

Enhanced User Access and Password Policy Enforcement with PAM

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This project focuses on securing the Dunder Mifflin network by implementing user-specific access controls and enforcing a robust password policy across all Linux machines using the **PAM (Pluggable Authentication Module)**. These changes address security concerns and ensure compliance with organizational policies.

Key Features

1. User-Specific Login Restrictions:

- Configured **PAM access control** to restrict logins to specific users based on the machine:
 - **All Machines:** Only root, the system administrator, Michael Scott, and Dwight Schrute can log in.
 - **Machine E:** All users are allowed to log in.
 - **Machines C and D:** Limited to Pam Beesly, Andy Bernard, Kelly Kapoor, and the users in (1).
 - **Machine F:** Access restricted to members of the accounting group and the users in (1).

2. Centralized User Accounts:

- Ensures consistency by synchronizing `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/shadow` files across all Linux machines.

3. Robust Password Policy:

- Enforced through **PAM pwquality module**:
 - Minimum password length: **10 characters**.
 - At least **2 digits**, **2 uppercase letters**, and **1 non-alphanumeric character**.
 - Length credit is not granted for lowercase characters.
- Applies the policy to password changes without expiring existing passwords.
- Explicitly defined all parameters in `/etc/security/pwquality.conf` for consistency across systems.

4. Time-Based Access Control:

Configured PAM to restrict logins for all users (except root, the system administrator, and Dwight Schrute) on **Machines C and D** to weekdays between **9 AM and 5 PM**.

This project enhances security by combining user-specific access controls, time-based restrictions, and strict password requirements, ensuring a safer and more controlled DMZ environment for Dunder Mifflin.