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Managing
Users and
Groups

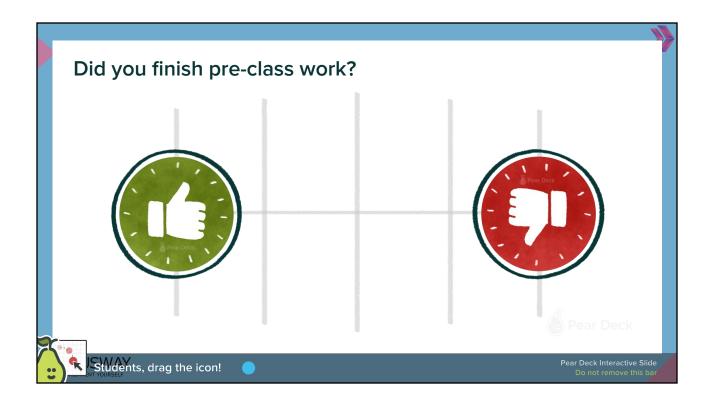






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"sudo" command

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sudo Command



The sudo (superuser do) command gives some **admin privileges** to non-admin users.

When you put sudo in front of any command in terminal, that command runs with **elevated privileges**.

If you're not sure if you're using sudo or su, look at the trailing character on the command line. If it's a pound sign (#), you're logged in as root.

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sudo Command



	Commands	Meaning
	sudo -l	List available commands.
	sudo command	Run command as root.
	sudo -u root command	Run command as root.
	sudo -u user command	Run command as user.
	sudo su	Switch to the superuser account.
	sudo su -	Switch to the superuser account with root's environment.
	sudo su - username	Switch to the username's account with the username's environment.
	sudo -s	Start a shell as root
	sudo -u root -s	Same as above.
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Basic User Commands







whoami

display one-line manual page descriptions.

whoami

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ whoami
clarusway
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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Basic User Commands



who

provide with details about who is logged on the system.

who

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ who
root pts/0 2019-11-10 23:07 (10.104.33.101)
james pts/1 2019-11-10 23:30 (10.104.33.101)
john pts/2 2019-11-10 23:34 (10.104.33.96)
clarusway pts/3 2019-11-10 23:39 (10.104.33.91)
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```







inform who is logged on and what they are doing.

W

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ w
14:22:38 up 1:52, 0 users, load average: 0.52, 0.58, 0.59
USER TTY LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT
root pts/0 14:07 15.00s 0.01s 0.01s top
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
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id

Display user id, your primary group id, and a list of the groups you belong to.

id[username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ id
uid=1000(clarusway) gid=1000(clarusway) groups=1000(clarusway)
```





su

enables a shell to be run as another user.

su [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ su oliver
Password:
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway$ __
```



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su -

To become another user and also get the environment of the target user.

su - [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ su - oliver
Password:
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ _
```





sudo su

The root user does not have a password set on some Linux systems like Ubuntu and Xubuntu. On these Linux systems, You can become root user via sudo su command.

sudo su sudo su -

clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ sudo su
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway#



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User management





User management



etc/passwd

On Linux, the local user database is /etc/passwd.

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ tail -5 /etc/passwd
clarusway:x:1000:1000:,,,:/home/clarusway:/bin/bash
john:x:1002:1002:john,room,work,home,other:/home/john:/bin/bash
oliver:x:1003:1003:oliver,room_1,work_1,home_1:/home/oliver:/bin/bash
aaron:x:1001:1001:aaron,,,:/home/aaron:/bin/bash
james:x:1005:1009:james,,,:/home/james:/bin/bash
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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useradd

useradd command is used for creating a new user.

useradd [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# useradd -m -d /home/walter -c "walter clarus" walter root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd walter:x:1006:1006:walter clarus:/home/walter:/bin/sh root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# _
```

-m is used for forcing the creation of the home directory-d is used for setting the name of the home directory-c is used for setting a description



User management



adduser

adduser is not a standard Linux command. It's basically a Perl script that uses the useradd command in the background. This is more effective at creating new users on Linux.

adduser [useradd]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# adduser raymond
Adding user `raymond' ...
Adding new group `raymond' (1004) ...
Adding new user `raymond' (1004) with group `raymond' ...
Creating home directory `/home/raymond' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for raymond
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []: Raymond Clarus
    Room Number []: it
    Work Phone []: 12345
    Home Phone []: 12345
    Other []: -
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```



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userdel

Delete a user userdel command will not remove the user's home directory from the file system. If you want to remove the home directory, you need to use the -r in the command line.

userdel [username]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# userdel -r raymond



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usermod

Modify a user's properties. The example below modifies the description of the user walter.

