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Linux Plus for AWS and DevOps



* sudo command





sudo Command



The sudo (superuser do) command gives some **admin privileges** to non-admin users.

When you put sudo in front of any command in terminal, that command runs with **elevated privileges**.

If you're not sure if you're using sudo or su, look at the trailing character on the command line. If it's a pound sign (#), you're logged in as root.



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sudo Command



	Commands	Meaning
	sudo -l	List available commands.
	sudo command	Run command as root.
	sudo -u root command	Run command as root.
	sudo -u user command	Run command as user.
	sudo su	Switch to the superuser account.
	sudo su -	Switch to the superuser account with root's environment.
	sudo su - username	Switch to the username's account with the username's environment.
	sudo -s	Start a shell as root
	sudo -u root -s	Same as above.
ondia	sudo -u user -s	Start a shell as user.



Managing Users and Groups

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display one-line manual page descriptions.

whoami





who

provide with details about who is logged on the system.

who

```
who
root pts/0 2019-11-10 23:07 (10.104.33.101)
james pts/1 2019-11-10 23:30 (10.104.33.101)
john pts/2 2019-11-10 23:34 (10.104.33.96)
aslan pts/3 2019-11-10 23:39 (10.104.33.91)
aslan@AslanTurker:~/linuxplus$
```





w

inform who is logged on and what they are doing.

W

```
aslan@AslanTurker:~/linuxplus$ W

14:22:38 up 1:52, 0 users, load average: 0.52, 0.58, 0.59

USER TTY LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT

root pts/0 14:07 15.00s 0.01s 0.01s top

aslan@AslanTurker:~/linuxplus$
```





id

Display user id, your primary group id, and a list of the groups you belong to.

id [username]

```
aslan@AslanTurker:~/linuxplus$ ■ id
uid=1000(aslan ) gid=1000(aslan ) groups=1000(aslan )
```





su

enables a shell to be run as another user.

su [username]

```
clarusway@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ su oliver
Password:
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/clarusway$ _
```





su -

To become another user and also get the environment of the target user.

su - [username]





sudo su

The root user does not have a password set on some Linux systems like Ubuntu and Xubuntu. On these Linux systems, You can become root user via sudo su command.

sudo su sudo su -







etc/passwd

On Linux, the local user database is /etc/passwd.





useradd

useradd command is used for creating a new user.

useradd [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# useradd -m -d /home/walter -c "walter aslan" walter root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd walter:x:1006:1006:walter aslan :/home/walter:/bin/sh root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# _
```

- -m is used for forcing the creation of the home directory
- -d is used for setting the name of the home directory
- -c is used for setting a description





adduser

adduser is not a standard Linux command. It's basically a Perl script that uses the useradd command in the background. This is more effective at creating new users on Linux.

adduser [useradd]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# adduser raymond
Adding user `raymond' ...
Adding new group `raymond' (1004) ...
Adding new user `raymond' (1004) with group `raymond' ...
Creating home directory `/home/raymond' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for raymond
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
       Full Name []: Raymond aslan
       Room Number []: it
       Work Phone []: 12345
       Home Phone []: 12345
       Other []: -
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```





▼ userdel Delete a user. userdel command will not remove the user's home directory from the file system. If you want to remove the home directory, you need to use the -r in the command line.

userdel [username]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# userdel -r raymond





usermod

Modify a user's properties. The example below modifies the description of the user walter.

usermod -[option][value][username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:walter aslan :/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -c 'aws solution architect' walter
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -1 /etc/passwd
walter:x:1004:1004:aws solution architect:/home/walter:/bin/sh
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```







passwd

User passwords can be set with the passwd command.

passwd [username]

