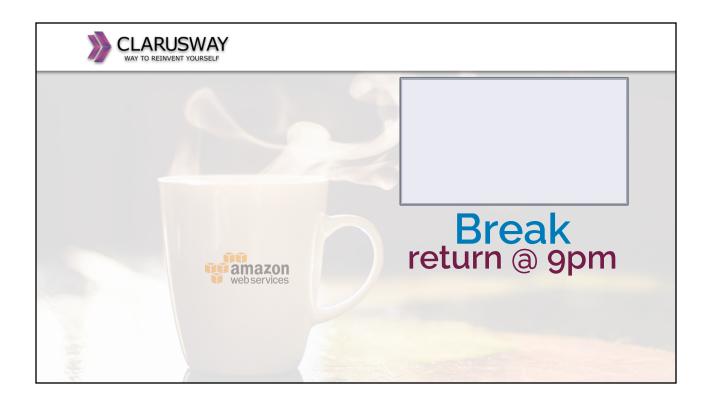
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Identity & Access Management



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### Identity & Access Management - Overview



- Every operating system needs a way to authenticate and authorize users
  - o authenticate = verify who the user is
  - authorize = what resources they can access
- Following constructs facilitate this:
  - Users / passwords support authentication
  - Permissions support authorization
  - o Groups facilitate easy ways to manage authorization





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### Basic User Commands





### **Basic User Commands**



whoami

display one-line manual page descriptions.

#### whoami

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### **Basic User Commands**



who

provide with details about who is logged on the system.

#### who

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ who
root pts/0 2019-11-10 23:07 (10.104.33.101)
james pts/1 2019-11-10 23:30 (10.104.33.101)
john pts/2 2019-11-10 23:34 (10.104.33.96)
clarusway pts/3 2019-11-10 23:39 (10.104.33.91)
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
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w

inform who is logged on and what they are doing.

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```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ w
14:22:38 up 1:52, 0 users, load average: 0.52, 0.58, 0.59
USER TTY LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT
root pts/0 14:07 15.00s 0.01s 0.01s top
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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id

Display user id, your primary group id, and a list of the groups you belong to.

#### id [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ id
uid=1000(clarusway) gid=1000(clarusway) groups=1000(clarusway)
```



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su

enables a shell to be run as another user.

#### su [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ su oliver
Password:
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway$ _
```



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su -

To become another user and also get the environment of the target user.

#### su - [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ su - oliver
Password:
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ _
```



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sudo su

The root user does not have a password set on some Linux systems like Ubuntu and Xubuntu. On these Linux systems, You can become root user via sudo su command.

#### sudo su sudo su -

clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ sudo su
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway#





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# User management



etc/passwd

On Linux, the local user database is /etc/passwd.

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ tail -5 /etc/passwd
clarusway:x:1000:1000:,,,:/home/clarusway:/bin/bash
john:x:1002:1002:john,room,work,home,other:/home/john:/bin/bash
oliver:x:1003:1003:oliver,room_1,work_1,home_1:/home/oliver:/bin/bash
aaron:x:1001:1001:aaron,,,:/home/aaron:/bin/bash
james:x:1005:1009:james,,,:/home/james:/bin/bash
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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useradd

useradd command is used for creating a new user.

#### useradd [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# useradd -m -d /home/walter -c "walter clarus" walter root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd walter:x:1006:1006:walter clarus:/home/walter:/bin/sh root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# _
```

-m is used for forcing the creation of the home directory

- -d is used for setting the name of the home directory
- -c is used for setting a description



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adduser

adduser is not a standard Linux command. It's basically a Perl script that uses the useradd command in the background. This is more effective at creating new users on Linux.

#### adduser [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# adduser raymond
Adding user `raymond' ...
Adding new group `raymond' (1004) ...
Adding new user `raymond' (1004) with group `raymond' ...
Creating home directory `/home/raymond' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for raymond
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []: Raymond Clarus
    Room Number []: it
    Work Phone []: 12345
    Home Phone []: 12345
    Other []: -
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```



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userdel

Delete a user userdel command will not remove the user's home directory from the file system. If you want to remove the home directory, you need to use the -r in the command line.

#### userdel [username]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# userdel -r raymond



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<u>us</u>ermod

Modify a user's properties. The example below modifies the description of the user walter.

#### usermod -[option][value][username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:walter clarus:/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -c 'aws solution architect' walter
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:aws solution architect:/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```





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### **User Passwords**



passwd

User passwords can be set with the passwd command.

#### passwd [username]

oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ passwd
Changing password for oliver.
(current) UNIX password:
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Bad: new password is too simple
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$



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etc/shadow

User passwords are encrypted and stored in /etc/shadow file. The /etc/shadow file is only read and can be accessed by root only.

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ tail -4 /etc/shadow
tail: cannot open '/etc/shadow' for reading: Permission denied
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ sudo su -
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -4 /etc/shadow
clarusway: $6$c2IXDMI2$B9GPOjcYyGLctUmTDP7tfNEBIXGo2YAUF
    /Y5NNIDkumJuP5uyxW1xHDMobWPFx0wf0h1C4iBj9PvP4XnP/Uv10:18323:0
    :99999:7:::
john:$6$ITd.yBmK$MxMz9wm7.1DxdQx7At.0VB6ch1XU22BMXhTbPkWjdk0B
    .SmnwjYR922DmCeAzP8WFyIhGoHP10Dqt6M07rx0N0:18333:0:99999:7:::
oliver:$6$tTRbLfc5$j1NMBc9tvBotwCtFMt0Qq2K0nbQW2zBv
    /zwufBwOnhUs7UMoczD.m/5Tnz1uCKymhISOSzZbdSCRKkLF.wSD00:18333:0
    :99999:7:::
walter: $6$aMR4T5iB$7ZJzvy2VCEaOnPZIbaofUSLQp
    .aeIOCZgDeNug5hWcIkSnAjA6n6V.tR3IAJY5IScImcn15K/ZMFug1D2gK6L
    /:18333:0:99999:7:::
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```



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The /etc/login.defs file includes some default user password settings, such as password aging and length settings.

