# **PAMtutorials** 17: Workflow – Invalid e-mail addresses

Not known at this address....

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## 1 What you'll get out of PAMtutorials 17

Generally speaking, e-mail forms the cornerstone of notifications from the OEBS (<u>O</u>racle <u>E</u>-<u>B</u>usiness <u>S</u>uite) application, particularly the workflow application.

Unfortunately, an invalid e-mail address can result in any number of applications issues depending on where that e-mail address is used. The loss of business and the business resources required to identify and rectify these issues can be quite large and very time consuming.

To add a further degree of complexity, it may not be the primary responder of the workflow that has the incorrect e-mail address as notifications can be transferred or forwarded; in each case the new target e-mail address must be correct.

The one saving grace in these scenarios is that if there are any missing or invalid e-mail address it will <u>most likely</u> result a notification error and adding an entry into the SYSADMIN work list.... © I am sure someone will get sick of the entries and correct the problem.....(yeah, right!)

Given the propensity for null and invalid e-mail addresses to clog up workflow, if you find just one e-mail address that gets fixed where subsequent workflow notifications do not get sent to an invalid address or generate a workflow error, then it's worth the effort.

**PAMtutorials** 17 provides a range of initiatives to help you prevent invalid e-mail address issues within your OEBS application.

## 2 What happens when an invalid e-mail address is encountered?

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of the e-mail address being invalid, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- ❖ Adds the e-mail address to its own invalid e-mail address list. On any subsequent request to send a notification to an address recorded in the notification mailers invalid address list, the notification mailer sets the mail status to FAILED without attempting to send the notification.
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the offending users notification preference has been set to **DISABLED**

**Note:** I believe that each notification mailer stores up to 100 e-mail addresses in its invalid address list. When more e-mail addresses are added to the list the oldest addresses drop out first. Also, stopping and starting the notification mailer clears the list.

## 3 Synchronisation

The WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES and WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES tables store user and role information originating from various other Oracle Applications modules. The information in these objects are synchronised from base application tables using the WF synchronisation concurrent programs including, but not limited to, the following concurrent programs:

- Sync responsibility role data into the WF table
- Synchronise Workflow LOCAL Tables

Note: The synchronisation process is version specific and highly customisable

## 4 Validating e-mail addresses

The best method of validating an e-mail address is to actually send an e-mail to the address and check to ensure it did not bounce. However, sending unsolicited e-mails even on an ad hoc basis can be viewed as SPAM and is therefore undesirable and in some cases illegal so another solution is required.

Many sites seek to deal with this issue by ensuring that any account, user, vendor etc. that does not have an e-mail address is assigned to the e-mail address of the workflow administrator or the like. That way if the address is used the workflow administrator is immediately notified.

Also business policy often requires that once an e-mail address is no longer valid, that e-mail address is identified and changed within the OEBS application, so the best Application Administrators tend to be proactive on this issue.

A good option is to perform a series of validation checks on e-mail addresses. *PAMtutorials* 17 features a range of e-mail validation checks which are covered in detail in this tutorial.

#### 4.1 PAM E-mail Validation Checks

The *PAM* e-mail address validation process applies the following validation checks to each e-mail address validated by *PAM*:

- E-mail address length must be greater than 5 values (a@a.a)
- Only one @ symbol is allowed
- An @ symbol and a dot must not appear together
- First or last element cannot be an @ symbol
- There must be at least one dot
- Two dots must not appear together
- First or last element cannot be a dot
- There must be at least one dot after the @ symbol
- ❖ A hyphen must not appear directly before or after the @ symbol
- Two hyphens must not appear together
- First or last element cannot be a hyphen
- ❖ A hyphen must not appear directly before or after the @ symbol
- A domain cannot end with a hyphen
- Invalid characters

In addition there are two further **PAM** validation checks:

#### 4.1.1 PAM banned address

This is a list of domains that your site does not allow such a public domain e-mail addresses like gmail, yahoo...

#### 4.1.2 Valid Domains Check

This **PAM** check alerts if an e-mail domain does not exist in the **PAM** valid domains list.

Not only does this feature allow you to pick up domains that are not in your valid list, more importantly it allows you to pick possible incorrect spelling issues such as piper-rx.**con** a common mistake as the letters n and m are next to each other on the keyboard. How to add and remove domains from the *PAM* check is covered in detail later in this tutorial.

These methods of validation are not 100% fool proof by any stretch of the imagination, but even if you identify and correct only a few addresses, you will at least have been able to demonstrate proactivity on this issue and you will be saving valuable time and money.

## 4.2 Why doesn't *PAM* use Oracle's Regular Expressions functions?

You may note when reviewing the PLSQL code *PAM* does not use the Oracle database Regular Expressions functions to check for invalid special characters etc., in the e-mail address. The reason for this is quite simple, the regular expressions feature only exists in Oracle 10g; at the time of writing there are still OEBS sites running on oracle version 9 and *PAM* aims to be as version independent as possible.

