

## \* Linux accounts and groups (users and permissions pt 1)

### \* Linux account.

3 user categories.

#### ① Superuser account.

- Root user - unrestricted permissions
- for administrative task: need to login as root user or execute the command as root (sudo command)

#### ② User account

- a regular user we create a login.
- eg tom - /home/tom.

#### ③ Service account

- Relevant for Linux Server Distros
- each service will get its own user
- mysql user will start mysql application.
- Best practice for security.
- Don't run services with root user.

per server or per computer.

- 1 root user.
- multiple regular user and service users.

### Why multiple standard users?

- Share computer
- many companies use windows for their employees
- usually employee can login to your account

on every computer

- same thing with universities.
- In windows, it is able to centrally manage users.
  - admins add users to the system.
  - all computer are connected to the system
  - only access to your home folder.

So you can login to any hardware that is connected to this system. no hardware bound.

Linux doesn't have centrally managed system

- user accounts are managed on that specific hardware
- \* multiple users on a server.
  - for Linux having multi-user is imp for server.
  - usually teams administer a server.  
Why not just shared user?

Why having user for each team member is imp.

- They need a non root user
- Permissions per team member
- Traceability - who did what on the system?

\* Groups and permissions.

How to manage permissions

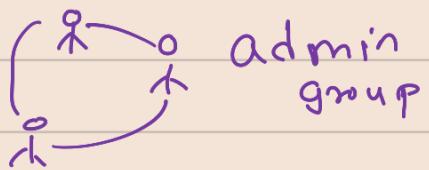
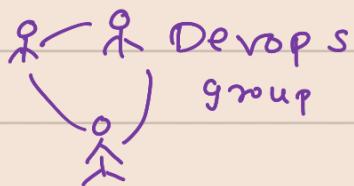
- 2 level of permissions

① User level

give permission to user directly.

② Group level

- Group users in Linux groups.
- Give permission to the group.
- The way to go, if you manage multiple users



- users are added to the group.
- permissions to that group.
- each user can also be a part of multiple group

## \* User management in practice.

- ① all the users, system has is actually stored.  
`/etc/passwd`
- stores users account information
- everyone can read it, but only root user can change the file.

`cat /etc/passwd.`

o/p - each line represents a user.

eg - `yash : x: 1000 : 1000 :yash,,,,:/home/yash : /bin/bash`

`yash` - username

`x` - password (encrypted) → `/etc/shadow`  
(stored)

`1000` - user ID.

`0` - for root

`1000` - Group ID

`yash,,,` → user ID info.

`/home/yash` - user home directory.

`/bin/bash` - user Default shell

- ① Create a new user

`sudo adduser tom`

②. change password.  
sudo passwd tom

③. Change user login  
su - tom

④. login as root  
su -

⑤. Create a group.  
sudo groupadd devops  
cat /etc/group → check all the groups.

⑥. Change primary group of user Tom  
to devops.

sudo usermod -g devops tom

↓                    ↓  
group name        user  
the user          name  
should be        in

sudo delgroup tom

⑦. adding user to multiple group

sudo usermod -G admin tom  
↑ overwrites the  
whole secondary group  
list.

if you want to add user to a new  
secondary group in addition to the existing

sudo usermod -aG <sup>one</sup>newgroup tom

⑧. current user belongs to how many  
groups.

groups

⑨. particular user belongs to how many  
groups  
groups tom

⑩. add user by specifying the group at  
the creation time.

`sudo adduser -G devops Nic`

- ⑪. remove a particular user from  
a group.

`sudo gpasswd -d Nic devops`

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delete user group