



# Command Line Fu

Manipulating Users		
<code>useradd [options] <i>username</i></code>	add new user	username is always the last thing in the command
<code>usermod [options] <i>username</i></code>	modify an existing user	username is always the last thing in the command
<code>userdel [-r] <i>username</i></code>	delete an existing user	-r to remove all the user's files
<p><code>useradd -c "full name" -e 2017-10-31 -G group1,group2 -d /home/mydir/user1 -m user1</code> -c comment, usually used for full name -e expiry date in format YYYY-MM-DD -d set user's home directory -m create home directory -G secondary groups user is a member of (groups must exist)</p> <p><code>usermod -a -G group3 username</code> -a add instead of overwrite (this will add username to group3 without modifying any other groups)</p> <p><code>usermod -G group3 username</code> this will overwrite all the secondary groups so that username is only a member of group3</p> <p><code>userdel -r username</code> delete username and all their files</p>		
chage (change age)		
<p><code>chage -E 2020-01-01 -I 14 -m 5 -M 90 -W 7 linuxuser</code> -E Set the expiry date -I Set the number of days of inactivity after a password has expired before the account is locked. -m Set the minimum number of days between password changes -M Set the maximum number of days during which a password is valid. -W Set the number of days of warning before a password change is required</p> <p><code>chage -l linuxuser</code> list all the values for linuxuser</p>		
Manipulate Groups		
<code>groupadd <i>groupname</i></code>	creates a new group	
<code>groupdel <i>groupname</i></code>	deletes an existing group	
Setting Password		
<code>passwd <i>username</i></code>	set password for username	requires root privilege
<code>passwd</code>	set password for current user	no special privs needed



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## Other important things

Show the groups a user belongs to:

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id alex  
uid=500(alex) gid=504(alex) groups=504(alex),500(zoo),502(mammals)
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**/etc/passwd** - contains username,comment,home directory, shell

**/etc/shadow** - contains encrypted passwords, account and password expiry dates

**/etc/group** - contains group names and the users that belong to the groups

**/home** - default location for newly created accounts

**/bin/bash** - default shell for newly created accounts