

## [HPADM] RE: [HPUX] [SUMMARY] [ADDENDUM] Adding many users to one group

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Dear Admins,

Frank Bonnet answered the question "what are my options" by pointing me to /etc/netgroup, hence the addendum to the previous summary.  
julius

> *I am posting full text of Bill Hassell's reply as a perfect  
> summary. In addition, there is a nice trick from Nick Stoker. The original  
> question was:  
> I need to add several hundred users to a group. From reading man  
> pages it follows that I have to add them on a single line in /etc/groups.  
> The LINE\_MAX value in limits.h is 2048. What are my options?  
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> On Wed, 28 May 2003, Bill Hassell wrote:  
>> It's really not documented very well, but you can repeat the group ID  
>> on multiple lines. I add about 10 usernames per line as in:  
>>  
>> mygroup::121:user1,user2,user3,user4,user5,user6,user7,user8,user9  
>> mygroup::121:user11,user12,user13,user14,user15,user16,user17,user18,user19  
>> mygroup::121:user21,user22,user23,user24,user25,user26,user27,user28,user29  
>>  
>> Verify functionality using the id command. Note that 10.20 (obsolete next  
>> month) requires a symlink to /etc/logingroup. Version 11 and higher are  
>> fine.  
>> Bill Hassell  
>  
> And here is the Nick Stoker's trick:  
> One way round this is to have extra lines with different group names but  
> same group id, e.g. if main group is called staff and the gid was 110  
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> you would have  
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> staff::110:user1,user2,user3 etc...  
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> and on another line have  
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> *staffsubgrp1::110:user4,user5,user6 etc.*

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> *If you do an 'id' on user4 it will come back with 'staff' and not*

> *'staffgrp1'.*

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