

# Quickly Add Users to Groups in Ubuntu 12.04 (Precise Pangolin)

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For new users and newbies who are just starting out with Ubuntu, managing users and groups can be challenging especially since the old users and group management tool doesn't come with Ubuntu anymore. In prior versions of Ubuntu, one could easily manage users and group with the users-admin tool which is part of Gnome system tools.

That tool no longer come with Ubuntu. Now the only tool that's available is simplified and only allows you to create, manage and delete user accounts. So, if you need to add or delete users from groups in Ubuntu, you're going to use the commands terminal or console.

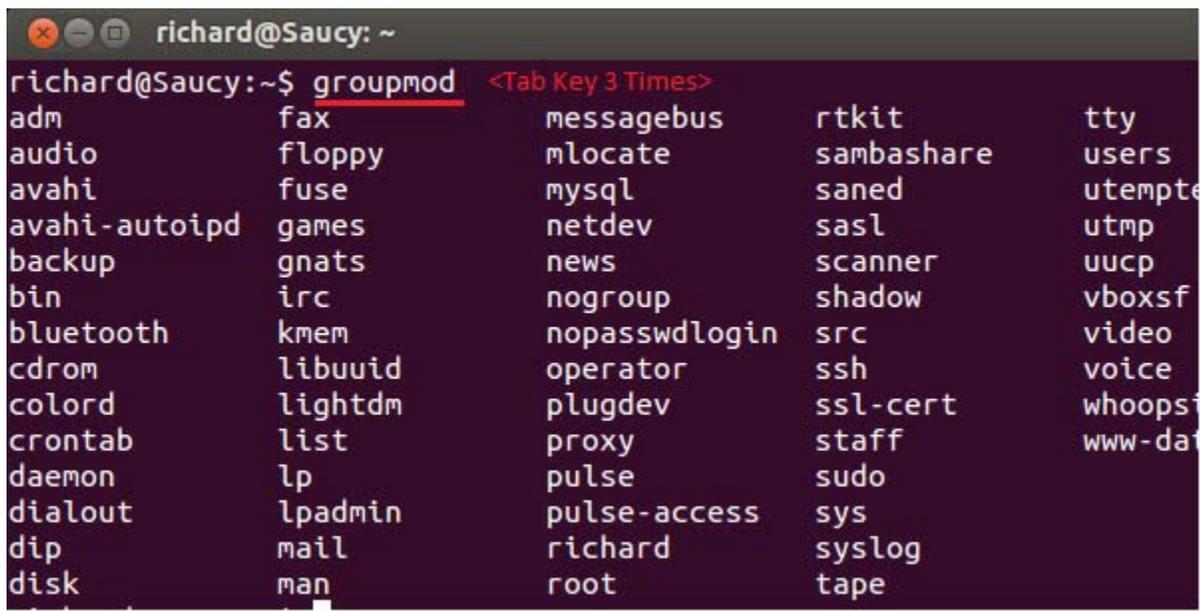
For example, if you want to give certain users access to files or increase their access level, the best way to do it is with group permissions. You create a group, then give the group the correct permissions and add users to the group to assume those permissions.

Since there's no easy way to manage group permissions in Ubuntu currently, this brief tutorial is going to show you how to do it from the command console. It's just a one-line command and not too complicated once you understand it.

To get started, press **Ctrl – Alt – T** on your keyboard to open the terminal.

To view all current groups on Ubuntu, type the command **groupmod** and (hit the tab key 3 times).

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groupmod <HIT TAB 3 TIMES>
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richard@Saucy: ~  
richard@Saucy:~$ groupmod <Tab Key 3 Times>  
adm          fax          messagebus  rtkit       tty  
audio        floppy      mlocate     sambashare  users  
avahi        fuse        mysql        saned       utempter  
avahi-autoipd games      netdev      sasl        utmp  
backup       gnats      news        scanner     uucp  
bin          irc         nogroup     shadow      vboxsf  
bluetooth   kmem       nopasswdlogin src          video  
cdrom        libuuid    operator     ssh         voice  
colord       lightdm    plugdev     ssl-cert    whoopsie  
cronstab    list       proxy       staff       www-dat  
daemon      lp         pulse       sudo  
dialout     lpadmin   pulse-access sys  
dip         mail      richard     syslog  
disk        man       root        tape
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That will list all the current groups on your system. Now to add user to existing groups in Ubuntu, run the commands below.

```
sudo adduser USERNAME GROUPNAME
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For example, if you wish to add Richard the sudo group, run the commands below

```
sudo adduser richard sudo
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That's it. To verify a user group membership, run the commands below.

```
id richard
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Enjoy!