

# Re: Authenticating via LDAP to Active Directory

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Nigel Wade wrote:

Davis, Jared Scott wrote:

In /var/log/messages:  
"sshd: pam\_ldap: ldap\_simple\_bind Can't contact LDAP server"

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.

just a point: these are not symbolic links. The two files have similar, but definitely different syntax. So the file you want to check is /etc/ldap.conf

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?

whether it is LDAPS or LDAP/TLS will depend on the AD version. IIRC, AD in windows server 2003+ can use TLS these days. Windows 200 used LDAPS.

Regards

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"The PM's claims on this subject are not exactly lies, so much as

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fact-free."

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