



User Management

lctseng



Adding New Users

ID

❑ User ID, Group ID

- `% id lctseng`
 - `uid=10554(lctseng) gid=1199(alumni) groups=1199(alumni),2000(taeveer)`
- `% id 10554`

❑ Super user

- `root`
 - `uid=0(root) gid=0(wheel) groups=0(wheel),5(operator)`

❑ Other Important Users

- `daemon`: owner of unprivileged software
- `bin`: owner of system commands
- `sys`: owner of the kernel and memory images
- `nobody`: owner of nothing

Steps to add a new user

1. Edit the password and group files
 - > vipw, pw
2. Set an initial password
 - > passwd lctseng
3. Set quota
 - > edquota lctseng
4. Create user home directory
 - > mkdir /home/lctseng
5. Copy startup files to user's home (optional)
6. Set the file/directory owner to the user
 - > chown -R lctseng:cs /home/lctseng

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (1)

❑ /etc/passwd

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

```
lctseng@NASA /etc $ grep lctseng passwd
lctseng:*:1002:20:User &:/home/lctseng:/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)

```
lctseng@NASA /etc $ grep lctseng passwd
lctseng:*:1002:20:User &:/home/lctseng:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/passwd (BSD)

```
lctseng@NASA /etc $ sudo grep lctseng master.passwd
lctseng:$1$4KQcUPbi$/nVs5bPDUXoyLLxw9Yp9D.:1002:20::0:0:User &:/home/lctseng:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/master.passwd

```
[lctseng@linux /etc] grep lctseng passwd
lctseng:x:1002:20:User &:/home/lctseng:/bin/tcsh
```

/etc/passwd (Linux)

```
[lctseng@linux /etc] sudo grep lctseng passwd
lctseng:$1$4KQcUPbi$/nVs5bPDUXoyLLxw9Yp9D.:14529:0:99999:7:::
```

/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
 - vFj42r/HzGqXk
- md5
 - Plaintext: arbitrary length
 - Cipher: 34 characters long started with "\$1\$"
 - \$1\$xbFdBaRp\$zXSp9e4y32ho0MB9Cu2iV0
- blf
 - Plaintext: arbitrary length
 - Cipher: 60 characters long started with "\$2a\$"
 - \$2a\$04\$jn9vc7dDJOX7V335o3.RoujuK/uoBYDg1xZs1OcBOrIXve3d1Cbm6
- sha512
 - Plaintext: arbitrary length
 - Cipher: 106 characters long started with "\$6\$"
 - \$6\$o4B4Pa/ql3PpRAQo\$196.cCzrTCOIpPqk.VX7EqR0YNtf0dRLdx5Hzl6S7uGaPz4EDJd
oXnmsSf.A21xS2ziml1XsHAgICR2Pw7olsl

❑ login.conf(5), "AUTHENTICATION"

- section: passwd_format

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (4)

❑ GECOS

- **General Electric Comprehensive Operating System**
- Commonly used to record personal information
- “,” separated
- “finger” command will use it
- Use “chfn” to change your GECOS

```
#Changing user information for lctseng.  
Shell: /bin/tcsh  
Full Name: User &  
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)
 - /bin/zsh (/usr/ports/shells/zsh)
- Use “chsh” to change your shell

```
#Changing user information for lctseng.
```

```
Shell: /bin/tcsh
```

```
Full Name: User &
```

```
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 “,”

```
wheel:*:0:root,lctseng  
daemon:*:1:daemon  
staff:*:20:
```

- Only in wheel group can do “su” command

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
 - default
 - Password change time
 - Account expiration time

```
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lctseng:$1$4KQcUPbi$/nVs5bPDUXoyLLxw9Yp9D.:1002:20::0:0:User &:/home/lctseng:/bin/tcsh
```

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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
 - login.conf(5)

Step to add a new user –

1. password and group file (9)

```
default:\
:passwd_format=sha512:\
:copyright=/etc/COPYRIGHT:\
:welcome=/etc/motd:\
:setenv=MAIL=/var/mail/$,BLOCKSIZE=K:\
:path=/sbin /bin /usr/sbin /usr/bin /usr/games /usr/local/sbin /usr/local/bin ~/bin:\
:nologin=/var/run/nologin:\
:cputime=unlimited:\
:datasize=unlimited:\
:stacksize=unlimited:\
:memorylocked=64K:\
:memoryuse=unlimited:\
:filesize=unlimited:\
:coredumpsize=unlimited:\
:openfiles=unlimited:\
:maxproc=unlimited:\
:sbsize=unlimited:\
:vmemoryuse=unlimited:\
:swapuse=unlimited:\
:pseudoterminals=unlimited:\
:priority=0:\
:ignoretime@\
: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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lctseng:$1$4KQcUPbi$/nVs5bPDUXoyLLxw9Yp9D.:14529:0:99999:7:::
```

Step to add a new user – 2, 3, 4

- ❑ Initialize password
 - `passwd lctseng`
- ❑ Set quota
 - `edquota lctseng`
 - `edquota -p quotatemplate lctseng`
 - `-p`: duplicate quota settings from other user

Quotas for user lctseng:

