



CentOS 7 LDAP authentication

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This is an updated document from CentOS 6 LDAP I did before.. since I am doing it now so why not write it down while I am at it. I am using NetIQ eDirectory as an LDAP backend but since it is V3 standard LDAP you should be fine with other compliant LDAP servers too (such as openLDAP).

This is short and sweet (or dirty?) list of things to make it work. I don't use tls so it required a bit customization. But if you use encryption you might get off by just configuring it with system-config-authentication. If not then read on.

- See that you don't have nslcd or nss-pam-ldapd to mess with you
- Install openldap-clients to help with the testing
- Install sssd packets

```
yum erase nss-pam-ldapd nslcd
yum install sssd sssd-client
```

- Make basic ldap configuration in /etc/openldap/ldap.conf

```
URI ldap://yourldapserver/
BASE ou=your_ou,o=your_org
TLS_CACERTDIR /etc/openldap/cacerts
```

- test with

```
ldapsearch -x objectclass=* dn
```

If you get a timeout you have a firewall blocking somewhere or routing issues. If you get an instant response but do object list then it might be a rights issue and you can try again with a known user:

```
ldapsearch -x -D "cn=user,ou=my_ou,o=my_org" objectclass=* dn
```

- Do the basic configuration with one command

```
authconfig \
--enablesssd \
--enablesssdauth \
--enablelocauthorize \
--enableldap \
--enableldapauth \
--ldapserver=ldap://yourldapserver:389 \
--disableldaptls \
--ldapbasedn=ou=my_ou,o=my_org \
```

```
--enablerfc2307bis \  
--enablemkhomedir \  
--enablecachecreds \  
--update
```

- Make your `/etc/sss/sss.conf` look something like this

```
[sss]  
config_file_version = 2  
services = nss, pam  
domains = default  
  
[nss]  
filter_users = root,bin,postfix,ldap,avahi,haldaemon,dbus,nscd  
enum_cache_timeout = 3600  
  
[domain/default]  
cache_credentials = True  
id_provider = ldap  
auth_provider = ldap  
chpass_provider = ldap  
  
#eDirectory ldap, long timeouts  
ldap_tls_reqcert = never  
ldap_schema = rfc2307bis  
ldap_search_base = o=pegasi  
ldap_uri = ldaps://ldap.company.com:636/  
ldap_access_filter = objectclass=posixaccount  
ldap_tls_cacert = /etc/openldap/cacerts/myca.b64  
ldap_user_member_of = groupMembership  
entry_cache_timeout = 14400  
entry_cache_user_timeout = 14400  
entry_cache_group_timeout = 14400  
ldap_enumeration_refresh_timeout = 1200  
ldap_purge_cache_timeout = 21600  
  
ldap_default_bind_dn = cn=sssuser,o=xxx  
ldap_default_authtok_type = password  
ldap_default_authtok = MyComplexPasswordX,Y.Z-123  
  
[pam]
```

- Edit `/etc/nsswitch.conf`

```
passwd:      files sss  
shadow:     files sss
```

```
group:      files sss
```

- Enable sssd at startup

```
systemctl enable sssd.service
```

- Restart and test

```
systemctl restart sssd
id some_login
ssh user@localhost
```