

Important Linux Config files

Filename	Purpose
User accounts, authentication and messages	
/etc/passwd	Local authentication user file
/etc/shadow	Local authentication password file
/etc/group	Local system groups
/etc/gshadow	Local system group authentication password file
/etc/sudoers	Config file for SUDO
/etc/issue	Text shown before a user logs in
/etc/motd	Message of the day shown after a user logs in
/etc/pam.d/	Config files for PAM system authentication
/etc/profile	System wide environment
/etc/profile.d/	System wide environment additional files
/etc/bashrc	System wide aliases and functions
~/.bash_profile	User specific environment and startup programs
~/.bashrc	User specific aliases and functions
Disks, scheduled tasks and other	
/etc/fstab	Filesystem table that lists all filesystems to be mounted
/etc/exports	Exported filesystems for NFS
/etc/nsswitch.conf	Determines name resolution order
/etc/hosts	Static name resolution
resolv.conf	External DNS servers
/etc/crontab	System wide scheduled tasks
/etc/cron.d/	System wide scheduled tasks additional files
/etc/anacrontab	System wide anacron scheduled tasks
/etc/cron.allow, /etc/cron.deny	Allow/Deny access control for cron jobs
/etc/hosts.allow, /etc/hosts.deny	Allow/deny files for ssh (and other tcpwrappers tools)
/etc/ssh/	Config files and keys for ssh
/etc/sysconfig/	System hardware config files