

NAME

systemd-tty-ask-password-agent – List or process pending systemd password requests

SYNOPSIS

systemd-tty-ask-password-agent [OPTIONS...] [VARIABLE=VALUE...]

DESCRIPTION

systemd-tty-ask-password-agent is a password agent that handles password requests of the system, for example for hard disk encryption passwords or SSL certificate passwords that need to be queried at boot-time or during runtime.

systemd-tty-ask-password-agent implements the [Password Agents Specification](#)^[1], and is one of many possible response agents which answer to queries formulated with **systemd-ask-password**(1).

OPTIONS

The following options are understood:

--list

Lists all currently pending system password requests.

--query

Process all currently pending system password requests by querying the user on the calling TTY.

--watch

Continuously process password requests.

--wall

Forward password requests to **wall**(1) instead of querying the user on the calling TTY.

--plymouth

Ask question with **plymouth**(8) instead of querying the user on the calling TTY.

--console

Ask question on /dev/console instead of querying the user on the calling TTY.

-h, --help

Print a short help text and exit.

--version

Print a short version string and exit.

EXIT STATUS

On success, 0 is returned, a non-zero failure code otherwise.

SEE ALSO

systemd(1), **systemctl**(1), **systemd-ask-password-console.service**(8), **wall**(1), **plymouth**(8)

NOTES

1. Password Agents Specification
<https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/systemd/PasswordAgents>