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# \$ man pam\_stress.8

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NAME

pam\_stress - The stress-testing PAM module

**SYNOPSIS** 

pam\_stress.so [debug] [no\_warn] [use\_first\_pass] [try\_first\_pass]

[rootok] [expired] [fail\_1] [fail\_2] [prelim] [required]

# **DESCRIPTION**

The pam\_stress PAM module is mainly intended to give the impression of failing as a fully functioning module might.

### **OPTIONS**

debug

Put lots of information in syslog. \*NOTE\* this option writes passwords to syslog, so don't use anything sensitive when testing.

no\_warn

Do not give warnings about things (otherwise warnings are issued via the conversation function)

use\_first\_pass

Do not prompt for a password, for pam\_sm\_authentication function just use item PAM\_AUTHTOK.

try\_first\_pass

Do not prompt for a password unless there has been no previous authentication token (item PAM\_AUTHTOK is NULL)

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This is intended for the pam\_sm\_chauthtok function and it instructs this function to permit root to change the user's password without entering the old password.

#### expired

An argument intended for the account and chauthtok module parts. It instructs the module to act as if the user's password has expired

fail\_1

This instructs the module to make its first function fail.

fail 2

This instructs the module to make its second function (if there is one) fail.

prelim

For pam\_sm\_chauthtok, means fail on PAM\_PRELIM\_CHECK.

required

For pam\_sm\_chauthtok, means fail if the user hasn't already been authenticated by this module. (See stress\_new\_pwd data string in the NOTES.)

# MODULE TYPES PROVIDED

All module types (auth, account, password and session) are provided.

#### **RETURN VALUES**

PAM\_BUF\_ERR

Memory buffer error.

PAM\_PERM\_DENIED

Permission denied.

PAM\_AUTH\_ERR

Access to the system was denied.

PAM\_CONV\_ERR

Conversation failure.

PAM\_SUCCESS

The function passes all checks.

PAM\_USER\_UNKNOWN

The user is not known to the system.

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Failure involving user credentials.
    PAM_NEW_AUTHTOK_REQD
      Authentication token is no longer valid; new one required.
    PAM_SESSION_ERR
      Session failure.
    PAM_TRY_AGAIN
      Failed preliminary check by service.
    PAM_AUTHTOK_LOCK_BUSY
      Authentication token lock busy.
    PAM AUTHTOK ERR
      Authentication token manipulation error.
    PAM_SYSTEM_ERR
      System error.
NOTES
    This module uses the stress_new_pwd data string which tells
    pam_sm_chauthtok that pam_sm_acct_mgmt says we need a new password. The
    only possible value for this data string is 'yes'.
EXAMPLES
      #%PAM-1.0
      #
      # Any of the following will suffice
      account required pam_stress.so
            required pam_stress.so
      password required pam_stress.so
      session required pam_stress.so
SEE ALSO
    pam.conf(5), pam.d(5), pam(8).
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