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Do I need to recompile PAM-aware application before using a PAM module?

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Q. Do I need to recompile PAM-aware application before using a PAM module? If so give me an example.

A. Short answer Naa/no.

Long answer:

Pluggable authentication modules or PAM are a mechanism to integrate multiple low-level authentication schemes into a high-level API, which allows for programs that rely on authentication to be written independently of the underlying authentication scheme.

PAM provides a way to develop programs that are independent of authentication scheme. These programs need "authentication modules" to be attached to them at run-time in order to work. Which authentication module is to be attached is dependent upon the local system setup and is at the discretion of the local system administrator.

See [PAM docs](#) ^[1] for more info.

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[1] PAM docs: <http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/libs/pam/>