# Computer System & Network Administration

Lecture 03. User Management & Service Management

### Outline

- User Management
- Root User
- User related commands
- Permission
- Service Management

# User Management

### ID

- User ID (uid), Group ID (gid)
  - One user can only have one uid and one default gid
  - But one user can be in multiple groups
- root
  - uid: 0, default gid: 0
  - System Administrator

### Some other important users

Username	Description
bin	An account inherited from Unix world, not being used in modern Linux
daemon	An unprivileged user/group for daemons to execute under in order to limit their access to the system. Also not being used in modern Linux
sys	owner of the kernel and memory images
mail	An account specified to handle mail tasks
ftp	An account specified to handle ftp tasks
nobody	An account to represent the least permission on the system
dbus messagebus	To assist D-bus, a message bus system provides inter-process communication
systemd-*	Accounts to assist systemd
uuidd	UUID generation daemon

### To add a new user in Linux

- Two options
  - useradd
  - adduser
- Both of these commands can create a new user in Linux

#### adduser? useradd? Hmmm





### Difference between useradd and adduser

#### useradd

- A native binary compiled with the system
- Need to provide options while running the command

#### adduser

- A perl script uses useradd in backend
- More user friendly and interactive

```
$ which useradd
/usr/sbin/useradd
$ which adduser
/usr/sbin/adduser
$ file /usr/sbin/useradd
/usr/sbin/useradd: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object,
x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked,
interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2,
BuildID[sha1]=65ff024ba1111b0ce86873f9b22b9c6eded
9c501, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, stripped
$ file /usr/sbin/adduser
/usr/sbin/adduser: Perl script text executable
```

### useradd reference

#### useradd -D`

- Default Group
- Home directory basedir
- Inactive information
- Expire information
- Default shell
- skeleton (Base of home directory)
- Whether to create mailbox for new user

\$ useradd -D GROUP=100 HOME=/home INACTIVE=-1 EXPIRE= SHELL=/bin/sh SKEL=/etc/skel CREATE\_MAIL\_SPOOL=no

# Adding a User by adduser

```
$ sudo adduser testuser
Adding user `testuser' ...
Adding new group 'testuser' (1003) ...
Adding new user 'testuser' (1003) with group 'testuser' ...
Creating home directory 'home/testuser' ...
Copying files from '/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for testuser
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
     Full Name []: Test User
     Room Number []:
     Work Phone []:
     Home Phone []:
     Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
```

# /etc/login.defs

#### Basic information about

- Password expiration limitation
- UID / GID limit
- useradd/userdel limit
- Login limit
- o ...etc

#### \$ grep PASS /etc/login.defs

# PASS\_MAX\_DAYS Maximum number of days a password may be used.

# PASS\_MIN\_DAYS Minimum number of days allowed between password changes.

# PASS\_WARN\_AGE Number of days warning given before a password expires.

PASS\_MAX\_DAYS 99999 PASS\_MIN\_DAYS 0 PASS\_WARN\_AGE 7

### To delete a user in Linux

userdel or deluser?

#### \$ file /usr/sbin/userdel

/usr/sbin/userdel: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, BuildID[sha1]=035b62d87de8c55f491cde51bfe5810c6d9a8944, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, stripped

\$ file /usr/sbin/deluser

/usr/sbin/deluser: Perl script text executable

# To disable a user from logging in

- Change user's login shell to /usr/sbin/nologin
- Put a "#" in front of the account entry
- Put a "-" in front of the account entry

\$ grep testuser /etc/passwd

testuser:x:1003:1003:Test User,,,:/home/testuser:/bin/bash

# /etc/passwd

- Each line represents an account
- Colon-separated file contains these information
  - Username
  - Password information
  - uid
  - o gid
  - GECOS field
    - Full name, Office, Extension, Home Phone
  - Home directory
  - Login shell

testuser:x:1003:1003:Test User,,,:/home/testuser:/bin/bash

# /etc/passwd (cont.)

- GECOS
  - General Electric Comprehensive Operating System
- Commonly used to record personal information
- "," separated
- GECOS information can be fetched from command "finger"
- Use <u>chfn</u> to change GECOS information

# /etc/passwd (cont.)

- Login Shell
  - Command interpreter
    - /bin/sh
    - /bin/csh
    - /bin/bash
    - /bin/tcsh
    - /bin/zsh
  - Use <u>chsh</u> to change default shell

### /etc/passwd

- Wait, password information?
  - Your password is nothing more than a "x"
- Yes, in older Linux distro, the password is stored in this field
  - But '/etc/passwd' can be read by everyone, meaning everyone can access this information
  - Which they shouldn't.
- So in modern Linux, the password information is being stored in `/etc/shadow`