```
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ passwd
Changing password for oliver.
(current) UNIX password:
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Bad: new password is too simple
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
oliver@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```





etc/shadow

User passwords are encrypted and stored in /etc/shadow file.
The /etc/shadow file is only read and can be accessed by root only.

```
@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ tail -4 /etc/shadow
tail: cannot open '/etc/shadow' for reading: Permission denied
aslan @DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ sudo su -
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -4 /etc/shadow
aslan:$v$j9T$W52ihkfS29ipcBBM3.EhK.$Uv.TUx1QGjqZfM1hiB6qhUY3.1cLD6vkjrfxnSdvxg9:20118:0:99999:7:::
john:$6$ITd.yBmK$MxMz9wm7.1DxdQx7At.0VB6ch1XU22BMXhTbPkWjdk0B
    .SmnwjYR922DmCeAzP8WFyIhGoHP10Dqt6M07rx0N0:18333:0:99999:7:::
oliver: $6$tTRbLfc5$j1NMBc9tvBotwCtFMt0Qq2K0nbQW2zBv
    /zwufBwOnhUs7UMoczD.m/5Tnz1uCKymhISOSzZbdSCRKkLF.wSD00:18333:0
    :99999:7:::
walter: $6$aMR4T5iB$7ZJzvy2VCEaOnPZIbaofUSLQp
    .aeIOCZgDeNug5hWcIkSnAjA6n6V.tR3IAJY5IScImcn15K/ZMFug1D2gK6L
    /:18333:0:99999:7:::
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```





etc/login.defs

The /etc/login.defs file includes some default user password settings, such as password aging and length settings.

```
aslan @DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ grep ^PASS /etc/login.defs
PASS_MAX_DAYS 99999
PASS_MIN_DAYS 0
PASS_WARN_AGE 7
aslan @DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```



Exercise



Create a user named devops
Set devops user password as clarusway
Change devops user description as the best cloud engineer
Switch to devops user
Display information of devops user
Go back to previous user
Delete devops user with home directory







etc/group

Users can belong to several groups. Group membership is specified via the /etc/group file.

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/aslan # tail -3 /etc/group
linux:x:1006:john,james,aaron
aws:x:1007:walter
python:x:1008:oliver
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:/home/aslan #
```





groups

groups command is used to display a list of groups to which the user belongs.

groups [username]

```
john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$ groups
john linux
john@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~$
```





groupadd

groupadd command is used to create a new group.

groupadd [groupname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd linux
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupadd python
```





usermod

You can change group membership with the usermod command.

usermod -a -G [groupname] [username]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux james
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# usermod -a -G linux aaron
```

- By default, if the group is not specified in the command, the usermod command will remove the user from any group!
- Using the -a (append) option prevents this behaviour.





groupmod

groupmod command can be used to change the group name.

groupmod -n [newname][oldname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupmod -n ubuntu linux
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# tail -3 /etc/group
aws:x:1007:walter
python:x:1008:oliver
ubuntu:x:1006:john,james,aaron
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```







groupdel command is used to delete a group.

groupdel [groupname]

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# groupdel ubuntu

root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#





gpasswo

With the gpasswd command, we can add a user to a group and to remove a user from a group. In the example below:

- We add john to aws group with gpasswd -a command.
- We remove walter from aws group with gpasswd -d command.

gpasswd -[option][username][groupname]

```
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -a john aws
Adding user john to group aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~# gpasswd -d walter aws
Removing user walter from group aws
root@DESKTOP-UN6T2ES:~#
```



Exercise



Create a user named devops

Create two groups named cloud and aws

Add **devops** user to the group **cloud**

Display **groups** that **devops** user belongs to

Add **devops** user to the group **aws**

Remove **devops** user from **cloud** group

Delete **cloud** group

Rename aws group name as aws-cloud

Display groups that devops user belongs to



Exercise

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Create users: Jason, Bruce, Victor, Mark, Jack, Tyler, Tomy, Edward, Eric

Create groups: Asia, Europe, America, Africa

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Victor to the Asia group

Add users: Jason, Mark, Jack, Tyler to the Europe group

Add users: Jason, Tomy, Edward to the America group

Add users: Jason, Bruce, Mark, Edward, Jack, Tyler, Eric to the Africa group

Display groups that **Jason** belongs to; Display groups that **Edward** belongs to

Remove **Bruce** from **Africa** group; Remove **Jason** from **all** groups

Delete **Europe** group

Rename Africa group as Australia