```
/raid: kbytes in use: 705996, limits (soft = 4000000, hard = 4200000)
      inodes in use: 9728, limits (soft = 50000, hard = 60000)
```

- <https://www.freebsd.org/doc/handbook/quotas.html>

- ❑ Home directory
 - `mkdir /home/lctseng`

Step to add a new user – 5, 6

☐ Startup files

- **System wide**

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

- **Private**

- `csh/tcsh` ➔ `.login, .logout, .tcshrc, .cshrc`

- `sh` ➔ `.profile`

- `vi` ➔ `.exrc`

- `vim` ➔ `.vimrc`

- `startx` ➔ `.xinitrc`

- In this step, we usually copy private startup files

- `/usr/share/skel/dot.*`

- `/usr/local/share/skel/zh_TW.Big5/dot.*`

☐ Change onwer

- `chown -R lctseng:cs /home/lctseng`

Remove accounts

Delete the account entry

- [FreeBSD] vipw, pw userdel
- [Linux] remove the row in /etc/passwd and pwconv

Backup file and mailbox

- tar jcf lctseng-home-20190927.tar.bz /home/lctseng
- tar jcf lctseng-mail-20190927.tar.bz /var/mail/lctseng
- chmod 600 lctseng-*-20190927.tar.bz

Delete home directory and mailbox

- rm -rf /home/lctseng /var/mail/lctseng

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 front of the account entry
- Put a “*” in the encrypted password field
- Add *LOCKED* at the beginning of the encrypted password field
 - pw lock/unlock
- Write a program to show the reason and how to remove the restriction
- pw(8) 、 adduser(8) 、 pwd_mkdb(8)

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Rootly Powers

The Root

- ❑ Root
 - Root is God, A.K.A. super-user.
 - UID is 0

- ❑ UNIX permits super-user to perform any valid operation on any file or process, such as:
 - Changing the root directory of a process with **chroot**
 - Setting the system clock
 - Raising anyone's resource usage limits and process priorities (**renice, edquota**)
 - Setting the system's hostname (**hostname** command)
 - Configuring network interfaces (**ifconfig** command)
 - Shutting down the system (**shutdown** command)
 - ...

Becoming root (1)

□ Login as root

- Console login
 - Allow root login on console.
 - If you don't want to permit root login in the console (in /etc/ttys)

```
ttyv1  "/usr/libexec/getty Pc"    cons25 on secure
```

➔ `ttyv1 "/usr/libexec/getty Pc" cons25 on insecure`
- Remote login (login via ssh)
 - sshd:

```
/etc/ssh/sshd_config  
#PermitRootLogin yes
```
 - **DON'T DO THAT !!!**

Becoming root (2)

- ❑ su : substitute user identity
 - su, su -, su *username*
 - ※ Environment is unmodified with the exception of USER, HOME, SHELL which will be changed to target user.
 - ※ “su -” will simulate as a full login. (All environment variables changed)
- ❑ sudo : a limited su (security/sudo)
 - Subdivide superuser’s power
 - **Who** can execute **what command** on **which host** as **whom**.
 - Each command executed through sudo will be logged (/var/log/auth.log)

```
Sep 20 02:10:08 NASA sudo:  lctsens : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/tmp ;  
                        USER=root ; COMMAND=/etc/rc.d/pf start
```

- Edit /usr/local/etc/sudoers using **visudo** command
 - **visudo can check mutual exclusive access of sudoers file**
 - **Syntax check**
 - **Change editor**
 - setenv EDITOR <editor you want>

Becoming root (3)

- sudoers format
 - **Who** can execute **what command** on **which host** as **whom**
 - The user to whom the line applies
 - The hosts on which the line should be noted
 - The commands that the specified users may run
 - The users as whom they may be executed
 - Use absolute path

| | |
|------------|--|
| Host_Alias | BSD=bsd1,bsd2,alumni |
| Host_Alias | LINUX=linux1,linux2 |
| Cmnd_Alias | DUMP=/usr/sbin/dump, /usr/sbin/restore |
| Cmnd_Alias | PRINT=/usr/bin/lpc, /usr/bin/lprm |
| Cmnd_Alias | SHELLS=/bin/sh, /bin/tcsh, /bin/csh |

Becoming root (4)

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Host_Alias | BSD=bsd1,bsd2,alumni |
| Host_Alias | LINUX=linux1,linux2 |
| Cmnd_Alias | PRINT=/usr/bin/lpc, /usr/bin/lprm |
| Cmnd_Alias | SHELLS=/bin/sh, /bin/tcsh, /bin/csh |
| Cmnd_Alias | SU=/usr/bin/su |
| User_Alias | wwwTA=jnlin, wangth |
| User_Alias | printTA=lctseng, jnlin |
| Runas_Alias | NOBODY=nobody |
| wangth | ALL=ALL |
| lctseng | ALL=(ALL)ALL,!SHELLS,!SU |
| printTA | csduty=PRINT |
| wwwTA | BSD=(NOBODY)/usr/bin/more |
| %wheel | ALL=NOPASSWD:/sbin/shutdown |

Becoming root (5)

❑ Example

- `% sudo -u nobody more /usr/local/etc/apache/httpd.conf`
- Execute “more” as user “nobody”

❑ Blacklist is not always safe...

- `% cp -p /bin/csh /tmp/csh; sudo /tmp/csh`

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>Cmnd_Alias</code> | <code>SHELLS=/bin/sh, /bin/tcsh, /bin/csh</code> |
| <code>Cmnd_Alias</code> | <code>SU=/usr/bin/su</code> |
| <code>lctseng</code> | <code>ALL=(ALL)ALL,!SHELLS,!SU</code> |

sudoers Example

- ❑ `lctseng ALL=(ALL) ALL`
- ❑ `%wheel ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL`

```
##  
## User privilege specification  
##  
root ALL=(ALL) ALL  
lctseng ALL=(ALL) ALL  
  
## Uncomment to allow members of group wheel to execute any command  
##%wheel ALL=(ALL) ALL  
  
## Same thing without a password  
%wheel ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
```