

NAME

pam_cap - PAM module to set inheritable capabilities

SYNOPSIS

pam_cap.so [config=*/path/to/capability.conf*] [debug]

DESCRIPTION

The pam_cap PAM module sets the current process' inheritable capabilities.

Capabilities are read from the /etc/security/capability.conf config file, or alternate file specified with the config= option.

The module must not be called by a multithreaded application.

OPTIONS

config=*/path/to/capability.conf*

Indicate an alternative capability.conf style configuration file to override the default.

debug

Print debug information.

MODULE TYPES PROVIDED

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

RETURN VALUES

PAM_AUTH_ERR

The user is not known to the system.

PAM_IGNORE

No capabilities found for this user.

PAM_INCOMPLETE

Indicates a PAM-Conversation failure.

PAM_SUCCESS

Capabilities were set.

FILES

/etc/security/capability.conf

Default configuration file

EXAMPLES

Nearly all applications/daemons which use PAM for authentication contain a configuration line: *@include common-auth*. Thus, to set inheritable capabilities in **all** of these applications, add the following as the last line to /etc/pam.d/common-auth

```
auth optional pam_cap.so
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To set inheritable capabilities for a user in a **specific** application, or in application(s) which do not *@include common-auth*, add the line below to the application-specific file; e.g. /etc/pam.d/myapp

```
auth optional pam_cap.so
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SEE ALSO

[capability.conf\(5\)](#), [pam.d\(5\)](#), [pam\(7\)](#).

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