

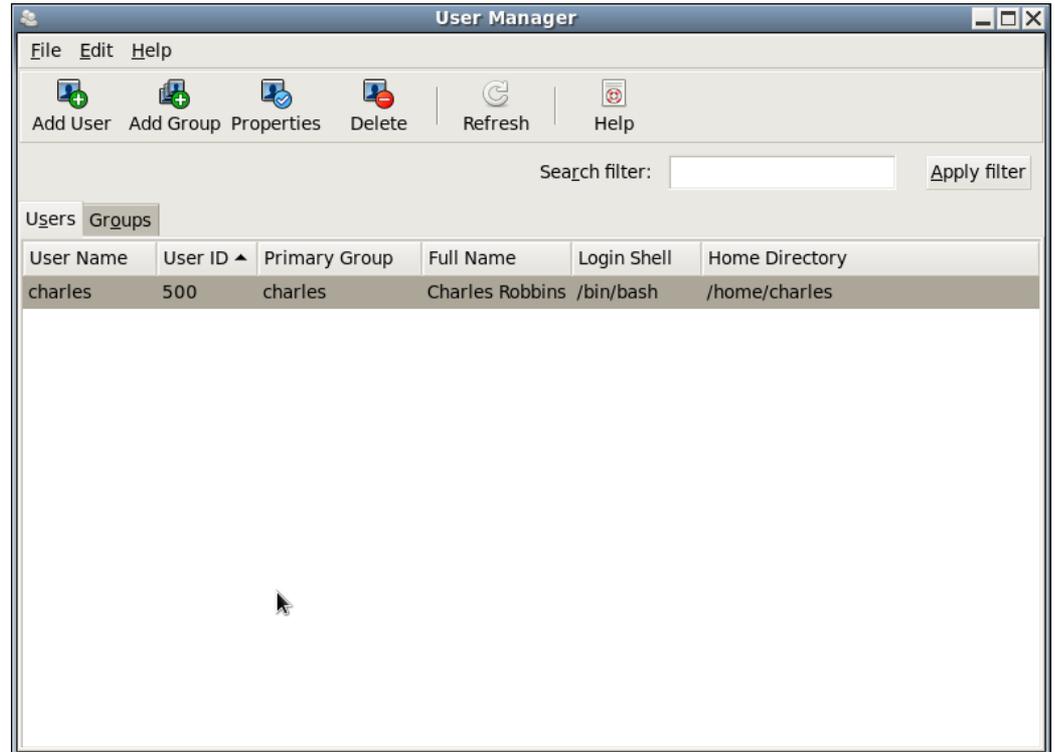
Adding a New User and Groups to Fedora

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Open the User Manager Window

We go to the Fedora desktop and select System on the Menu bar and then Administration. We then pick Users and Groups from the list. The User Manager window will open.

To add a new user, we choose the Add User icon on the left side of the dialogue box.



Add New User Window

The Add New User window will come into view. We type the user's name which is typically their first initial followed by their entire last name. Then we enter their full name, and password. We will keep the login shell the same. We also will leave the create home directory and private group for the user checked.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Add New User" with the following fields and options:

