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A/UX 3.0 and Password Entry Error (4/93)

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TOPIC ---

I'm running A/UX 3.0 and getting the following message when booting:

  banjo: syslog: getpwnam invalid name field:

When I hit OK, everything seemed fine. The message has gone away for now,
but I've had to cut quite a bit out of my /etc/password file.

The original /etc/password file contained 172 lines of code, but the new one
contains 28 lines.

I'm planning on restoring some of the userids not in the current file, but
I would like to know what might be causing these error messages. I can't locate
the offending entry.

DISCUSSION --

The "... syslog: getpwnam: invalid name field:" message will be shown on
the A/UX System Console window recorded by the "syslogd" deamon if there
are any blank line(s) or the name filed(s) are white space(s).

Hence the blank line(s) and white space(s) field in /etc/passwd are not
allowed.

We can reproduce this by inserting a blank line in the /etc/passwd file.
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