### /etc/shadow

- Each line also represents an account
- Colon-separated file contains these information
  - Username
  - Password
  - Last Changed Date
  - Minimum number of days required between password changes
  - Maximum number of days the password is valid
  - Warn the user days before password is to expire
  - Number of days after password expires that account is disabled
  - Days since Jan 1, 1970 that account is disabled

#### \$ sudo grep testuser /etc/shadow

testuser:\$6\$vtleqh8CuY.G3xWj\$drz4eJD4vl3ivrB5SYhWxYabZytl0.b7QftFq0UsXAJ2611GBQ90L6syJTQsGx6Nse1RmlUtkd5.uky/sUiqz1:18695:0:999999:7:::

### /etc/shadow

- Encrypted methods
  - o des
    - Plaintext: at most 8 characters
    - Cipher: 13 characters long
    - vFj42r/HzGqXk
  - $\circ$  md5
    - Plaintext: arbitrary length
    - Cipher: 34 characters long started with "\$1\$"
    - \$1\$xbFdBaRp\$zXSp9e4y32ho0MB9Cu2iV0

### /etc/shadow

- Encrypted methods
  - o blf
    - Plaintext: arbitrary length
    - Cipher: 60 characters long started with "\$2a\$"
    - \$2a\$04\$jn9vc7dDJOX7V335o3.RoujuK/uoBYDg1xZs1OcBOrIXve3d1Cbm6
  - o sha512
    - Plaintext: arbitrary length
    - Cipher: 106 characters long started with "\$6\$"
    - \$6\$o4B4Pa/ql3PpRAQo\$196.cCzrTCOIpPqk.VX7EqR0YNtf0dRLdx5Hzl6S7uGa Pz4EDJdoXnmsSf.A21xS2zimI1XsHAglCR2Pw7ols1

# /etc/group

- Each line represents a group
- Colon-separated file contains these information
  - Group name
  - Group password
  - o Group ID
  - User belong to the group
- A user can be in multiple groups

# /etc/group (cont.)

```
/etc/passwd:
ubuntu:x:1001:1001:Ubuntu:/home/ubuntu:/bin/bash
/etc/group:
ubuntu:x:1001:
```

# /etc/group (cont.)

- `group`
  - List what group you're in
  - The first group is default group
  - To change default group, use
    - `newgrp <GROUP\_NAME>`
- To add user to group
  - o `gpasswd -a <USERNAME> <GROUP>`
  - `usermod -aG <GROUP> <USERNAME>`

# Root user

### Root

- Root
  - Equivalent to Administrator in Microsoft Windows
  - UID is 0, GID is 0
- UNIX/Linux permit super-user to perform any valid operation on any file or any process
  - Changing root directory of certain process with chroot
  - Setting system clock
  - Limiting user resource usage
  - Network configuration
  - Power management

### Login as root

- Console login
  - Using tty / serial / console
- Remote login
  - sshd
    - /etc/ssh/sshd\_config
    - #PermitRootLogin yes
  - DO NOT UN-COMMENT THIS LINE!!!!!

### Becoming root

- SU
  - su, su , su <USERNAME>
    - Environment is unmodified with the exception of USER, HOME, SHELL which will be changed to target user
    - "su -" will simulate as a full login.(All environment variables changed)

# Becoming root (cont.)

- <u>sudo</u>: a limited su
  - Subdivide power of superuser
    - Who can execute what command on which host as whom.
  - Each command executed through sudo will be logged (/var/log/auth.log)
  - Edit /usr/local/etc/sudoers using visudo command
    - Check mutual exclusive access of sudoers file
    - Syntax check

### /etc/sudoers

- sudoers format
  - Who can execute what command on which host as whom.
    - The user to whom the line applies
    - The host on which the line should be noted
    - The commands that specified users may run
    - The users as whom they may be executed
  - Use absolute path

### /etc/sudoers (cont.)

- Line format
  - O <USERNAME>/%<GROUPNAME>
  - Allow on which host
  - Allow as which user
  - Allow what command
- user ALL=(root) /usr/sbin/,/sbin/, /usr/bin/`
  - Allow user
  - to run on all hosts
  - o as root
  - o commands in /usr/sbin, /sbin and /usr/bin

# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command %sudo ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL ncku-nasa ALL=(ALL:ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL

# /etc/sudoers (cont.)

#### Alias

- Host\_Alias LINUX=linux1,linux2
- Cmd\_Alias PRINT=/usr/bin/lpc, /usr/bin/lprm
- User\_Alias student=adam, eve

