NAME

setuid – set user id of command

SYNOPSIS

/etc/setuid username [login-directory]
command   . . .

DESCRIPTION

Setuid sets the real and effective user ID of the command that follows to it's argument. It also changes the login *name* and, optionally, the login *directory*. The line following the setuid command is executed by the shell. The user ID then reverts to 'root' (the only one who can use this command, after all).