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:

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group_name:password:GID:user_list
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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), **getgrnam**(3), **gshadow**(5), **passwd**(5), **vigr**(8)

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