

2.6 Shell Configuration Files

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- What is a shell configuration file?
- In what order do configuration scripts execute?
- What is the difference between a login shell and a non-login shell?
- What does the **su -l** command do?

In this section, you will learn to:

- Locate and edit shell configuration files.

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition
Login shell	A shell that runs after the user successfully logs in using a user ID and password.
Non-login shell	A shell that is opened without requiring the user to authenticate with a user ID and password
Shell configuration file	A special file containing a script that is run during a shell startup.

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

Exam	Objective
CompTIA Linux+	<p>2.2 Given a scenario, manage users and groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profiles<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Bash parameters<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ User entries<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ .bashrc▪ .bash_profile▪ .profile▪ Global entries<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ /etc/bashrc▪ /etc/profile.d/▪ /etc/profile

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