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$ man pam_mail.8

PAM_MAIL(8)   Linux-PAM Manual   PAM_MAIL(8)

NAME

    pam_mail - Inform about available mail

SYNOPSIS

    pam_mail.so [close] [debug] [dir=maildir] [empty] [hash=count] [noenv]

        [nopen] [quiet] [standard]

DESCRIPTION

    The pam_mail PAM module provides the "you have new mail" service to the

    user. It can be plugged into any application that has credential or

    session hooks. It gives a single message indicating the newness of any

    mail it finds in the user's mail folder. This module also sets the PAM

    environment variable, MAIL, to the user's mail directory.

    If the mail spool file (be it /var/mail/$USER or a pathname given with

    the dir= parameter) is a directory then pam_mail assumes it is in the

    Maildir format.

OPTIONS

    close

        Indicate if the user has any mail also on logout.

debug

Print debug information.

dir=maildir

Look for the user's mail in an alternative location defined by

maildir/<login>. The default location for mail is

/var/mail/<login>. Note, if the supplied maildir is prefixed by a

'~', the directory is interpreted as indicating a file in the

user's home directory.

empty

Also print message if user has no mail.

hash=count

Mail directory hash depth. For example, a hashcount of 2 would make

the mail file be /var/spool/mail/u/s/user.

noenv

Do not set the MAIL environment variable.

nopen

Don't print any mail information on login. This flag is useful to

get the MAIL environment variable set, but to not display any

information about it.

quiet

Only report when there is new mail.

standard

Old style "You have..." format which doesn't show the mail spool

being used. This also implies "empty".

MODULE TYPES PROVIDED

The session and auth (on establishment and deletion of credentials)

module types are provided.

RETURN VALUES

PAM_BUF_ERR

Memory buffer error.

PAM_SERVICE_ERR

Badly formed arguments.

PAM_SUCCESS

Success.

PAM_USER_UNKNOWN

User not known.

EXAMPLES

Add the following line to /etc/pam.d/login to indicate that the user

has new mail when they login to the system.

    session optional pam_mail.so standard

SEE ALSO

pam.conf(5), pam.d(5), pam(8)

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