A/UX: The nobody Login Account (9/94)

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TOPIC --

How do I modify /etc/passwd for NFS? What's the "nobody" login account for?

DISCUSSION ---

The /etc/passwd file must contain a login account for "nobody".

Enter the line: grep nobody /etc/passwd

The response should be:

nobody:*:65534:65534::/:

If this line does not appear, modify the /etc/passwd file to include it. This
account is used by NFS to disallow root access via NFS.

For system security reasons, the super-user does not have access permissions on
remote file systems. This is implemented by mapping UID 0 ("root") to UID 65534
(unsigned representation of -2 in 2's complement notation) on all NFS client
systems. The super-user on an NFS client has the same permissions as a user with
the UID -2.

The login account "nobody" has the UID 65534 (-2).

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