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ grep ^PASS /etc/login.defs
PASS_MAX_DAYS 99999
PASS_MIN_DAYS 0
PASS_WARN_AGE 7
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



### **Exercise**

Create a user named **devops**Set **devops** user password as **clarusway**Change devops user description as **the best cloud engineer**Switch to **devops** user

Display information of devops user

Go back to previous user

Delete devops user with home directory



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# **Group Management**









Users can belong to several groups. Group membership is specified via the /etc/group file.

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway# tail -3 /etc/group

linux:x:1006:john,james,aaron

aws:x:1007:walter python:x:1008:oliver

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway#



# **Group Management**



groups

groups command is used to display a list of groups to which the user belongs.

#### groups [username]

john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ groups john linux john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$





groupadd

groupadd command is used to create a new group.

#### groupadd [groupname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd linux
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd python
```



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# **Group Management**



usermod

You can change group membership with the usermod command.

#### usermod -a -G [groupname] [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux james
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux aaron
```

- By default, if the group is not specified in the command, the usermod command will remove the user from any group!
- Using the -a (append) option prevents this behaviour.







groupmod command can be used to change the group name.

#### groupmod -n [newname][oldname]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupmod -n ubuntu linux root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -3 /etc/group

aws:x:1007:walter python:x:1008:oliver

ubuntu:x:1006:john,james,aaron

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#



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groupdel

groupdel command is used to delete a group.

#### groupdel [groupname]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupdel ubuntu
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#





gpasswd

With the gpasswd command, we can add a user to a group and to remove a user from a group. In the example below:

- We add john to aws group with gpasswd -a command.
- We remove walter from aws group with gpasswd -d command.

#### gpasswd -[option][username][groupname]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -a john aws
Adding user john to group aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -d walter aws
Removing user walter from group aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#



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### **Exercise**



Create a user named devops

Create two groups named cloud and aws

Add devops user to the group cloud

Display groups that devops user belongs to

Add devops user to the group aws

Remove **devops** user from **cloud** group

Delete **cloud** group

Rename aws group name as aws-cloud

Display groups that devops user belongs to



#### Exercise

Create users: Jason, Bruce, Victor, Mark, Jack, Tyler, Tomy, Edward, Eric

Create groups: Asia, Europe, America, Africa

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Victor to the Asia group

Add users: Jason, Mark, Jack, Tyler to the Europe group
Add users: Jason, Tomy, Edward to the America group

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Mark, Edward, Jack, Tyler, Eric to the Africa group

Display groups that **Jason** belongs to; Display groups that **Edward** belongs to

Remove **Bruce** from **Africa** group; Remove **Jason** from **all** groups

Delete **Europe** group

Rename Africa group as Australia

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# **Summary of User Commands**

Command	Description	Basic Syntax
whoami	Display current user	> whoami
who	Displays details of users currently logged in	> who
W	Displays details of current user activity	> w
id	Displays user id, group id and group membership	> id [username]
su	Run as a different user	> su [username]
su -	Run as different user with users environment	> su - [username]
sudo su	Run as root user	> sudo su
sudo su -	Run as root user with root environment	> sudo su -



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### Summary of User Management Commands



Command	Description	Basic Syntax
cat /etc/passwd	Display current user database	> cat /etc/passwd
useradd	Create a new user	> useradd [flags] [username]
adduser	Perl script to add user - uses useradd	> adduser [username]
userdel	Delete user	> userdel [username]
usermod	Modify user properties	> usermod [option][value][username]
passwd	Set user password	> passwd [username]
cat /etc/shadow	Accessible only by root, contains hashed passwords	> cat /etc/shadow
cat /etc/login.defs	Display system password options	> cat /etc/login.defs



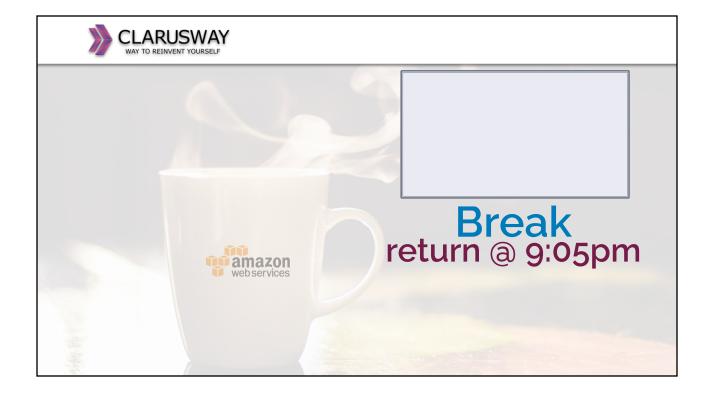
### **Summary of Group Mgmt. Commands**

Command	Description	Basic Syntax
cat /etc/group	Display group membership for all users	> cat /etc/group
groups	Display list of groups user belongs to	> groups [username]
groupadd	Create a new group	> groupadd [groupname]
usermod -a -G	Modify user group membership	> usermod -a -G [groupname][username]
groupmod	Change the group name	> groupmod -n [newname] [oldname]
groupdel	Delete a group	> groupdel [groupname]
gpasswd	Add user to a group (-a option)  Delete user from group (-d option)	> gpasswd -[option] [username]











# **THANKS!**

### **Any questions?**



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