

7.2 User Management

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- Which directory contains configuration file templates that are copied into a new user's home directory?
- When using **useradd** to create a new user account, what type of default values create the user account?
- How can you view all the default values in the /etc/default/useradd file?
- What is the purpose of the /etc/login.defs file?
- How would you create a user using **useradd** without using the default values in the /etc/default/useradd file?
- At the shell prompt, how do you create a password for a user?
- What does it mean if a user account is locked?
- Which command deletes a user and their home directory at the same time?

In this section, you will learn to:

- Create, rename, lock, and unlock a user account.
- Change a user's password.
- Rename or remove a user account.

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition
Shadow files	A system file in which encryption user password are stored.

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

Exam	Objective
TestOut Linux Pro	4.1 Manage users and groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create and manage user accounts• Manage user passwords
CompTIA Linux+	2.2 Given a scenario, manage users and groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ useradd• Modification<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ usermod◦ passwd• Deletion<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ userdel

- Profiles
 - /etc/skel
- Important files and file contents
 - /etc/passwd
 - /etc/group
 - /etc/shadow

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