



## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'pwhistory.conf.5' command***

***\$ man pwhistory.conf.5***

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### NAME

pwhistory.conf - pam\_pwhistory configuration file

### DESCRIPTION

pwhistory.conf provides a way to configure the default settings for saving the last passwords for each user. This file is read by the pam\_pwhistory module and is the preferred method over configuring pam\_pwhistory directly.

The file has a very simple name = value format with possible comments starting with # character. The whitespace at the beginning of line, end of line, and around the = sign is ignored.

### OPTIONS

debug

Turns on debugging via syslog(3).

enforce\_for\_root

If this option is set, the check is enforced for root, too.

remember=N

The last N passwords for each user are saved. The default is 10.  
Value of 0 makes the module to keep the existing contents of the  
opasswd file unchanged.

retry=N

Prompt user at most N times before returning with error. The  
default is 1.

file=/path/filename

Store password history in file /path/filename rather than the  
default location. The default location is /etc/security/opasswd.

## EXAMPLES

/etc/security/pwhistory.conf file example:

```
debug
remember=5
file=/tmp/opasswd
```

## FILES

/etc/security/pwhistory.conf  
the config file for custom options

## SEE ALSO

pwhistory(8), pam\_pwhistory(8), pam.conf(5), pam.d(5), pam(8)

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