

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)`.