#### **Important Linux**

```
[root@server1 ~]# tty
   /dev/pts/0
   [root@server1 ~] # uptime
    08:22:25 up 1 day, 23:58, 2 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
[user1@server1 ~] $ uname
Linux
[user1@server1 ~] $ uname -a
Linux server1.example.com 4.18.0-80.el8.x86 64 #1 SMP Wed Mar 13 12:02:46 UTC 20
19 x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
   [root@server1 ~]# lscpu
   Architecture: x86_64
   CPU op-mode(s): 32-bit, 64-bit
Byte Order: Little Endian
   CPU(s):
   On-line CPU(s) list: 0
   Thread(s) per core: 1
   Core(s) per socket: 1
   Socket(s):
                1
   NUMA node(s): 1
Vendor ID: GenuineIntel
CPU family: 6
   Model:
                      58
   Model name: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-3610QM CPU @ 2.30GHz Stepping: 9
   CPU MHz:
                      2294.784
   BogoMIPS:
                      4589.56
   Hypervisor vendor: KVM
   Virtualization type: full
   L1d cache: 32K
   L1i cache:
                      32K
   L2 cache:
                      256K
   L3 cache:
                       6144K
   NUMA nodeO CPU(s): 0
                       fpu vme de pse tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic sep mtrr pge mca cm
   ov pat pse36 clflush mmx fxsr sse sse2 ht syscall nx rdtscp lm constant tsc rep
   good nop1 xtopology nonstop tsc cpuid tsc known freq pni pclmulqdq monitor ssse3
    cx16 pcid sse4 1 sse4 2 x2apic popcnt aes xsave avx rdrand hypervisor lahf lm p
   ti fsgsbase flush 11d
```

```
[root@server1 ~]# file anaconda-ks.cfg
anaconda-ks.cfg: ASCII text
[root@server1 ~]#
[root@server1 ~] # stat anaconda-ks.cfg
 File: anaconda-ks.cfg
                                          IO Block: 4096
                                                           regular file
  Size: 1447
                       Blocks: 8
Device: fd00h/64768d
                      Inode: 10176129
                                       Links: 1
Access: (0600/-rw----) Uid: ( 0/
                                         root) Gid: (
                                                            0/
                                                                 root)
Context: system u:object r:admin home t:s0
Access: 2019-09-02 22:18:40.881000000 -0400
Modify: 2019-08-22 15:27:48.030000000 -0400
Change: 2019-08-22 15:27:48.030000000 -0400
Birth: -
[root@server1 ~]# ls -1 /usr
total 224
dr-xr-xr-x. 2 root root 40960 Aug 22 15:16 bin
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Aug 12 2018 games
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 24 Aug 22 15:08 include
dr-xr-xr-x. 37 root root 4096 Aug 22 15:16 lib
dr-xr-xr-x. 119 root root 65536 Aug 22 15:22 lib64
drwxr-xr-x. 49 root root 12288 Aug 22 15:16 libexec
drwxr-xr-x. 12 root root 131 Aug 22 15:06 local
[root@server1 ~] # 1s -1 /dev/console
crw----. 1 root root 5, 1 Aug 31 08:25 /dev/console
[root@server1 ~]#
[root@server1 ~] # ls -l /dev/sd*
brw-rw---. 1 root disk 8, 0 Aug 31 08:24 /dev/sda
brw-rw---. 1 root disk 8, 1 Aug 31 08:24 /dev/sda1
brw-rw---. 1 root disk 8, 2 Aug 31 08:24 /dev/sda2
```

#### Using gzip and gunzip

```
[root@server1 ~]# pwd
/root
[root@server1 ~] # cp /etc/fstab .
[root@server1 ~] # ls -1 fstab
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 579 Sep 2 23:01 fstab
[root@server1 ~]# gzip fstab
[root@server1 ~]# ls -l fstab.gz
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 349 Sep 2 23:01 fstab.gz
[root@server1 ~] # gzip -l fstab.gz
        compressed
                         uncompressed ratio uncompressed name
                                   579 43.9% fstab
               349
[root@server1 ~] # gunzip fstab.gz
[root@server1 ~]# ls -1 fstab
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 579 Sep 2 23:01 fstab
```

