File Permissions

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Creation of Users using useradd

useradd is a command-line utility in Linux used to create new user accounts

Syntax | useradd [options] username

Options

-m

Create the user's home directory.

-G

Add the user to supplementary groups.



Creation of Groups using groupadd

groupadd is a command used to create new groups in Linux.

Syntax | groupadd [options] groupname

-r

Options

Specify the numerical group ID (GID) for the group.

Create a system group.

Modification of Users and Groups

User Modification

usermod command is used to modify user account properties.

Syntax

- usermod [options] [groupname] [username]
- Usermod [options] ["Comment"] [username]

Options

- -a:append
- - G: secondary group
- -c : Adds a comment to users username

Cont. Modification of Groups

Group ID Modification

groupmod command is used to modify group account properties.

Syntax

• groupmod [options] [ID_NUMBER] [groupname]

Group Name Modification

• groupmod command is used to modify group properties.

Syntax:

groupmod [options] [new_groupname] [old_groupname]

Options

- -g: change the group ID
- - n: change the name of the group to New Group



Account Information | Chage

chage is used to change user password expiry information.

Syntax | chage [options] username

Options

- -l : Displays account aging information.
- -M: maximum password age
- - E : Set account expiration



Location of User Information

User information is stored in various system files.

/etc/passwd: Contains user account information.

/etc/shadow: Stores encrypted user passwords.

/etc/group: Stores group information.