

Managing Groups

You can also manage group with the `groupadd`, and `groupdel` commands. these command line operation let you quickly manage a group from a terminal window.

groupadd

With the `groupadd` command, you can create new groups. when you add a group to the system, the system places the group's name in the `/etc/group` file and gives it a group ID number. if shadow security is in place, changes are made to the `/etc/gshadow` file.

`groupadd` command only creates the group category. you need to add users to the group individually. in the following example, the `groupadd` command creates the developer group.

```
#groupadd developer
```

groupmod

You can change the name of a group or its ID using the `groupmod` command. Enter `groupmod -g` with the new ID number and the group name. to change the name of a group, you use the `-n` option. enter `groupmod -n` with the new name of the group, followed by the current name. in the next example, the developer group has its name changed to distribution.

```
#groupmod -n distribution developer
```

groupdel

You can delete a group with `groupdel` command. In the next example, the developer group is deleted.

```
#groupdel developer
```