

**NAME**

group – group file

**DESCRIPTION**

*Group* contains for each group the following information:

- group name
- encrypted password
- numerical group ID
- a comma separated list of all users allowed in the group

This is an ASCII file. The fields are separated by colons; Each group is separated from the next by a new-line. If the password field is null, no password is demanded.

This file resides in directory /etc. Because of the encrypted passwords, it can and does have general read permission and can be used, for example, to map numerical group ID's to names.

**FILES**

/etc/group

**SEE ALSO**

newgrp (I), login (I), crypt (III), passwd (I)