NAME

/etc/adduser.conf - configuration file for adduser(8) and addgroup(8)

DESCRIPTION

The file */etc/adduser.conf* contains defaults for the programs adduser(8) , addgroup(8) , deluser(8) and delgroup(8) Each line holds a single value pair in the form *option = value.* Double or single quotes are allowed around the value, as is whitespace around the equals sign. Comment lines must have a hash sign (#) in the first column.

The valid configuration options are:

DSHELL

The login shell to be used for all new users. Defaults to */bin/bash.*

DHOME

The directory in which new home directories should be created. Defaults to */home.*

GROUPHOMES

If this is set to *yes*, the home directories will be created as */home/[groupname]/user.* Defaults to *no.*

LETTERHOMES

If this is set to *yes*, then the home directories created will have an extra directory inserted which is the first letter of the loginname. For example: */home/u/user.* Defaults to *no.*

SKEL The directory from which skeletal user configuration files should be copied. Defaults to */etc/skel.*

FIRST_SYSTEM_UID and **LAST_SYSTEM_UID**

specify an inclusive range of UIDs from which system UIDs can be dynamically allocated. Default to *100 - 999.* Please note that system software, such as the users allocated by the base-passwd package, may assume that UIDs less than 100 are unallocated.

FIRST_UID and **LAST_UID**

specify an inclusive range of UIDs from which normal user's UIDs can be dynamically allocated. Default to *1000 - 29999.*

FIRST_SYSTEM_GID and **LAST_SYSTEM_GID**

specify an inclusive range of GIDs from which system GIDs can be dynamically allocated. Default to *100 - 999.*

FIRST_GID and **LAST_GID**

specify an inclusive range of GIDs from which normal group's GIDs can be dynamically allocated. Default to *1000 - 29999.*

USERGROUPS

If this is set to *yes*, then each created user will be given their own group to use. If this is *no*, then each created user will be placed in the group whose GID is **USERS_GID** (see below). The default is *yes.*

USERS_GID

If **USERGROUPS** is *no*, then **USERS_GID** is the GID given to all newly-created users. The default value is *100.*

DIR_MODE

If set to a valid value (e.g. 0755 or 755), directories created will have the specified permissions as umask. Otherwise 0755 is used as default.

SETGID_HOME

If this is set to *yes*, then home directories for users with their own group (*USER-GROUPS=yes*) will have the setgid bit set. This was the default setting for adduser versions << 3.13. Unfortunately it has some bad side effects, so we no longer do this per default. If you want it nevertheless you can still activate it here.

QUOTAUSER

>   If set to a nonempty value, new users will have quotas copied from that user. The default
>   is empty.

NAME_REGEX

>   User and group names are checked against this regular expression. If the name doesn't
>   match this regexp, user and group creation in adduser is refused unless --force-badname is
>   set. With --force-badname set, only weak checks are performed. The default is the most
>   conservative ^[a-z][-a-z0-9]*$.

SKEL_IGNORE_REGEX

>   Files in /etc/skel/ are checked against this regex, and not copied to the newly created
>   home directory if they match. This is by default set to the regular expression matching
>   files left over from unmerged config files (dpkg-(old|new|dist)).

ADD_EXTRA_GROUPS

>   Setting this to something other than 0 (the default) will cause adduser to add newly cre-
>   ated non-system users to the list of groups defined by EXTRA_GROUPS (below).

EXTRA_GROUPS

>   This is the list of groups that new non-system users will be added to. By default, this list
>   is 'dialout cdrom floppy audio video plugdev users games'

NOTES

VALID NAMES

>   adduser and addgroup enforce conformity to IEEE Std 1003.1-2001, which allows only the
>   following characters to appear in group and user names: letters, digits, underscores, peri-
>   ods, at signs (@) and dashes. The name may no start with a dash. The $ sign is allowed
>   at the end of usernames (to conform to samba).
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>   An additional check can be adjusted via the configuration parameter NAME_REGEX to
>   enforce a local policy.

FILES

>   */etc/adduser.conf*

SEE ALSO

>   adduser(8), addgroup(8), deluser(8), delgroup(8), deluser.conf(5)