



## ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'group.5'***

### **C:\>man group.5**

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#### NAME

group - user group file

#### DESCRIPTION

The `/etc/group` file is a text file that defines the groups on the system. There is one entry per line, with the following format:

```
group_name:password:GID:user_list
```

The fields are as follows:

`group_name` the name of the group.

`password` the (encrypted) group password. If this field is empty, no password is needed.

`GID` the numeric group ID.

`user_list` a list of the usernames that are members of this group, separated by commas.

#### FILES

`/etc/group`

#### BUGS

As the 4.2BSD `initgroups(3)` man page says: no one seems to keep `/etc/group` up-to-date.

#### SEE ALSO

`chgrp(1)`, `gpasswd(1)`, `groups(1)`, `login(1)`, `newgrp(1)`, `sg(1)`, `getgrent(3)`, `getgr?`  
`nam(3)`, `gshadow(5)`, `passwd(5)`, `vigr(8)`

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