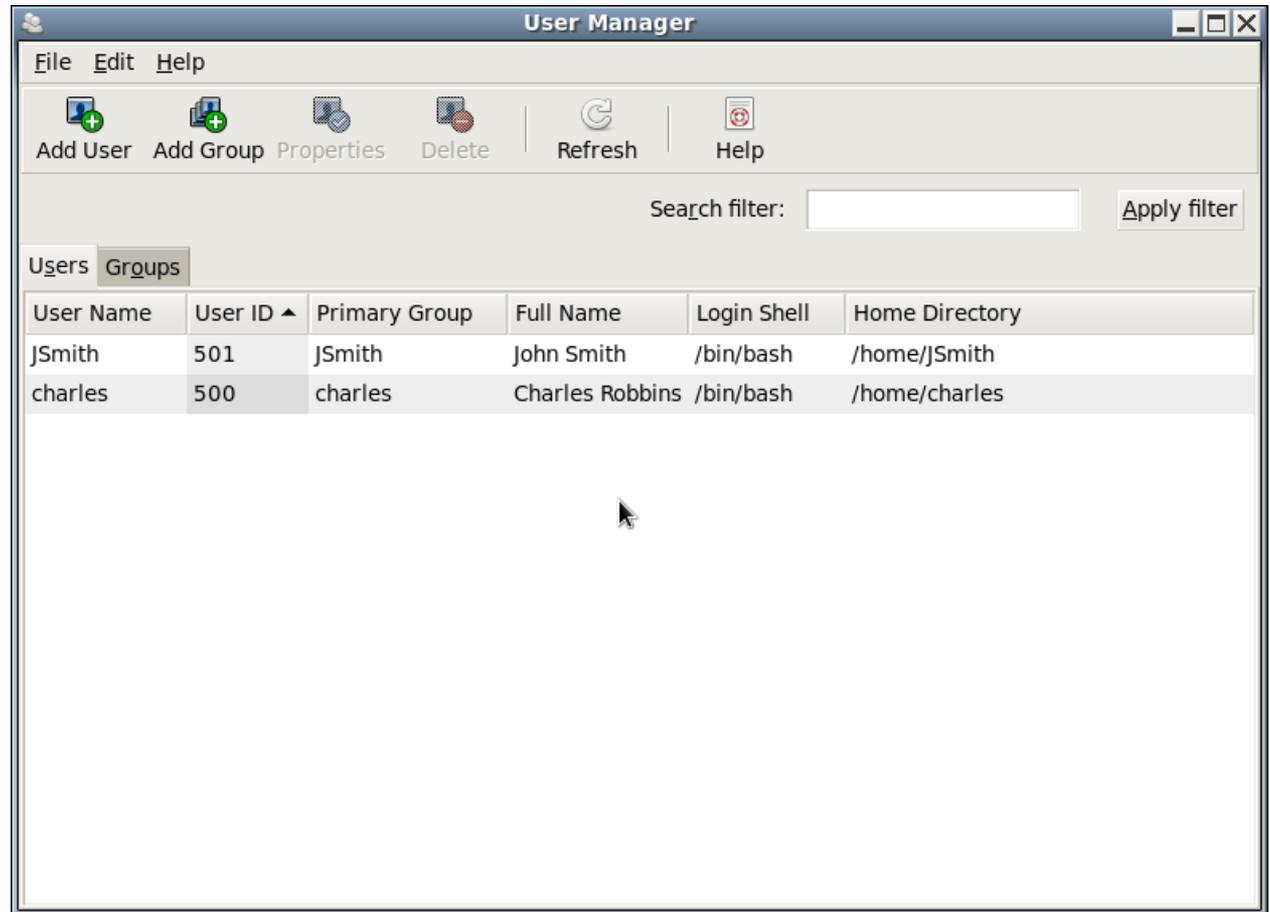
- User Name:** JSmith
- Full Name:** John Smith
- Password:** *****
- Confirm Password:** *****
- Login Shell:** /bin/bash
- Create home directory
 - Home Directory: /home/JSmith
- Create a private group for the user
- Specify user ID manually: 501
- Specify group ID manually: 502

Buttons: Cancel, OK

Two Accounts

When we log out, we now have two user accounts on the computer.

To add a new group, we select the Add Group icon.



