

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

[login\(1\)](#), [newgrp\(1\)](#), [getgrent\(3\)](#), [getgrnam\(3\)](#), [passwd\(5\)](#)

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