

**NAME**

**pam\_group** - Group PAM module

**SYNOPSIS**

*[service-name] module-type control-flag pam\_group [arguments]*

**DESCRIPTION**

The group service module for PAM accepts or rejects users based on their membership in a particular file group. **pam\_group** provides functionality for two PAM categories: authentication and account management. In terms of the module-type parameter, they are the “auth” and “account” features.

The following options may be passed to the **pam\_group** module:

**deny** Reverse the meaning of the test, i.e., reject the applicant if and only if he or she is a member of the specified group. This can be useful to exclude certain groups of users from certain services.

**fail\_safe** If the specified group does not exist, or has no members, act as if it does exist and the applicant is a member.

**group=groupname**

Specify the name of the group to check. The default is "wheel".

**luser** Accept or reject based on the target user's group membership.

**root\_only**

Skip this module entirely if the target account is not the superuser account.

**ruser** Accept or reject based on the supplicant's group membership. This is the default.

Note that the **luser** and **ruser** options are mutually exclusive, and that **pam\_group** will fail if both are specified.

**SEE ALSO**

pam.conf(5), pam(3)

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