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Chapter 2. Managing Users

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root@3499a534b086:/# cat /etc/shadow | grep root
root:*:17847:0:99999:7:::
root@3499a534b086:/#
```

Understanding when to use root

```
apt install tmux
E: Could not open lock file /var/lib/dpkg/lock - open (13: Permission denied)
E: Unable to lock the administration directory (/var/lib/dpkg/), are you root?
sudo apt install tmux
```

Creating and removing users

```
sudo useradd -d /home/jdoe -m jdoe
ls -1 /home
nano /usr/sbin/ adduser
sudo userdel dscully
ls -1 /home
passwd
sudo mv /home/dscully /store/file_archive
sudo mkdir -p /store/file_archive
sudo userdel -r dscully
sudo rm -r /home/dscully
sudo rm -r / (space) home/dscully
```

Understanding the /etc/passwd & /etc/shadow files

```
cat /etc/passwd
sudo cat /etc/shadow
sudo cat /etc/shadow | grep root
mulder:$6$TPxx8Z.:16809:0:99999:7:::
sudo passwd -S <username>
root@u1804:/# adduser jane_doe
root@u1804:/# cat /etc/shadow | grep root
any password?
user: * :password changed:7days between changes:max:warning:disable:8thN:9?
encrypted password
user: x :password changed:7days between changes:max:warning:disable:8thN:9?
lockout login
user: ! :password changed:7days between changes:max:warning:disable:8thN:9?
```

```
add a user to sudo as a secondary group
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo usermod -aG sudo jane_doe
switch user
root@u1804:/# su - jane_doe list all files in long form
jane_doe@u1804:~$ 1s -a1
add user group
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo groupadd admins
modify secondary group to include user
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo usermod -aG admins jane_doe
lock password - will not affect SSH (see ch 15)
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo passwd -1 root
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo cat /etc/shadow | grep root
root@u1804:/# su - root
unlock password
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo passwd -u <username>
/etc/shadow
jane\_doe@u1804:~\$ sudo chage -1 root
```

Distributing default configuration files with /etc/skel

```
ls -la /etc/skel
force password change - should move this into /etc/skel ?, for default configuration (see ch 1)
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -d 0 <username>
...
```

Switching users

```
sudo passwd
sudo su -
su - <username>
sudo su - <username>
sudo su - <username>
Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM):
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo apt install libpam-cracklib
...
install Nano
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo apt install nano
...
configure password requirements in PAM
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo nano /etc/pam.d/common-password
! (use a 2nd TTY to prevent lock out)
```

Managing groups

```
ls -1
groups jane_doe
cat /etc/group
sudo groupadd admins
sudo groupdel admins
sudo usermod -aG admins myuser
sudo usermod -g <group-name> <username>
man usermod
sudo usermod -d /home/jsmith jdoe -m
sudo usermod -l jsmith jdoe
sudo gpasswd -d <username> <grouptoremove>
sudo gpasswd -a <username> <group>
```

-rw-r--r-- 1 root bind 490 2013-04-15 22:05 named.conf

```
add a user to sudo as a secondary group

jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo usermod -aG sudo <username>
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo usermod -aG sudo jane_doe

may use another group (such as wheel)

configure sudo group or user access
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo visudo

checks to make sure your changes follow the correct syntax /etc/sudoers

jane_doe ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

charlie ubuntu-server=(jane_doe:admins) /usr/bin/apt,/usr/sbin/reboot,/usr/sbin/shutdown
(root or username) TTY IP=(USER:GROUP) COMMANDS
! It's always a good idea to use full paths when editing sudo command permissions
```

Managing passwords and password policies

```
lock password per <username>
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo passwd -1 <username>
unlock password per <username>
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo passwd -u <username>
list expiration of a user's password
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -1 <username>
( set to zero would force a password change )
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -d 0 <username>
(review changes)
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -1 <username>
expiration of a user's password (Maximum days until a change is required)
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -M 90 <username>
expiration of a user's password (minimum days until a change is required)
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chage -m 5 dscully
Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM):
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo apt install libpam-cracklib
install Nano
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo apt install nano
configure password requirements in PAM
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo nano /etc/pam.d/common-password
! (use a 2nd TTY to prevent lock out)
install Pluggable Authentication Module ( PAM )
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo apt install libpam-cracklib
edit ..(/ etc / pam.d / common-password )
jane\_doe@u1804:~\$ sudo nano /etc/pam.d/common-password
password required pam pwhistory.so remember=99 use authok
difference (at least three characters have to be different)
difok=3
obscure (prevents simple passwords from being used)
obscure
```

Configuring administrator access with sudo

```
modify secondary Group to include user
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo usermod -aG sudo <username>
visudo
```

```
if an error return to nano edit
nano save changes
Ctrl + W
nano exit editor
Ctrl + X
configure visudo default Editor to vim
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo EDITOR=vim visudo
etc / sudoers
  %sudo ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
         ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
  root
TTY = ( User : Group ) Command
note that it's best to use full paths
charlie could run these: commands
  charlie
           ALL=(ALL:ALL) /usr/sbin/reboot,/usr/sbin/shutdown
but not others
  Sorry, user charlie is not allowed to execute '/usr/bin/apt
  install tmux' as root on ubuntu-server.
limited to certain terminal
  charlie
            ubuntu-server=(ALL:ALL) /usr/bin/apt
exclude (restrict) user & group options
  charlie
           ubuntu-server= /usr/bin/apt
restrict to certain ( user : group )
  charlie
           ubuntu-server=(dscully:admins) ALL
```

Setting permissions on files and directories

```
-rw-rw-rw- 1 doctor doctor 5 Jan 11 12:52 welcome
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 665 Feb 19 2014 profile
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dalek dalek 35125 Nov 7 2013 exterminate
-rw-r--r-- 1 sue accounting 35125 Nov 7 2013 budget.txt
drwxr-x--- 1 bob sales 35125 Nov 7 2013 annual_projects

Object type: User: Group: Other's

- ( file ), d (directory) or 1 ( link ) : rwx : rwx : rwx

1s -1
```

chmod

```
remove read from file permissions for other's
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chmod o-r /home/sue/budget.txt
chmod o-r budget.txt
chmod o-r /home/sue/budget.txt
chmod 770 -R mydir
find /path/to/dir/ -type f -exec chmod 644 {};
find /path/to/dir/ -type d -exec chmod 755 {};
sudo chown sue myfile.txt
sudo chown -R sue mydir
sudo chown sue:sales myfile.txt
sudo chgrp sales myfile.txt
change ownership of directory recursively
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chown -R jane_doe:admins dir_name
change group ownership
jane_doe@u1804:~$ sudo chgrp sales myfile.txt
octal permission patterns
Read: 4
Write: 2
Execute: 1
$ chmod 600 filename.txt (same as) chmod -rw----- filename.txt
$ chmod 740 filename.txt (same as) chmod -rwxr---- filename.txt
$ chmod 770 filename.txt (same as) chmod -rwxrwx--- filename.txt
$ chmod 770 -R dir_name (recursive directories)
Q&A
  1. $ sudo
  2. $ adduser, useradd
  3. $ rm jane doe
  4. $ /etc/password & /etc/shadow
  5. $ /etc/skel
  6. $ su jane_doe
  7. $ sudo groupadd accounting
  8. $ visudo
  9. $ sudo adduser jdoe
 10. $ chmod, chown
```

customize TTY prompt

08:45 PM:0051cc98e23b jane_doe@ u1804 /root \$ []