

NAME

nologin – politely refuse a login

SYNOPSIS

nologin [-V] [-h]

DESCRIPTION

nologin displays a message that an account is not available and exits non-zero. It is intended as a replacement shell field to deny login access to an account.

If the file */etc/nologin.txt* exists, **nologin** displays its contents to the user instead of the default message.

The exit status returned by **nologin** is always 1.

OPTIONS

-c, --command *command*

--init-file

-i --interactive

--init-file *file*

-i, --interactive

-l, --login

--noprofile

--norc

--posix

--rcfile *file*

-r, --restricted

These shell command-line options are ignored to avoid **nologin** error.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

-V, --version

Print version and exit.

NOTES

nologin is a per-account way to disable login (usually used for system accounts like http or ftp). **nologin** uses */etc/nologin.txt* as an optional source for a non-default message, the login access is always refused independently of the file.

pam_nologin(8) PAM module usually prevents all non-root users from logging into the system.

pam_nologin(8) functionality is controlled by */var/run/nologin* or the */etc/nologin* file.

HISTORY

The **nologin** command appeared in 4.4BSD.

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SEE ALSO

login(1), **passwd**(5), **pam_nologin**(8)

REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at <https://github.com/util-linux/util-linux/issues>.

AVAILABILITY

The **nologin** command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from [Linux Kernel Archive](#) <<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.