

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)**