usermod -[option][value][username]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:walter clarus:/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -c 'aws solution architect' walter
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:aws solution architect:/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#



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User Passwords

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User Passwords



passwd

User passwords can be set with the passwd command.

passwd [username]

oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ passwd Changing password for oliver. (current) UNIX password: Enter new UNIX password: Retype new UNIX password: Bad: new password is too simple

Enter new UNIX password: Retype new UNIX password:

passwd: password updated successfully oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$



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etc/shadow

User passwords are encrypted and stored in /etc/shadow file. The /etc/shadow file is only read and can be accessed by root only.

clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ tail -4 /etc/shadow tail: cannot open '/etc/shadow' for reading: Permission denied clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~\$ sudo su root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -4 /etc/shadow clarusway: \$6\$c2IXDMI2\$B9GPOjcYyGLctUmTDP7tfNEBIXGo2YAUF /Y5NNIDkumJuP5uyxW1xHDMobWPFx0wfOh1C4iBj9PvP4XnP/Uv10:18323:0 :99999:7::: john:\$6\$ITd.yBmK\$MxMz9wm7.1DxdQx7At.0VB6ch1XU22BMXhTbPkWjdk0B .SmnwjYR922DmCeAzP8WFyIhGoHP10Dqt6M07rxON0:18333:0:99999:7::: oliver:\$6\$tTRbLfc5\$j1NMBc9tvBotwCtFMt0Qg2K0nbQW2zBv /zwufBwOnhUs7UMoczD.m/5Tnz1uCKymhISOSzZbdSCRKkLF.wSD00:18333:0 :99999:7::: walter: \$6\$aMR4T5iB\$7ZJzvy2VCEaOnPZIbaofUSLQp .aeIOCZgDeNug5hWcIkSnAjA6n6V.tR3IAJY5IScImcn15K/ZMFug1D2gK6L /:18333:0:99999:7::: root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#



User Passwords





The /etc/login.defs file includes some default user password settings, such as password aging and length settings.

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ grep ^PASS /etc/login.defs
PASS_MAX_DAYS 99999
PASS_MIN_DAYS 0
PASS_WARN_AGE 7
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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Exercise



Create a user named **devops**Set **devops** user password as **clarusway**Change devops user description as **the best cloud engineer**Switch to **devops** user
Display information of **devops** user
Go back to previous user
Delete **devops** user with home directory





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Group Management



etc/group

Users can belong to several groups. Group membership is specified via the /etc/group file.

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway# tail -3 /etc/group

linux:x:1006:john,james,aaron

aws:x:1007:walter python:x:1008:oliver

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway#







groups command is used to display a list of groups to which the user belongs.

groups [username]

```
john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ groups
john linux
john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



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groupadd

groupadd command is used to create a new group.

groupadd [groupname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd linux
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd python
```



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You can change group membership with the usermod command.

usermod -a -G [groupname] [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux james root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux aaron
```

- By default, if the group is not specified in the command, the usermod command will remove the user from any group!
- Using the -a (append) option prevents this behaviour.



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groupmod

groupmod command can be used to change the group name.

groupmod -n [newname][oldname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupmod -n ubuntu linux
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -3 /etc/group
aws:x:1007:walter
python:x:1008:oliver
ubuntu:x:1006:john,james,aaron
```

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#







groupdel command is used to delete a group.

groupdel [groupname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupdel ubuntu
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```



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Group Management



gpasswd

With the gpasswd command, we can add a user to a group and to remove a user from a group. In the example below:

- We add john to aws group with gpasswd -a command.
- We remove walter from aws group with gpasswd -d command.

gpasswd -[option][username][groupname]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -a john aws Adding user john to group aws root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -d walter aws Removing user walter from group aws root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#



Exercise

Create a user named devops

Create two groups named cloud and aws

Add devops user to the group cloud

Display **groups** that **devops** user belongs to

Add devops user to the group aws

Remove devops user from cloud group

Delete cloud group

Rename aws group name as aws-cloud

Display groups that devops user belongs to



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Exercise



Create users: Jason, Bruce, Victor, Mark, Jack, Tyler, Tomy, Edward, Eric

Create groups: Asia, Europe, America, Africa

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Victor to the Asia group

Add users: Jason, Mark, Jack, Tyler to the Europe group
Add users: Jason, Tomy, Edward to the America group

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Mark, Edward, Jack, Tyler, Eric to the Africa group

Display groups that **Jason** belongs to; Display groups that **Edward** belongs to

Remove Bruce from Africa group; Remove Jason from all groups

Delete **Europe** group

Rename Africa group as Australia

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THANKS!

Any questions?



