

**NAME**

`vipw`, `vigr` - edit the password, group, shadow-password or shadow-group file

**SYNOPSIS**

`vipw` [*options*]

`vigr` [*options*]

**DESCRIPTION**

The `vipw` and `vigr` commands edit the files `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/group`, respectively. With the `-s` flag, they will edit the shadow versions of those files, `/etc/shadow` and `/etc/gshadow`, respectively. The programs will set the appropriate locks to prevent file corruption. When looking for an editor, the programs will first try the environment variable `$VISUAL`, then the environment variable `$EDITOR`, and finally the default editor, `vi(1)`.

**OPTIONS**

The options which apply to the `vipw` and `vigr` commands are:

**-g, --group**

Edit group database.

**-h, --help**

Display help message and exit.

**-p, --passwd**

Edit passwd database.

**-q, --quiet**

Quiet mode.

**-R, --root *CHROOT\_DIR***

Apply changes in the `CHROOT_DIR` directory and use the configuration files from the `CHROOT_DIR` directory.

**-s, --shadow**

Edit shadow or gshadow database.

**ENVIRONMENT****VISUAL**

Editor to be used.

**EDITOR**

Editor to be used if `VISUAL` is not set.

**FILES**

`/etc/group`

Group account information.

`/etc/gshadow`

Secure group account information.

`/etc/passwd`

User account information.

`/etc/shadow`

Secure user account information.

**SEE ALSO**

[vi\(1\)](#), [group\(5\)](#), [gshadow\(5\)](#), [passwd\(5\)](#), [shadow\(5\)](#).