

**NAME**

libssh2\_userauth\_password\_ex - authenticate a session with username and password

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <libssh2.h>

int
libssh2_userauth_password_ex(LIBSSH2_SESSION *session,
                             const char *username,
                             unsigned int username_len,
                             const char *password,
                             unsigned int password_len,
                             LIBSSH2_PASWD_CHANGEREQ_FUNC(*passwd_change_cb));
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```
#define libssh2_userauth_password(session, username, password) \
    libssh2_userauth_password_ex((session), (username), \
                                 strlen(username), \
                                 (password), strlen(password), NULL)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*session* - Session instance as returned by **libssh2\_session\_init\_ex(3)**

*username* - Name of user to attempt plain password authentication for.

*username\_len* - Length of *username* parameter.

*password* - Password to use for authenticating *username*.

*password\_len* - Length of *password* parameter.

*passwd\_change\_cb* - If the host accepts authentication but requests that the password be changed, this callback will be issued. If no callback is defined, but server required password change, authentication will fail.

Attempt basic password authentication. Note that many SSH servers which appear to support ordinary password authentication actually have it disabled and use Keyboard Interactive authentication (routed via PAM or another authentication backed) instead.

**RETURN VALUE**

Return 0 on success or negative on failure. It returns LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_EAGAIN when it would

otherwise block. While LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_EAGAIN is a negative number, it is not really a failure per se.

## ERRORS

Some of the errors this function may return include:

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_ALLOC* - An internal memory allocation call failed.

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_SOCKET\_SEND* - Unable to send data on socket.

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_PASSWORD\_EXPIRED* -

*LIBSSH2\_ERROR\_AUTHENTICATION\_FAILED* - failed, invalid username/password or public/private key.

## SEE ALSO

[libssh2\\_session\\_init\\_ex\(3\)](#)