#### Usage

- student1 LINUX=(root) /bin/bash
- student ALL=(root) PRINT
- teacher ALL=(student) ALL

### sudo

- Run date as nobody
  - o sudo -u nobody date
- Blacklist is not always safe
  - Use whitelist would a better choice

# User related commands

# w, who, last, lastlog

- W
  - Show who is logged on and what they are doing.
- who
  - Who is logged on
- last
  - Show listing of last logged in users
- lastlog
  - Reports the most recent login of all users or of a given user

### w, who, last, lastlog

```
`F74076310@F74076310:~$ w

05:05:00 up 18:21, 1 user, load average: 0.04, 0.01, 0.00

USER TTY FROM LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT

F7407631 pts/0 140.116.252.158 05:04 1.00s 0.08s 0.00s w
```

```
F74076310@F74076310:~$ who F74076310 pts/0 2021-03-07 05:04 (140.116.252.158)
```

# w, who, last, lastlog (cont.)

```
F74076310@F74076310:~$ last
F7407631 pts/0
                      140.116.252.158 Sun Mar
                                               7 05:04
                                                          still logged in
F7407631 pts/1
                      140.116.252.158
                                       Sun Mar
                                               7 05:04 - 05:04
                                                                  (00:00)
F7407631 pts/1
                      140.116.252.158
                                       Sun Mar
                                               7 04:47 - 05:04
                                                                  (00:16)
F7407631 pts/1
                      140.116.252.158
                                       Sun Mar 7 04:47 - 04:47
                                                                  (00:00)
F7407631 pts/0
                      140.116.252.158 Sun Mar 7 03:00 - 05:04
                                                                  (02:03)
F7407631 pts/0
                      111.254.5.141
                                       Sat Mar
                                                6 12:26 - 12:31
                                                                  (00:04)
reboot
         system boot
                      5.4.0-66-generic Sat Mar
                                                6 10:43
                                                          still running
F7407631 ttvS0
                                                6 10:14 - 10:14
                                       Sat Mar
                                                                  (00:00)
                                                5 17:28 - 10:14
reboot
         system boot
                      5.4.0-66-generic Fri Mar
                                                                  (16:46)
ncku-nas pts/0
                      172.26.4.252
                                       Wed Feb 24 19:09 - 19:10
                                                                  (00:01)
                                                                  (00:01)
reboot
         system boot
                      5.4.0-66-generic Wed Feb 24 19:08 - 19:10
ncku-nas pts/0
                      172.26.4.252
                                       Wed Feb 24 18:52 - 18:52
                                                                  (00:00)
reboot
         system boot
                      5.4.0-66-generic Wed Feb 24 18:52 - 18:52
                                                                  (00:00)
ncku-nas pts/0
                      172.26.4.252
                                       Wed Feb 24 18:50 - 18:51
                                                                  (00:01)
         system boot 5.4.0-66-generic Wed Feb 24 18:48 - 18:51
                                                                  (00:03)
reboot
ncku-nas pts/1
                      172.24.1.254
                                       Wed Feb 24 18:25 - 18:29
                                                                  (00:03)
reboot
         system boot 5.4.0-65-generic Wed Feb 24 18:23 - 18:29
                                                                  (00:05)
wtmp begins Wed Feb 24 18:23:46 2021
```

## w, who, last, lastlog (cont.)

```
F74076310@F74076310:~$ lastlog
Username
                 Port
                          From
                                            Latest
                                            **Never logged in**
root
daemon
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
bin
                                            **Never logged in**
sys
                                            **Never logged in**
sync
games
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
mail
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
news
uucp
                                            **Never logged in**
proxy
                                            **Never logged in**
www-data
                                            **Never logged in**
backup
                                            **Never logged in**
list
                                            **Never logged in**
irc
                                            **Never logged in**
anats
                                            **Never logged in**
nobody
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
systemd-network
systemd-resolve
                                            **Never logged in**
systemd-timesync
                                            **Never logged in**
messagebus
                                            **Never logged in**
syslog
                                            **Never logged in**
_apt
                                            **Never logged in**
tss
                                            **Never logged in**
uuidd
                                            **Never logged in**
tcpdump
                                            **Never logged in**
sshd
                                            **Never logged in**
landscape
                                            **Never logged in**
                                            **Never logged in**
pollinate
svstemd-coredump
                                            **Never logged in**
                          172.26.4.252
                                            Wed Feb 24 19:09:01 +0000 2021
ncku-nasa
lxd
                                            **Never loaged in**
ubuntu
                                            **Never logged in**
F74076310
                          140.116.252.158 Sun Mar 7 05:04:41 +0000 2021
                                            **Never logged in**
nobody
                                            **Never logged in**
```

