

**NAME**

group - group file

**DESCRIPTION**

*Group* contains for each group the following information:

- group name
- encrypted password
- numerical group ID
- 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 by the *newgrp*(1) command.

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*(1), *passwd*(1), *crypt*(3C), *passwd*(5)