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passwd [options] [LOGIN]

- -a, --all : This option can be used only with-S and shows the status for all users.
- **-d, --delete**: Delete a users password (make it empty).
- -e, --expire : Immediately expire an account's password.
- -i, --inactive INACTIVE: This option is used to disable an account after the password has been expired for a number of days. After an account has had an expired password for INACTIVE days, the user may no longer sign on to the account.
- **-k**, **--keep-tokens**: Indicate password change should be performed only for expired authentication tokens (passwords).
- -I, --lock: Lock the password of the named account. This does not disable the account. The user may still be able to login using another authentication token (e.g. a SSH key).
- -n, --mindays MIN_DAYS: Set the minimum number of days between password changes to MIN_DAYS. A value of zero indicates that the user may change their password at any time.
- -S, --status: Display account status information. (login,locked/no/usable password,date of last password change,min age, max age, warning period, inactivity period)
- -u, --unlock : Unlock the password of the named account.
- -w, --warndays WARN_DAYS : Number of days warning prior to a required password change.
- -x, --maxdays MAX_DAYS: Set the maximum number of days a password remains valid. After MAX_DAYS, the password will need to be changed.

gpasswd [option] GROUP

- -a, --add USER : Add the user to the named group.
- **-d, --delete USER**: Remove the user from the named group.
- **-r, --remove-password**: Remove the password from the named group.
- **-R**, **--restrict**: Restrict the access to the named group.
- **-A, --administrators USER,...** : Set the list of administrative users.
- **-M, --members USER,...** : Set the list of group members.

useradd [options] LOGIN

- -b, --base-dir BASE_DIR : Default system base directory if -d is not specified.
- **-d, --home HOME_DIR**: Use HOME_DIR as the value for the user's login directory.
- -e, --expiredate EXPIRE_DATE : Date on which the user account will be disabled. (YYYY-MM-DD)
- -f, --inactive INACTIVE: Number of days after a password expires until the account is disabled. (0 disables account on expiration. -1 disables the feature.)
- -g, --gid GROUP: The group name or number of the users initial login group. The group name must exist.
- **-G**, **--groups GROUP1**[,...] : List of supplementary groups for the user. Subject to same restrictions as **-g**.
- -k, --skel SKEL_DIR: The skeleton directory to be copied in the users home directory, upon creation. Only valid if-m option specified
- **-K, --key KEY=VALUE**: Overrides /etc/login.defs defaults. *Multiple -K options can be specified.*

useradd [options] LOGIN (cont)

- -I, --no-log-init: Do not add the user to the lastlog and faillog databases.
- -m, --create-home : Create the user's home directory if it doesn't exist.
- -M : Don't create home directory.
- -N, --no-user-group : Do not create a group with the same name as the user.
- -o, --non-unique : Allow the creation of a user account with a duplicate UID. Only valid along with -u option
- -p, --password PASSWORD : The encrypted password. NOT Recommended!
- -r, --system : Create system account
- -s, --shell SHELL : The name of the user's login shell.
- -u, --uid UID : The numerical value of the users
- ID. Must be unique unless $-\mathbf{o}$ option used
- **-U, --user-group**: Create group with the same name as the user
- **-Z, --selinux-user SEUSER** : The SELinux user for the users login.

groupmod [options] GROUP

- -g, --gid GID : The group ID will be changed to GID.
- -n, --new-name NEW_GROUP : Group name will be changed from GROUP to NEW_GROUP.
- **-o, --non-unique**: When used with **-g**, allows setting the group GID to a non-unique value.
- -p, --password PASSWORD : The encrypted password. NOT Recommended!



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usermod [options] LOGIN

- **-a, --append**: Add user to supplementary group(s). Use only with the **-G** option.
- -d, --home HOME_DIR : The user's new login directory.
- -e, --expiredate EXPIRE_DATE : Date on which the user account will be disabled (YYYY-MM-DD)
- **-g, --gid GROUP**: The group name/number of the user's new initial login group.
- -G, --groups GROUP1[,GROUP2...] : A list of supplementary groups which the user is also a member
- -I, --login NEW_LOGIN : The name of the user will be changed from LOGIN to NEW_LOGIN.
- **-L**, **--lock**: Lock a users password. (Can't use option with **-p** or **-U**)
- **-m, --move-home**: Move the content of the users home directory to the new location.
- -o, --non-unique : when used with the-u option, this option allows to change the user ID to a non-unique value.
- -p, --password PASSWORD : Set password explicitly via shell. Not recommended!
- -s, --shell SHELL : The name of the users new login shell.
- -u, --uid UID : The new numerical value of the users ID. Must be unique unless the -o option is used.
- **-U, --unlock** : Unlock a users password.(*Can't use this option with* **-p** *or* **-L**.)
- **-Z, --selinux-user SEUSER** : The SELinux user for the users login.

groupadd [options] GROUP

- -f, --force : This option causes the command to simply exit with success status if the specified group already exists.
- **-g, -gid GID**: The numerical value of the groups ID. This value must be unique, unless the **-o** option is used.
- **-K, --key KEY=VALUE**: Overrides /etc/login.defs defaults (GID_MIN, GID_MAX and others). *Multiple -K options can be specified.*
- **-o, --non-unique**: This option permits to add a group with a non-unique GID.
- -p, -password PASSWORD : The default is to disable the password. (NOT RECOMMENDED: the password will be visible
- -r, --system: Create a system group.

by users listing the processes.)



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