

**NAME**

hosts.hfaxd – *HylaFAX* client access control list

**DESCRIPTION**

The ASCII file **etc/hosts.hfaxd** in the *HylaFAX* spooling area specifies the hosts and users that are permitted to access services through the *hfaxd*(8C) process. This file must exist for client access; if it is not present then *hfaxd* will deny all requests for service. Note also that this file must be readable only by the “fax” user; i.e. it should have mode 600 and be owned by “fax”.

Each newline-terminated entry is a set of colon (:) separated fields, all but the first of which are optional. Trailing null fields and their separators may be omitted. The most general form is:

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client:uid:passwd:adminwd
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*client* is a regular expression to be matched against a string “*user@host*” that is formed from the *user* string passed to *hfaxd* with the **USER** command and the official *host* name or the DARPA Internet address, specified in “dot notation”. If *client* does not contain an “@” then, for backwards compatibility, it is treated as a host for which any user may have access; i.e. it is automatically converted to the regular expression “*^.\*@client\$*”.

Comments are introduced with the “#” character and extend to the end of the line. Any whitespace immediately preceding a comment is also ignored.

If *client* has a leading “!”, then it is interpreted as a class of hosts and users to which access is to be **disallowed**. That is, if the pattern matches the client information, then access is denied.

Note that regular expressions are **not** anchored. That is, a regular expression may match a substring of the “*user@host*” string. Thus ‘*pb@.\*\cl\cam\ac\uk*’ matches ‘*cpb@mc.cl.cam.ac.uk.esd.sgi.com*’. Use “*^*” to match the start of the string and “*\$*” to match the end.

Fields following *client* are optional and specify the following:

- uid** The numerical user ID to assign to clients that use the entry for access. *hfaxd* uses the *uid* to control access to server resources such as jobs and documents (the value is used to set the group ID of files created by a client).  
Multiple clients/users may share the same *uid* or unique IDs may be created for each client. User IDs may be any number in the range [0..60002] with 60002 used, by convention, for entries that do not have a *uid* specified.
- passwd** The encrypted password. If this field is empty (null) then no password will be demanded when a client logs in; i.e. the **USER** command does not need to be followed by a **PASS** command.
- adminwd** The encrypted password for this user to gain administrative privileges. If this field is empty (null) then the user is not permitted to have administrative privileges.

**EXAMPLE**

The following is a sample hosts.hfaxd file. Note that the first entry that matches is taken, so more-specific entries should be placed first.

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^pb@[^.]*\cl\cam\ac\uk$:::hFy8zXq2KaG8s
                                # pb on a machine directly in cl.cam.ac.uk can
                                # administer if an admin pw is given
127.0.0.1                        # anyone on local host uses the default uid
^sam@flake.*sgi\com$             # Sam on his work machine
^sam@oxford.*Berkeley.*#        # Sam on any machine starting oxford and containing
                                # Berkeley, e.g. sam@oxfordberkeley.cl.cam.ac.uk
^.*@.*\esd\                      # anyone in an esd domain
!^tom@                            # Tom Davis is denied access
.*\sgi\com$                       # but anyone else at sgi is ok
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**SEE ALSO**

*sendfax(1), hfaxd(8C), hylafax-server(5F)*