

Changing UID

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Please do not re-use an existing subject! It's confusing and annoying. If people don't realise that it's a new subject they may well ignore it.

You can change the user ID with the `chuser` command, as with any other user attribute.

However, ownership of files is determined by the UID, and they will NOT be changed. (UID number is what's in the directory: `/etc/passwd` just provides a cross-reference used by some commands.) You'll have to go through your system and find all files owned by the old UID and change them to the new one.

e.g. `find / -user <old UID> -exec chown username { } \;`

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-----Original Message-----

From: IBM AIX Discussion List [mailto:aix-l@Princeton.EDU] On Behalf Of p n kumaresh

Sent: 18 August 2005 01:38

To: aix-l@Princeton.EDU

Subject: Re: cfmgr question

Hi All,

How to change the userid of a existing userid in AIX.

Thanks & regards

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