NAME

subusers − a description of the file **/etc/subusers**

DESCRIPTION

The file **/etc/subusers** contains all the ancestry information for the subuser toolkit. It consists of a number of lines of the form

parent:child1,child2,...,childN

Each such line is a record indicating that parent is the parent user of child1 through childN. The tools **subuseradd** and **subuserdel** manipulate this file, and the tools **subusersu**, **subusersudo**, and **subuserchown** reference this file to determine relative ancestry.

subuseradd prevents children from “creating” users that already exist. This prevents cycles in the hierarchy.

FILES

/etc/subusers
the file containing the ancestry relationships between users.

SEE ALSO

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