

User accounts allow for tracking of who's using system resources

- /etc/passwd

Account info

- Username (no spaces)
- Password
- UID, user identification
- GID, group ID
- Comment field
- Home directory
- Default Shell

Passwords used to be stored in etc/password

- today stored in /etc/shadow,
- hidden by 'salted hash'

- Username

- password

- last password change

- days until change is allowed

- days before a change is required

- days of warning before password

expiration

- days between expiration and deactivation

- expiration date

- special flag

Groups

- collection of accounts that are defined
in the /etc/group file

- group name

- password

- GID

- user list

users identified in groups

1. by specifying group GID in users
individual /etc/passwd entries

2. by specifying usernames in user list
in the /etc/group file

W

- who info

- idle time

- JCPU - session CPU time

- PCPU - process CPU time

- what - what session is doing

Su - switch user

Sudo - one cmd as root user

Precautions for root user

- confirmation for root access

- verify the command

- X (and run suspicious user as root)

- favor use of sudo over su

- X don't leave root shell open

- X don't share root password with others