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About UserManager

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Summary You use the UserManager application to manage user accounts and groups. To create them, change them, disable them, or remove them.

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To start UserManager, you must be logged in as **root** in the domain where you're adding the account.

For quick on-line help while you're using UserManager, choose Info **submenu-arrow8.tiff** ↗ Help from the UserManager menu. Or hold down the Help key and click a command, panel, window, or button. (If you don't have a Help key, hold down the Control and Alt keys.)

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User accounts and home directories

You can create two kinds of user accounts. *Local accounts* give individual users access to the files on a single computer. *Network accounts* give them access to

several or all the computers on a network.

When you create a user account, UserManager assigns a user ID number. You provide the user's real name, login name, password, and other information that you may need to manage the account. You can choose default settings for much of this information.

UserManager can also set up home directories for users when you set up their accounts. Every network user needs a home directory with an **Active.mbox** file to receive mail.

You can add local ;../../UsersAndGroups/AddLocalUserAccount.rtf;; or network ;../../UsersAndGroups/AddNetworkUserAccount.rtf;; accounts one at a time. Or you can add multiple accounts at the same time ;../../UsersAndGroups/AddMultipleUserAccounts.rtf;;. These accounts are stored in the **/users** directory of the domain you choose.

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Groups give users access to a common set of files and folders.

When you create a group, UserManager assigns a group ID number. You provide the group name and an optional description. You can also set up a group password.

All users must be members of at least one group. You can add groups in the **/groups** directory of the domain you choose ;../../UsersAndGroups/AddGroup.rtf;;.

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UserManager uses default settings to assign the user and group ID numbers.

For individuals, it can also use default settings to assign a user name, shell, language, user template, and pathname for the home directory. For groups, it can assign a default group name.

For both users and groups, UserManager can set up a default log file. UserManager also lets you specify program hooks to start programs at various stages of the user account creation process.

You can change these default settings at any time. You can also override them when you create individual user accounts or groups.

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You need to set up your home directory servers before you set up user accounts.

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