#### Using bzip2 and bunzip2

```
[root@server1 ~] # bzip2 fstab
[root@server1 ~] # ls -l fstab.bz2
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 386 Sep 2 23:01 fstab.bz2
[root@server1 ~] # bunzip2 fstab.bz2
[root@server1 ~] # 1s -1 fstab
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 579 Sep 2 23:01 fstab
[root@server1 ~] # touch -d 2019-09-20 file1
[root@server1 ~]# ls -l file1
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 0 Sep 20 2019 file1
[root@server1 ~] # touch -m file1
[root@server1 ~]# ls -l file1
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 0 Sep 5 09:13 file1
[root@server1 ~] # mkdir dir1 -v
mkdir: created directory 'dir1'
[root@server1 ~]# ls -ld dir1
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Sep 5 09:23 dir1
 [root@server1 ~] # mkdir -vp dir2/per1/per15
 mkdir: created directory 'dir2'
 mkdir: created directory 'dir2/per1'
 mkdir: created directory 'dir2/per1/per15'
 [root@server1 ~] # cat .bash profile
 # .bash profile
 # Get the aliases and functions
 if [ -f ~/.bashrc ]; then
        . ~/.bashrc
 # User specific environment and startup programs
 PATH= $PATH: $HOME/bin
 export PATH
```

#### Using tac

tac displays the contents of a text file in reverse. In the example below, the .bash\_profile file in the root user's home directory is displayed with the tac command:

```
[root@server1 ~]# tac .bash profile
 export PATH
 PATH=$PATH:$HOME/bin
 # User specific environment and startup programs
         . ~/.bashrc
 if [ -f ~/.bashrc ]; then
 # Get the aliases and functions
 # .bash profile
[root@server1 ~] # mv -i file1 dir1
mv: overwrite 'dir1/file1'? y
[root@server1 ~] # mv newfile1 newfile2
[root@server1 ~] # mv dir1 dir2
[root@server1 ~] # mv dir2 dir20
[root@server1 ~] # rm -i newfile2
rm: remove regular empty file 'newfile2'? y
[root@server1 ~] # rmdir emptydir -v
[root@server1 ~] # rm -dv emptydir
[root@server1 ~] # rm -r dir20
```

## User Login Activity and Information

```
[root@server1 ~] # who
root
       pts/0
                    2019-09-06 07:58 (192.168.0.219)
user1
         ttv2
                    2019-09-10 12:54 (tty2)
[root@server1 ~] # who am i
root pts/0
                     2019-09-06 07:58 (192.168.0.219)
[root@server1 ~]# w
12:57:51 up 4 days, 5:03, 2 users, load average: 0.40, 0.63, 0.29
USER TTY FROM
                      LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT
      pts/0 192.168.0.219
                          Fri07 1.00s 1.20s 0.01s w
root
user1 tty2 tty2
                           12:54 4days 25.23s 0.35s /usr/libexec/tr
```

# **Inspecting History of Successful L Attempts and System Reboots**

```
[root@server1 ~]# last
user1 ttv2
                                          Tue Sep 10 12:54 still logged in
         pts/1 192.168.0.219 Fri Sep 6 19:36 - 15:21 (19:44) pts/0 192.168.0.219 Fri Sep 6 07:58 still logged in
user1 pts/1
root
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Fri Sep 6 07:54 still running
root pts/0 192.168.0.219 Wed Sep 4 22:20 - 20:41 (22:21)
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Wed Sep 4 22:20 - 20:42 (22:21)
root pts/0 192.168.0.219 Wed Sep 4 07:31 - 16:26 (08:55) root pts/1 192.168.0.219 Mon Sep 2 13:20 - 13:22 (00:01) user1 pts/3 192.168.0.219 Sat Aug 31 11:33 - 11:34 (00:00)
[root@server1 ~]# last reboot
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Fri Sep 6 07:54 still running
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Wed Sep 4 22:20 - 20:42
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Sat Aug 31 08:24 - 16:26 (4+08:02)
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Fri Aug 30 20:41 - 07:48 (11:07)
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Mon Aug 26 22:52 - 07:10 (2+08:17)
reboot system boot 4.18.0-80.el8.x8 Fri Aug 23 14:13 - 15:21 (3+01:07)
```

