NAME

pam_motd − Display the motd file

SYNOPSIS

pam_motd.so [motd=*/path/filename*]

DESCRIPTION

pam_motd is a PAM module that can be used to display arbitrary motd (message of the day) files after a successful login. By default the /etc/motd file is shown. The message size is limited to 64KB.

OPTIONS

motd=*/path/filename*

The /path/filename file is displayed as message of the day.

motd_dir=*/path/dirname.d*

The /path/dirname.d directory is scanned and each file contained inside of it is displayed.

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Don't run the scripts in /etc/update−motd.d to refresh the motd file.

When no options are given, the default is to display both /etc/motd and the contents of /etc/motd.d. Specifying either option (or both) will disable this default behavior.

MODULE TYPES PROVIDED

Only the **session** module type is provided.

RETURN VALUES

PAM_IGNORE

This is the only return value of this module.

EXAMPLES

The suggested usage for /etc/pam.d/login is:

session optional pam_motd.so

To use a motd file from a different location:

session optional pam_motd.so motd=/elsewhere/motd

To use a motd file from elsewhere, along with a corresponding .d directory:

session optional pam_motd.so motd=/elsewhere/motd motd_dir=/elsewhere/motd.d

SEE ALSO

motd(5), **pam.conf(5)**, **pam.d(5)**, **pam(7)**

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