

**NAME**

**nologin** - disallow logins

**DESCRIPTION**

Programs such as `login(1)` disallow logins if the **nologin** file exists. The programs display the contents of **nologin** to the user if possible and interrupt the login sequence. This makes it simple to temporarily prevent incoming logins systemwide.

To disable logins on a per-account basis, investigate `nologin(8)`.

**SECURITY**

The **nologin** file is ignored for user root by default.

**IMPLEMENTATION NOTES**

The **nologin** feature is implemented through `login.conf(5)`, which allows to change the pathname of the file and to extend the list of users exempt from temporary login restriction.

PAM-aware programs can be selectively configured to respect **nologin** using the `pam_nologin(8)` module via `pam.conf(5)`.

The **nologin** file will be removed at system boot if it resides in `/var/run` and `cleanvar_enable` is set to "YES" in `rc.conf(5)`, which is default. Therefore system reboot can effectively re-enable logins.

**FILES**

`/var/run/nologin` default location of **nologin**

**SEE ALSO**

`login(1)`, `login.conf(5)`, `pam.conf(5)`, `rc.conf(5)`, `nologin(8)`, `pam_nologin(8)`, `shutdown(8)`