# **Viewing History of Failed User Login Attempts**

```
[root@server1 ~]# lastb
root ssh:notty 192.168.0.219 Fri Sep 6 07:58 - 07:58 (00:00)
root ssh:notty 192.168.0.219 Mon Sep 2 13:20 - 13:20 (00:00)
btmp begins Mon Sep 2 13:20:35 2019
```

#### **Reporting Recent User Login Attempts**

```
[root@server1 ~]# lastlog
Username Port
               pts/1
root
                                          Sat Sep 7 14:29:54 -0400 2019
                                          **Never logged in**
hin
daemon
                                          **Never logged in**
                                          **Never logged in**
                                          **Never logged in**
lp
                                          **Never logged in**
sync
                                          **Never logged in**
sshd
insights
                                          **Never logged in**
                                          **Never logged in**
avahi
tcpdump
                                          **Never logged in**
                                          Tue Sep 10 12:54:50 -0400 2019
user1
                tty2
                                          Fri Sep 6 19:38:35 -0400 2019
user2
                pts/O
user100
               pts/O
                                          Mon Sep 9 09:38:41 -0400 2019
user200
                pts/O
                                          Sat Sep 7 13:28:14 -0400 2019
```

### **Examining User and Group Information**

```
[root@server1 ~]# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root) context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
[root@server1 ~]# id user1
uid=1000(user1) gid=1000(user1) groups=1000(user1)
[root@server1 ~]# groups
root
```

#### **Local User Authentication Files**

```
[root@server1 ~] # ls -1 /etc/passwd* /etc/group* /etc/shadow* /etc/gshadow*
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1024 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/group
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1016 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/group-
-------    1 root root    821 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/gshadow
-------    1 root root    813 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/gshadow-
-rw-r--r--    1 root root    2615 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/passwd
-rw-r--r--    1 root root    2570 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/passwd-
-------    1 root root    1395 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/shadow-
-------    1 root root    1365 Sep    7 11:57 /etc/shadow-
```

/etc/passwd

user1:x:1000:1000:user1:/home/user1:/bin/bash

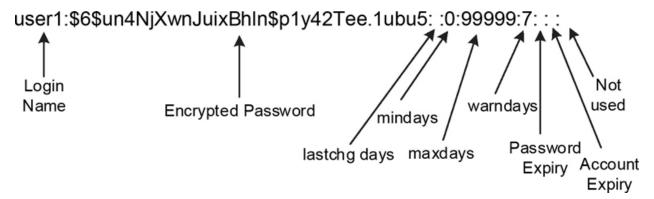
```
Login UID GID Comments
```

Shell

Password Placeholder

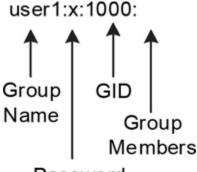
Home Directory

/etc/shadow



```
[root@server1 ~]# head -3 /etc/shadow ; tail -3 /etc/shadow
root:$6$wBS453YXp85IO/Gf$xjPHvemxqXwFgAc3nMyb4tMKB4FQscvHWKVd5boUwaqz3rVoPOZJHBN
PHxAO8DBuz2H80sYFKqhhsF2XoSh.PO::0:99999:7:::
bin:*:17784:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:17784:0:99999:7:::
user1:$6$qlSIof2tOZDXzTaH$p59YmX12xI8QozHoWwdKNFZxyt..2YMVXCPObTf70k5ufU.9qxTXAD
EfRiPcXcMVDlz9GttbS.peyUreCWXOb1::0:99999:7:::
user100:!!:18146:0:99999:7:::
user200:!!:18146:0:99999:7:::
```

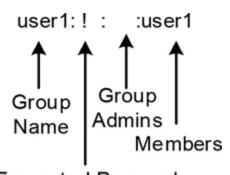
#### The group File



#### Password Placeholder

```
[root@server1 ~]# head -3 /etc/group; tail -3 /etc/group
root:x:0:
bin:x:1:
daemon:x:2:
sgrp:x:9999:user100,user200
user100:x:1002:
user200:x:1003:
[root@server1 ~]# ls -1 /etc/group
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1010 Sep 12 07:48 /etc/group
```

