**Setting the Grace Period**

Use **edquota –t** to set the grace period for users; it’s configurable in **days**, **hours**, **minutes**, or **seconds**. You’re a pretty tough sysadmin if you configure a grace period that’s less than a day. Here’s the syntax for it:

edquota –t

To establish a grace period before enforcing soft limits for users, use the following format, where time units can be **days**, **hours**, **minutes**, or **seconds**:

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  Filesystem             Block grace period     Inode grace period  
  /dev/sdb5                     7days                  7days

### The grace period

Users or groups may exceed their soft limit for a grace period, which defaults to seven days. After the grace period, the soft limit is enforced as a hard limit. Once the hard limit is reached, some files must be deleted before new files can be created.