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Explore User Management commands of Linux.
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**Aim:** Explore the user management commands of linux.

**Objective:** Since Linux is a multi-user operating system, several people may be logged in and actively working on a given machine at the same time. Security-wise, it is never a good idea to allow users to share the credentials of the same account. In fact, best practices dictate the use of as many user accounts as people needing access to the machine.

At the same time, it is to be expected that two or more users may need to share access to certain system resources, such as directories and files. User and group management in Linux allows us to accomplish both objectives.

### Theory:

`useradd` - create a new user or update default new user information ,`useradd` is a low level utility for adding users.

`userdel` - delete a user account and related files

`groupadd` - create a new group , The `groupadd` command creates a new group account using the values specified on the command line plus the default values from the system. The new group will be entered into the system files as needed.

`groupdel` - delete a group , The `groupdel` command modifies the system account files, deleting all entries that refer to GROUP. The named group must exist

`who` - show who is logged on , Print information about users who are currently logged in.

`whoami` - print effective userid

`passwd` - change user password

The `passwd` command changes passwords for user accounts. A normal user may only change the password for his/her own account, while the superuser may change the password for any account. `passwd` also changes the account or associated password validity period.



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### Result:

A screenshot of a Linux terminal window titled "Terminal" with a timestamp of "Feb 14 14:51". The prompt is "student@student-virtual-machine: ~". The terminal shows a series of commands and their outputs for creating, modifying, and deleting a user named "dishar".

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student@student-virtual-machine: ~  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo useradd dishar  
[sudo] password for student:  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo passwd dishar  
New password:  
Retype new password:  
passwd: password updated successfully  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo usermod -d/home/student dishar  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo groupadd dse  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ groups  
student adm cdrom sudo dlp plugdev lpadmin lxd sambashare  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo groupmod -g 1234 dse  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo groupdel dse  
student@student-virtual-machine: $ sudo userdel dishar
```

**Conclusion:** By learning how to create, modify, and delete user accounts, we gain practical skills applicable to real-world scenarios