

## Re: Default permissions of /home/user..

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On Thu, 21 Oct 2004, Jesper Wallin wrote:

> Hello..

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> I've asked this question before without getting any further help really..

> When a new user is added using "adduser" on 5.x (havn't really checked

> if it's the same under 4.x or not), the default homedir permission is 755

> (drwxr-xr-x) which to me, looks a bit insecure? It's of course pretty easy

> to solve it by a simple chmod, but yet, isn't there anyway to change the

> default chmod value? Last time I asked about this, people told me to check

> out the skel directory, but the only thing you can do in there is to change the

> default chmod value of the files/directories *\_in\_* the homedir, not the chmod

> values of the actually homedir.. I would be glad if someone could give me

> further assistanse how do solve this without manually modifying the "adduser"

> script.. and if it this option doesn't exist, shouldn't it be added or is it just

> me who want my homedir secure from other users? ;)

By default, anyone can read a user's home directory, but because normally noone is in the user's default group except the user themselves, noone else can write to it.

If a user wants to restrict access to their entire home directory, they can chmod their own home directory, but this is not really recommended. It's better that they should make a restricted sub-directory for any restricted content. That way they can create directories inside their home directory with permissions such that they allow collaboration with whichever group is appropriate.

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No added Sugar. Not tested on animals. May contain traces of Nuts. If irritation occurs, discontinue use.

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