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Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'group.5' command

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NAME

group - user group file

DESCRIPTION

The `/etc/group` file is a text file that defines the groups on the sys?

tem. There is one entry per line, with the following format:

```
group_name:password:GID:user_list
```

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), get?
grent(3), getgrnam(3), gshadow(5), passwd(5), vigr(8)

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