**Userdel Commend**

userdel command is used by the root user to remove or delete a specific user account and files related to that user.

**SYNTAX :**  
userdel [options] LOGIN

OPTIONS:

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| -f, --force | This option forces to remove the user account, even if the user is still logged in. |
| -h, --help | Display help message and exit. |
| -r, --remove | Files in the user's home directory will be deleted along with the home directory. |

**Example1:** Delete user account from a machine

**userdel username**

**Example:**

**userdel surendra**

**Example2**: Deleting user account and his home directory from a Linux machine

**userdel -r username**

-r stands for remove home directory as well

**Example3:** Delete user account forcefully though user logged in.

**deluser –force username**

**Example4:** Delete user account along with his home directory

**deluser –remove-home username**

**Example5:** Delete user account along with his home directory and his personal files which are located in different locations which you are not aware.

**deluser –remove-all-files username**

**Example6:** Delete user account and take backup of his files to a directory for future use by the company.

**deluser –backup-to DIR username**

**Example:** I want to delete user account Don and take backup of all his files to /var/backup

**deluser –backup-to /var/backup don**

**Note:** When you take backup, the backup file is created as /var/backup/don.tar.gz file.

Lets see in our next post on how to add user to primary group.