#### The gshadow File



Encrypted Pasword

### The useradd and login.defs Configuration Files

```
[root@server1 ~]# useradd -D
GROUP=100
HOME=/home
INACTIVE=-1
EXPIRE=
SHELL=/bin/bash
SKEL=/etc/skel
CREATE_MAIL_SPOOL=yes
```

```
[root@server1 ~] # grep -v ^# /etc/login.defs | grep -v ^$
MAIL DIR /var/spool/mail
PASS MAX DAYS 99999
PASS MIN DAYS O
PASS MIN LEN 5
PASS WARN AGE 7
UID MIN
                     1000
UID MAX
                     60000
SYS UID MIN
                      201
SYS UID MAX
                      999
GID MIN
                     1000
GID MAX
                    60000
SYS GID MIN
SYS GID MAX
                      999
CREATE HOME
             yes
HMASK
              077
USERGROUPS ENAB yes
ENCRYPT METHOD SHA512
```

### The useradd, usermod, and userdel Commands

```
[root@server1 ~]# useradd user2
[root@server1 ~]# passwd user2
Changing password for user user2.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
 [root@server1 ~] # cd /etc ; grep user2: passwd shadow group gshadow
 passwd:user2:x:1004:1004::/home/user2:/bin/bash
 shadow:user2:$6$HjGW61CCZRJWifCP$HTJuDdHrpM79.KAbD7bM3DVVCV.Ij9sc6Sgv3MNHqk/azmu
 eXmiPEMQYDANGEaO6J6FbhvIiNShfgOHff9q9G0:18152:0:99999:7:::
 group:user2:x:1004:
gshadow:user2:!::
[root@server1 etc]# su - user2
[user2@server1 ~] $ id
uid=1004(user2) gid=1004(user2) groups=1004(user2) context=unconfined u:unconfin
ed r:unconfined t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
[user2@server1 ~] $ groups
```

## **Create a User Account with Custom Values**

```
[root@server1 ~]# useradd -u 1010 -d /usr/user3a -s /bin/sh user3 [root@server1 ~]# echo user1234 | passwd --stdin user3 Changing password for user user3. passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
```

```
[root@server1 ~]# cd /etc ; grep user3: passwd shadow group gshadow
passwd:user3:x:1010:1010::/usr/user3a:/bin/sh
shadow:user3:$6$R3jWTWYymYIeF55h$r6qkL8Tk3vhW8jw1Bdv0FuJRJGRhFUT2P5pUpdIFkyR40Wf
cNATNv9RcjYKyuexB1GWYcA/Ivf5uiwHQ/ujPP/:18152:0:99999:7:::
group:user3:x:1010:
gshadow:user3:!::
```

### Modify and Delete a User Account

```
[root@server1 ~]# usermod -l user2new -m -d /home/user2new -s /sbin/nologin -u 2
000 user2
[root@server1 ~]# grep user2new /etc/passwd
user2new:x:2000:1004::/home/user2new:/sbin/nologin

[root@server1 ~]# userdel -r user2new
[root@server1 ~]# grep user2new /etc/passwd
```

### No-Login (Non-Interactive) User Account

```
[root@server1 ~]# grep nologin /etc/passwd
bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:/sbin/nologin
daemon:x:2:2:daemon:/sbin:/sbin/nologin
adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/adm:/sbin/nologin
lp:x:4:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:12:mail:/var/spool/mail:/sbin/nologin
operator:x:11:0:operator:/root:/sbin/nologin
games:x:12:100:games:/usr/games:/sbin/nologin
ftp:x:14:50:FTP User:/var/ftp:/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:Kernel Overflow User:/:/sbin/nologin
```

# **Create a User Account with No-Login Access**

```
[root@server1 ~]# useradd -s /sbin/nologin user4
[root@server1 ~]# echo user1234 | passwd --stdin user4
[root@server1 ~]# grep user4 /etc/passwd
user4:x:1011:1011::/home/user4:/sbin/nologin
[root@server1 ~]# su - user4
This account is currently not available.
```