NAME

unix_chkpwd − Helper binary that verifies the password of the current user

SYNOPSIS

unix_chkpwd [...]

DESCRIPTION

unix_chkpwd is a helper program for the *pam_unix* module that verifies the password of the current user. It also checks password and account expiration dates in *shadow*. It is not intended to be run directly from the command line and logs a security violation if done so.

It is typically installed setuid root or setgid shadow.

The interface of the helper − command line options, and input/output data format are internal to the *pam_unix* module and it should not be called directly from applications.

SEE ALSO

pam_unix(8)

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