



Removable Users

Table 1-6. Default Users

User	Purpose	Remove?
adm	Owns diagnostic and accounting tools	Yes
backup	Used by packing for backing up critical files	No
bin	Owns executables for user commands	No
daemon	Owns and runs system processes	No
desktop	KDE user	Yes
ftp	Default FTP user	Yes
games	Games user	Yes
gdm	GDM user	Yes
gnats	GNAIS (bug tracking) user	Yes
gopher	Gopher user	Yes
halt	/sbin/halt user	No
identd	User for identd daemon	Yes
irc	Internet relay chat (IRC) user	Yes
list	Mailman user	Yes (if not using mailman)
lp	Printing user	Yes (if no printing)
lpd	Printing user	Yes (if no printing)
mail	Default user for Mail Transfer Agent (MTA)	Maybe
mailnull	Sendmail user	Yes (if no Sendmail)

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User	Purpose	Remove?
man	Man-db user	No
news	Default news user	Yes
nfsnobody	NFS User	Yes
nobody	Default user for Apache or NFS	Maybe
nscd	Name Service Cache Daemon user	Yes (if not using nscd)
ntp	Network Time Protocol user	No
operator	Ops user	Yes
postgres	Postgres default user	Yes (if no Postgres)
proxy	Default proxy user	Yes
root	Root user	No
rpc	RPC user	Yes
rpcuser	Default RPC user	Yes
rpm	RPM user	No
shutdown	Shutdown user	No
sshd	Privilege split sshd user	No
sync	Sync user	Yes
sys	Default mounting user	No
telnetd	Telnetd default user	Yes
uucp	Default uucp user	Yes
vsftpd	Virtual console memory	No
www-data	Owns www data	Yes (if not Web server)
xfs	X Font Server	Yes



Removable Groups

These are the groups that can generally be removed:

- lp
- news
- uucp
- proxy
- postgres
- www-data
- backup
- operator
- list
- irc
- src
- gnats
- staff
- games
- users
- gdm
- telnetd
- gopher
- ftp
- nscd
- rpc
- rpcuser
- nfsnobody
- xfs
- desktop