Adding a New Group

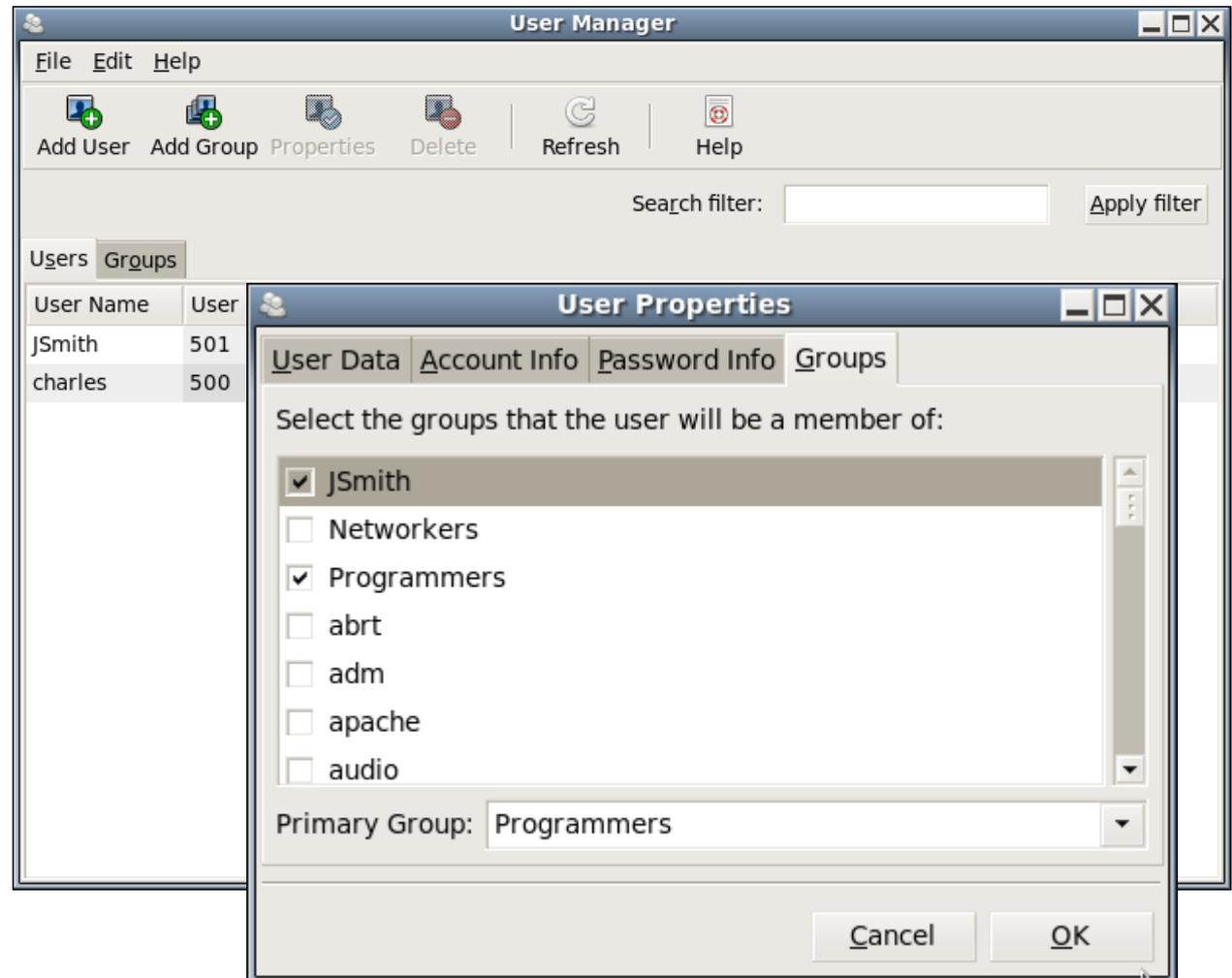
Then the Add New Group window will appear. We type Programmers for the group name and we press the OK command button to finish.

We repeat the exercise to make a new group called “Networkers”.