# Permission

# Unix-like file permission

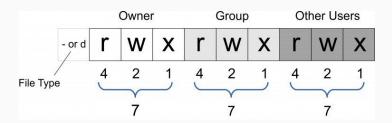
```
ls -al
total 160
drwx--x--x 9 root root
                         24 Mar 2 23:49 ./
drwxr-xr-x 21 root root
                         21 Mar 2 15:57 ../
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3106 Dec 5 2019 bashrc
       --- 1 root root 97 Jul 26 2020 .bash history
           2 root root
                       3 Jun 17 2020 .cache/
drwx-----
       -- 4 root root
                         4 Jul 14 2020 .config/
drwx----
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                         21 Jun 17 2020 .gitconfig
Permissions Owner
                            Group
```

If you don't have permission

(.bashrc don't have execute(x) permission)

### How to interpret permission

- 1. r: Who can read this file or list files in the directory
- 2. w: Who can write this file or add & remove something in the directory
- 3. x: Who can execute this file or enter this directory & sub directory



### chmod & chown

- chmod: change mode
  - chmod 755 filename.txt
  - chmod a+x filename.txt
  - o chmod -R 755 directoryname
- chown: change owner
  - chown user filename.txt
  - chown user:group filename.txt
  - o chown -R user:group directoryname

### Sometimes it won't work

- chown www-data filename.txt
  - Permission denied
  - Normal user don't have permission to change owner

You need more permission to do that, but how?

# Service Management

### Service?

- There are lots of programs running in the background
  - These are "services"
- HTTP server / SQL server / DNS server...etc
- There's a program in the system monitoring these services
  - Including boot process

# How does your OS boot up?

- Load BIOS, select first bootable device
- Load MBR/EFI, load into boot loader
- Load initramfs and kernel, decompress initramfs, let kernel load drivers
- Then kernel would call "systemd" to start system initialization

What's systemd?

## <u>systemd</u>

systemd is a suite of basic building blocks for a Linux system. It provides a system and service manager that runs as PID 1 and starts the rest of the system.

systemd provides aggressive parallelization capabilities, uses socket and D-Bus activation for starting services, offers on-demand starting of daemons, keeps track of processes using Linux control groups, maintains mount and automount points, and implements an elaborate transactional dependency-based service control logic. systemd supports SysV and LSB init scripts and works as a replacement for sysvinit.

Other parts include a logging daemon, utilities to control basic system configuration like the hostname, date, locale, maintain a list of logged-in users and running containers and virtual machines, system accounts, runtime directories and settings, and daemons to manage simple network configuration, network time synchronization, log forwarding, and name resolution.

## systemd initialization sequence

- systemd boots up the system according to default.target
- systemd calls sysinit.target & basic.target to initialize system
- systemd starts service under multi-user.target
- systemd run file /etc/rc.d/rc.local under multi-user.target
- systemd starts getty.target and login service under multi-user.target
- (systemd starts graphical services under multi-user.target)

#### Comparison of SysV Runlevels with systemd Targets

Runlevel	Target Units	Description
0	runlevel0.target poweroff.target	Shut down and power off the system
1	runlevel1.target, rescue.target	Set up a rescue shell
2	runlevel2.target multi-user.target	Set up a non-graphical multi-user system
3	runlevel3.target multi-user.target	Set up a non-graphical multi-user system
4	runlevel4.target multi-user.target	Set up a non-graphical multi-user system
5	runlevel5.target graphical.target	Set up a graphical multi-user system
6	runlevel6.target reboot.target	Shut down and reboot the system

```
F74076310
   State: running
    Jobs: 0 queued
  Failed: 0 units
   Since: Sun 2021-03-07 05:31:55 UTC; 56min ago
  CGroup: /
           ⊢user.slice
            ∟user-1002.slice
              ⊢session-9.scope
                 -1404 sshd: F74076310 [priv]
                 ─1491 sshd: F74076310@pts/0
              Luser@1002.service
                └init.scope
           ⊢init.scope
           ∟svstem.slice
             _systemd-networkd.service
             -systemd-udevd.service
             -cron.service
             —system-serial\x2dgetty.slice
              └serial-getty@ttyS0.service
             -polkit.service
             —networkd-dispatcher.service
             -multipathd.service
             -accounts-daemon.service
             -systemd-journald.service
             —atd.service
             —unattended-upgrades.service
             -ssh.service
             —snapd.service
             -rsvslog.service
             -gemu-guest-agent.service
lines 1-52
```

