Creating User Acct

Irwxrwxrwx 1 root root 7 Jan 6 17:58 /usr/sbin/adduser -> useradd

-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 57532 Nov 24 2004 /usr/sbin/useradd

- 1) useradd
- 2) adduser

useradd -c "comment" -u -g -G

- -k /etc/skel -s /bin/bash -d /ghar/sameer -f -e
- -c = comment
- -u = User ID
- -g = primary Group Name
- -G = Seconday or Supplmentary Group Names
- -k = Skel folder path
- -s = A default Login Shell
- -d = Home dir of a user which has to be created but if it is not created then use option -m which will create that specified home folder
- -f = Inactive Days
- -e = expiry days

Modification of user accts

- 1) usermod -c "comment" -d /newhomedir -e yyyy-mm-dd -f 5 -g
- -G -I -s /bin/bash -u -L -U
- -L = Lock a user's password
- -U = To Unlock a user's password
- -f = Inactive Days
- -I = To change a username

Managing User's

1) userdel

Note: - Simply specifying userdel command user will be deleted but it's home dir will be remain in a system.

2) userdel -r

Note: - To remove useracct along with it's home folder

Managing Groups

- 1) groupadd
- 2) groupmod -g -n
- 3) groupmod -g
- -g = GUID of an old group
- -n = New name to an old group
- 4) groupdel

To set a password for a user

- 1) passwd
- 2) passwd -l To lock a user password
- 3) passwd -u To unlock a user password

Changing user information

1) chfn

To view user Information

- 1) finger
- 2) finger

To print real & effective UID's & GID's

1) id

Important Files of acct admin

- 1) /etc/passwd :- User Account Information
- 2) /etc/shadow :- Secure User Account Information
- 3) /etc/group :- Group Information
- 4) /etc/gshadow :- Secure Group Information
- 5) /etc/default/useradd :- Default information use while useradd command
- 6) /etc/login.defs :- System-wide settings
- 7) /etc/skel :- Directory containing default files for profile It stores hidden user profile files for every user
- 8) /etc/pam.d :- Linux PAM Directory

- 1) /etc/passwd :- User Account Information
- -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2628 Jan 7 14:50 /etc/passwd

sameer:x:500:500:tech support:/home/sameer:/bin/bash

1) sameer :- User login name 2) x: - User's encrypted password 3) 500 :- UID 4) 500 :- GID 5) tech support :- Comment or GECOS (General Electric Comprehensive OS) 6) /home/sameer :- Default home dir of a user 7) /bin/bash :- Default login shell of a user 2) /etc/shadow :- Secure User Account Information -r----- 1 root root 1592 Jan 10 19:03 /etc/shadow sameer:\$1\$kn02TpPA\$vsCpJF8PE9IrsDVnhk.pR/:13158:0:99999:7::: 1) sameer :- Username can be upto 8 characters case-sensitive, usually all lowercase 2) \$1\$kn02TpPA\$:- using md5 algorithm password 13 charaters encrypted a entry (eg: :)indicates a password is not required to login and a "*" indicates the account has been disabled (!! means password is not set or !! encrypted password means password is disabled) 3) 13158 :- The number of Days (since Jan 1 1970) since the last password changed 4) 0 :- The number of days before password may be change or min password age or password changing frequency (0 indicates password 5) 99999: The number of days after which password must be change (999999)indicates user can keep his or her password unchaged for many many years) 6) 7: The number of days warning to a user of an expiring password (7 for a full week) 7) x :- The number of days password expires & after that account will be disabled (Inactive days) 8) x: The number of days since Jan 1, 1970 that an account has be disabled (day on

Note:- usermod --append -G sysadmin samson ----> to append the user in multiple groups

which acct will be expire)