

– General Linux 2 –

Setup User Level Security [2]

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Setup User Level Security [2]

Objective

Candidate should be able to configure user level security. Tasks include limits on user logins, processes, and memory usage.

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Key files, terms, and utilities

quota

usermod

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Resources of interest

TBA

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- Initialise the `quota.*` files as databases by running `quotacheck`:

```
fehung:/home# quotacheck -augv
```

```
Cannot get exact used space... Results might be inaccurate
```

```
quotacheck: Scanning /dev/hda2 [/home] done
```

```
quotacheck: Checked 143 directories and 689 files
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- The filesystem (in this case `/home`) is now ready to accept quotas on a per user or group basis.

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Initialising Quotas when booting

To ensure quota is turned on upon system boot, add the following to the system's initialisation script (`/etc/rc.d/rc.sysinit` or similar):

```
if [ -x /sbin/quotacheck ]; then
    echo "Checking quotas."
    /sbin/quotacheck -auvg
    echo "Done."
fi
```

```
if [ -x /sbin/quotaon ]; then
    echo "Enabling quotas."
    /sbin/quotaon -avug
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Check the Quota database Regularly with cron

To ensure that the databases are checked regularly, add a script to one of the crontab system directories, (such as `/etc/cron.weekly/`) to run `quotacheck`:

```
#!/bin/bash  
/sbin/quotacheck -auvg
```

or a job in crontab to achieve the same thing.

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Quota Limits—Per-group hard limit

This is the absolute maximum of a groups allocated space, once reached the group cannot write anything else to the filesystem, and the currently worked upon file if saved is truncated and useless. Users in the group don't lose what is in the current shell, so they can free up some space and then save the file.

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Quota Limits—Grace Period

Once a soft limit has been reached the user/group enters the grace period which is an abstract time before the hard limit is enforced, regardless of whether the hard limit is reached (assuming the user doesn't get their quota down below the soft limit in that time).

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- This edits the quota for user greebo, in this file we change the soft and hard limits to whatever we choose, example:

```
Disk quotas for user greebo (uid 1000):
```

Filesystem	blocks	soft	hard	inodes	soft	hard
/dev/hda2	538	29000	30000	689	0	0

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- We can only modify the grace limit system wide. We do this by running # **edquota -tu** ↵ , and changing the value.

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Quota commands: `quota (1)`

`quota` is used to display quotas on users and groups, using the `-u` switch for users and `-g` switch for groups:

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fehung:/home# quota -uv greebo ↵
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Quota commands: `quotaon (1)`

`quotaon` turns on the quota system, `quotaoff` turns it off. Easy!

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Quota commands: `repquota` (1)

`repquota` reports on the status on quotas. Common options are as follows:

```
-a      reports on all quotas
-g      reports on group quotas
-u      reports on user quotas
-v      verbose mode
```

Examples:

```
# repquota -v /home ↵
```

or

```
# repquota -a ↵
```