# systemctl status

#### Available systemd Unit Types

Unit Type	File Extension	Description
Service Unit	.service	A system service
Target Unit	.target	A group of systemd units
Automount Unit	automount	A file system automount point
Device Unit	.device	A device file recognized by the kernel
Mount Unit	.mount	A file system mount point
Path Unit	.path	A file / directory in a file system
Scope Unit	.scope	An externally created process

#### Available systemd Unit Types

Unit Type	File Extension	Description
Slice Unit	.slice	A group of hierarchically organized units that manage system process
Snapshot Unit	.snapshot	A saved state of the systemd manager
Socket Unit	.socket	An IPC socket
Swap Unit	.swap	A swap device or a swap file
Timer Unit	.timer	A systemd timer

#### Systemd Unit Files Locations

Directory	Description
/usr/lib/systemd/system/	Systemd unit files distributed with installed DEB/RPM packages.
/run/systemd/system/	Systemd unit files created at run time. This directory takes precedence over the directory with installed service unit files.
/etc/systemd/system/	Systemd unit files created by systemctl enable as well as unit files added for extending a service. This directory takes precedence over the directory with runtime unit files.

- systemctl status
  - Show system status
- systemctl list-units
  - List running units
- systemctl --failed
  - List failed units
- systemctl list-unit-files
  - List installed unit files

- systemctl status unit
  - Check the status of unit
- systemctl is-enabled unit
  - Check whether a unit is enabled (Start on boot)
- systemctl start unit
- systemctl stop unit
- systemctl restart unit
- systemctl reload unit
- systemctl daemon-reload
  - Reload systemd manager configuration, scanning for new or changed units

- systemctl enable unit
  - Enable an unit (Start on boot)
- systemctl enable --now unit
  - Enable an unit and start the unit
- systemctl disable unit
- systemctl reenable unit
- systemctl mask unit
  - Mask a unit to make it impossible to start
- systemctl unmask unit

- systemctl halt
- systemctl poweroff
- systemctl reboot
- systemctl suspend
- systemctl hibernate
- systemctl hybrid-sleep

```
F74076310@F74076310:~$ cat /etc/systemd/system/test.service
[Unit]
Description=Test Service

[Service]
ExecStart=/bin/bash /usr/local/bin/run.sh

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

A basic systemd unit file 57

# systemd unit file

- [Unit]
  - Description, Dependency...etc
- [Service], [Socket], [Timer], [Mount], [Path]...
  - Different kinds of unit uses different kinds of block here
- [Install]
  - Which target should this unit file be installed into

### [Unit]

Option	Description
Description	A meaningful description of the unit. This text is displayed for example in the output of the systemctl status command.
Documentation	Provides a list of URIs referencing documentation for the unit.
After	Defines the order in which units are started. The unit starts only after the units specified in After are active. Unlike Requires, After does not explicitly activate the specified units. The Before option has the opposite functionality to After.
Requires	Configures dependencies on other units. The units listed in Requires are activated together with the unit. If any of the required units fail to start, the unit is not activated.
Wants	Configures weaker dependencies than Requires. If any of the listed units does not start successfully, it has no impact on the unit activation. This is the recommended way to establish custom unit dependencies.
Conflicts	Configures negative dependencies, an opposite to Requires.

#### [Service]

Option	Description	
Туре	<ul> <li>simple</li> <li>forking</li> <li>oneshot</li> <li>dbus</li> <li>notify</li> <li>idle</li> </ul>	
ExecStart	Specifies commands or scripts to be executed when the unit is started	
ExecStop	Specifies commands or scripts to be executed when the unit is stopped	
ExecReload	Specifies commands or scripts to be executed when the unit is reloaded	
Restart	With this option enabled, the service is restarted after its process exits, with the exception of a clean stop by the systemctl command.	
RemainAfterExit	If set to True, the service is considered active even when all its processes exited. Default value is False. This option is especially useful if Type=oneshot is configured.	

### [Install]

Option	Description
Alias	Provides a space-separated list of additional names for the unit. Most systemctl commands, excluding systemctl enable, can use aliases instead of the actual unit name.
ReqiuredBy	A list of units that depend on the unit. When this unit is enabled, the units listed in RequiredBy gain a Require dependency on the unit.
WantedBy	A list of units that weakly depend on the unit. When this unit is enabled, the units listed in WantedBy gain a Want dependency on the unit.
Also	Specifies a list of units to be installed or uninstalled along with the unit.
DefaultInstance	Limited to instantiated units, this option specifies the default instance for which the unit is enabled

snap-snapd-11036.mount sudo F74076310@F74076310:~\$ sudo mv

<u>systemd service demo</u>