

# Re: Authenticating via LDAP to Active Directory

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Davis, Jared Scott wrote:

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In /var/log/messages:  
"sshd: pam_ldap: ldap_simple_bind Can't contact LDAP server"
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So PAM can't talk to the LDAP server. Double check the values in /etc/ldap.conf. ldapsearch uses /etc/openldap/ldap.conf and PAM uses /etc/ldap.conf so check the sym-link.

Monitor the network traffic using wireshark/ethereal to see what is happening between your client and the LDAP server. Is it setup correctly to handle LDAPS? Since you mention certs. I presume you are required to use LDAPS, it makes diagnosing problems harder because all the requests are encrypted. How is your LDAP server specified in ldap.conf, host/port or uri?

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