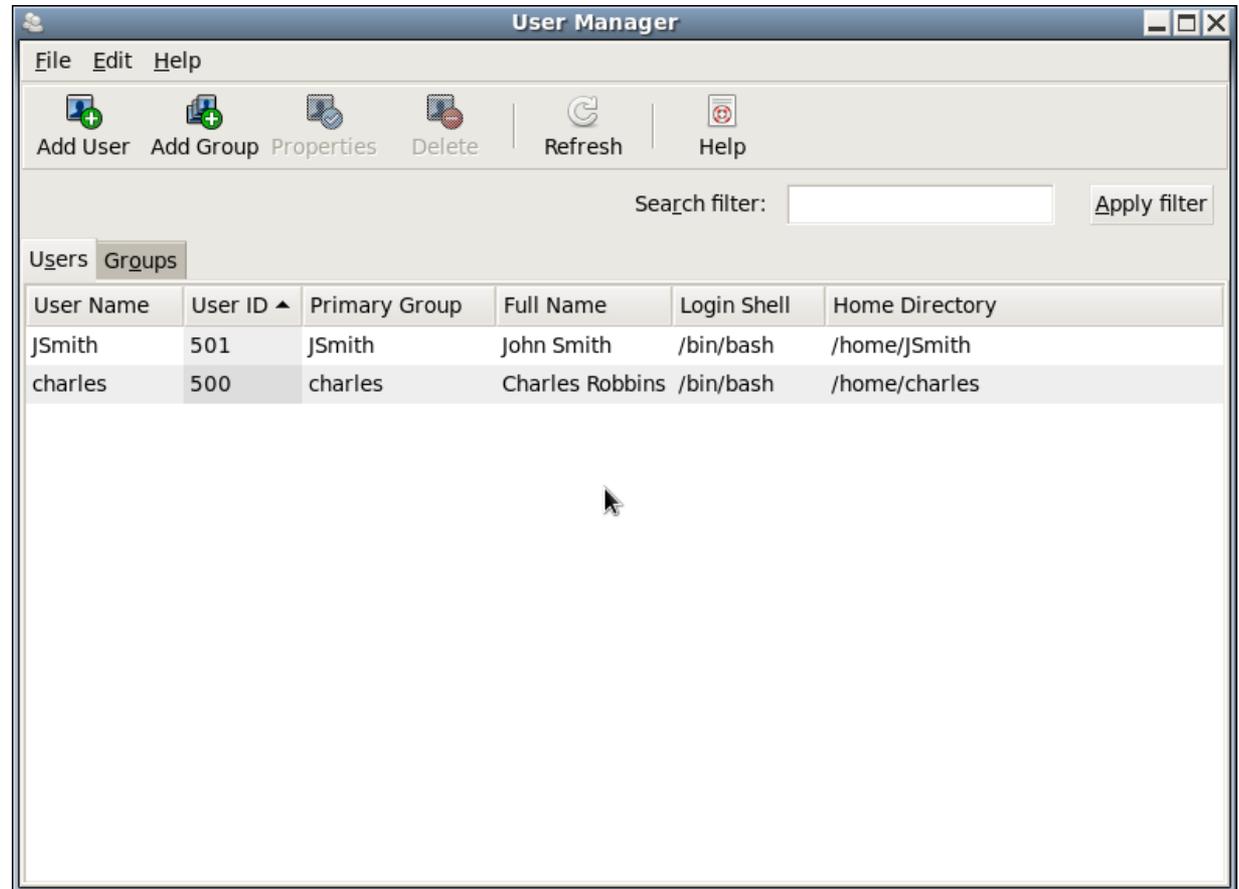
Putting the User in the New Group

We can place a user in a group by double clicking on the user account and the User Properties window will appear. The last tab is the Groups tab. We can be in more than one group, so we annotate the Programmers checkbox and John Smith is in two groups.



Search for Users

If we had many users, we can use the Search filter to manage the list of users by typing in their entire username. That would just show one result. We can also type the first letter of their name and a wildcard like the asterisk (meaning all) such as J* and all users beginning with J will be shown.



Exercise

For practice, we can add six new user accounts for the members of your class or for your friends.

