

Chapter 6

Adding new users

Steps to add a new user

1. Edit the password and group files
 > vipw
2. Set an initial password
 > passwd tytsai
3. Set quota
 > edquota -u tytsai
4. Create user home directory
 > mkdir /home/tytsai
 > chown tytsai:csie /home/tytsai
5. Copy startup files to user's home

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (1)

> /etc/passwd

- Store user information:
 - **Login name**
 - **Encrypted password**
 - **UID**
 - **Default GID**
 - **GECOS information**
 - > Full name, office, extension, home phone
 - **Home directory**
 - **Login shell**
- Each is separated by “:”

```
tytsai@tybsd:/etc> cat passwd | grep tytsai
tytsai:*:1001:1001:Tsung-Yi Tsai:/home/tytsai:/bin/tcsh
```

Step to add a new user – 1. password and group file (2)

> Encrypted password

- The encrypted password is stored in shadow file for security reason
 - **/etc/master.passwd** (BSD)
 - **/etc/shadow** (Linux)

```
tytsai@tybsd:/etc> cat passwd | grep tytsai  
tytsai:*:1001:1001:Tsung-Yi Tsai:/home/tytsai:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/passwd (BSD)

```
tytsai@tybsd:/etc> sudo less master.passwd  
tytsai:$1$bHtD7r1F$353SjzVkJQ2oPRNP1bTYf.:1001:1001::0:0:Tsung-Yi Tsai:/home/tytsai:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/master.passwd

```
[shrang@r21607 /etc] less passwd  
shrang:x:500:500:tytsai,ec216,54775:/home/shrang:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/passwd (Linux)

```
[shrang@r21607 /etc] sudo less passwd  
shrang:$1$CGlEm.BP$wwvotS3W2y4fWmruB03Zv1:12044:0:99999:7:::
```

/etc/shadow

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (3)

> Encrypted methods

- DES
 - Plaintext: at most 8 characters
 - Cipher: 13 characters long
- MD5
 - Plaintext: arbitrary length
 - Cipher: 34 characters long started with "\$1\$"
- blf
 - Plaintext: arbitrary length
 - Cipher: 60 characters long started with "\$2a\$"

Step to add a new user – 1. password and group file (4)

> GECOS

- Commonly used to record personal information
- “,” separated
- “finger” command will use it
- Use “chfn” to change your GECOS

```
#Changing user database information for tytsai.  
Shell: /bin/tcsh  
Full Name: Tsung-Yi Tsai  
Office Location:  
Office Phone:  
Home Phone:  
Other information:
```

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (5)

> Login shell

- Command interpreter
 - **/bin/sh**
 - **/bin/csh**
 - **/bin/tcsh**
 - **/bin/bash (/usr/ports/shells/bash)**
- Use “chsh” to change your shell

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Full Name: Tsung-Yi Tsai  
Office Location:  
Office Phone:  
Home Phone:  
Other information:
```

Step to add a new user – 1. password and group file (6)

> /etc/group

- Contains the names of UNIX groups and a list of each group's member:
 - **Group name**
 - **Encrypted password**
 - **GID**
 - **List of members, separated by “,”**
- Only in wheel group can do “su” command

```
wheel:*:0:root,tytsai
daemon:*:1:daemon
csie:*:1001:
```

Step to add a new user – 1. password and group file (7)

> In FreeBSD

- Use “vipw” to edit /etc/master.passwd
- Three additional fields
 - **Login class**
 - > Refer to an entry in the /etc/login.conf
 - > Determine user resource limits and login settings
 - **Password change time**
 - **Expiration time**

```
tytsai@tybsd:/etc> sudo less master.passwd
tytsai:$1$bHtD7r1F$353SjzVkJQ2oPRNP1bTYf.:1001:1001:adm:0:0:Tsung-Yi Tsai:/home/tytsai:/bin/tcsh
```

```
tytsai@tybsd:/etc> cat passwd | grep tytsai
tytsai:*:1001:1001:Tsung-Yi Tsai:/home/tytsai:/bin/tcsh
```

Step to add a new user – 1. password and group file (8)

- > /etc/login.conf of FreeBSD
 - Set account-related parameters including
 - Resource limits
 - > **Process size, number of open files**
 - Session accounting limits
 - > **When logins are allowed, and for how long**
 - Default environment variable
 - Default path
 - Location of the message of the day file
 - Host and tty-based access control
 - Default umask
 - Account controls
 - > **Minimum password length, password aging**

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (9)

```
default:\n  :passwd_format=md5:\\n  :copyright=/etc/COPYRIGHT:\\n  :welcome=/etc/motd:\\n  :setenv=MAIL=/var/mail/$,BLOCKSIZE=K,FTP_PASSIVE_MODE=YES:\\n  :path=/sbin /bin /usr/sbin /usr/bin /usr/games /usr/local/sbin /usr/local/bin /usr/X11R6/bin ~/bin:\\n  :nologin=/var/run/nologin:\\n  :cputime=unlimited:\\n  :datasize=unlimited:\\n  :stacksize=unlimited:\\n  :memorylocked=unlimited:\\n  :memoryuse=unlimited:\\n  :filesize=unlimited:\\n  :coredumpsize=unlimited:\\n  :openfiles=unlimited:\\n  :maxproc=unlimited:\\n  :sbsize=unlimited:\\n  :vmmemoryuse=unlimited:\\n  :priority=0:\\n  :ignoretime@:\\n  :umask=022:
```

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (10)

- > In Linux
 - Edit /etc/passwd and then
 - Use “pwconv” to transfer into /etc/shadow
- > Fields of /etc/shadow
 - Login name
 - Encrypted password
 - Date of last password change
 - Minimum number of days between password changes
 - Maximum number of days between password changes
 - Number of days in advance to warn users about password expiration
 - Number of inactive days before account expiration
 - Account expiration date
 - Flags

```
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shrang:$1$CGlEm.BP$wwvotS3W2y4fWmruB03Zv1:12044:0:99999:7:::
```

Step to add a new user – 2, 3, 4

> Initialize password

- passwd tytsai

> Set quota

- edquota tytsai
- edquota -p wkwu tytsai

Quotas for user tytsai:

```
/raid: kbytes in use: 986376, limits (soft = 1200000, hard = 1500000)
    inodes in use: 4224, limits (soft = 12000, hard = 15000)
```

> Home directory

- mkdir /home/tytsai
- chown tytsai:csie /home/tytsai

Step to add a new user – 5. copy startup files

> Startup files

– System wide

- /etc/{csh.cshrc, csh.login, csh.logout, profile}

– Private

- | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| • csh/tcsh | → .login, .logout, .cshrc, .tcshrc |
| • sh | → .profile |
| • vi | → .exrc |
| • startx | → .xinitrc |

> In this step, we usually copy private startup files

Disabling login

> Ways to disable login

- Change user's login shell as /sbin/nologin
- Put a “#” in front of the account entry
- Put a “*” in the encrypted password field
- Write a program to show the reason and how to remove the restriction

Remove accounts

- > Delete the account entry
 - [FreeBSD] vipw
 - [Linux] remove the row in /etc/passwd and pwconv
- > Backup file and mailbox
 - tar czvf tytsai041018.tar.gz /home/tytsai
- > Delete home directory
 - rm –Rf /home/tytsai