

**NAME**

**pam\_strerror** - get PAM standard error message string

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <security/pam_appl.h>
```

```
const char *
```

```
pam_strerror(const pam_handle_t *pamh, int error_number);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **pam\_strerror()** function returns a pointer to a string containing a textual description of the error indicated by the *error\_number* argument. The *pamh* argument is ignored. For compatibility with other implementations, it should be either a valid PAM handle returned by a previous call to **pam\_start(3)**, or NULL.

**RETURN VALUES**

The **pam\_strerror()** function returns NULL on failure.

**SEE ALSO**

**pam(3)**, **pam\_start(3)**

**STANDARDS**

*X/Open Single Sign-On Service (XSSO) - Pluggable Authentication Modules*, June 1997.

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