#### 4.3 What e-mail addresses does the PAM validation check cover?

**PAM** does <u>not</u> check all database objects that contain e-mail addresses, **PAM** has limited the number of objects checked to those the form the core of the application and are most likely used by the workflow application. Whilst we fully understand this is not the full list of Oracle applications objects that store e-mail addresses, it's a good start.

Note: Additional objects can be added to the *PAM* e-mail validation module on request.

## 5 APPLSYS.FND\_USERS

Once per day (default) each e-mail address associated with an application account that has either been created, maintained or accessed will be validated.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include accounts that have been created, maintained or accessed since the last *PAM* check.

```
WHERE ( fu.last_update_date > v_last_check_date
or
fu.last_logon_date > v_last_check_date )
```

Note 1: When a record is created both the last\_update\_date and creation\_date are set to the date and time the record was created.

Note: User accounts that have been "end dated" will not validated

## 5.1 *PAM* e-mail validation alert – FND\_USERS

When an **fnd\_users** account is either created, updated or accessed, the e-mail address of that account will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-001 - PAM e-mail validation fnd\_users - alert message

## ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary@piper%rx.com for the fnd\_user account GPIPER (E--) failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-001 Invalid / banned APPLSYS.FND\_USER e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **FND\_USER** table has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate an **FND\_USER** account e-mail address whenever that account has been created, maintained or accessed.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV022 E-mail Validation fnd\_user** to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **FND\_USER** table.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned E-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid E-mail Domains*.

**Note:** The following key is appended to each account name to indicate if the account has been configured as an Employee, Customer or Supplier and recorded as such in the *fnd user* table:

- (E--) Employee
- (-C-) Customer
- (--S) Supplier

#### 5.2 What to do with this information

It is important to ensure all e-mail addresses are valid as these values are used to synchronise the workflow objects.

If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active user accounts you can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV022 E-mail Validation fnd\_user:

#### Example PAMEV022 E-mail Validation fnd\_user report

PAMEV022-30	PIPER-Rx		
Application Account	E-Mail Address	Failure Reason	
AALAMOUDI@VISIONSA.COM (E)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
AALLEN (E)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
AALVI (E)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
AAPEX (-C-)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
AAWANG (-C-)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
ABEAULIE (-C-)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	
ABERTHIE (E)	nobody@localhost	insufficient dots	

#### 5.3 PAM e-mail validation checks

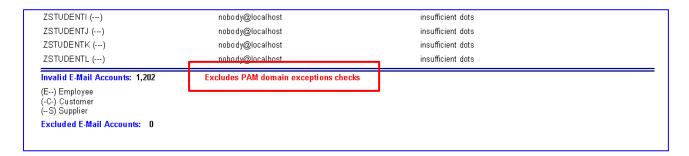
Supplier

The following refers to each of the *PAMreports* - e-mail that report on specific application base tables. As mentioned above there are two *PAM* specific e-mail validation checks:

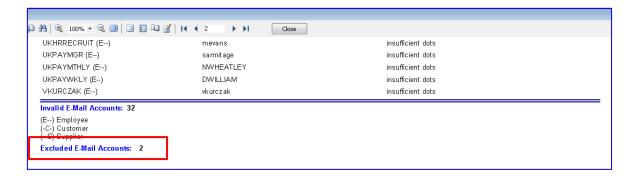
- Banned domains
- Valid domains

(--S)

Where these checks have been disabled (covered later in this tutorial) the words "Excludes PAM domain exception checks" will be displayed at the bottom of the report.



**PAM** also provides the ability to exclude known "valid" e-mail addresses that otherwise would be considered invalid by the **PAM** e-mail validation checks. The number of excluded e-mail accounts will be displayed at the bottom of the report:



This option is covered later in this tutorial.

## 5.4 Turning the FND\_USERS e-mail validation alert off and on

The *PAM* FND\_USERS e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-001', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-001', 'Y');
```

## 6 HR.PER PEOPLE F

Once per day (default) each e-mail address associated with an employee record that has either been created or maintained will be validated.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check.

```
WHERE (papf.effective_end_date is not null
or papf.effective_end_date > sysdate)
and papf.current_employee_flag = 'Y'
and papf.last_update_date > v_last_check_date -- If employee record is created or maintained
and date_of_death is null -- Dont alert when they die...
```

**Note:** When a record is created both the <a href="last\_update\_date">last\_update\_date</a> and <a href="creation\_date">creation\_date</a> are set to the date and time the record was created.

## 6.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F

When an employee record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that account will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-002 - PAM E-mail Validation HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F - alert message

## **ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY**

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The email address gary % @ piper\_rx.com for the employee GPIPER failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-002 Invalid / banned HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F** table has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F** e-mail address whenever a record has been created or maintained.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV023 E-mail Validation per\_people\_f** to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F** table.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned E-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using the *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV001 Valid E-mail Domains**.

#### 6.2 What to do with this information

If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active employees you can **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV023 e-mail Validation per\_people\_f:

#### PAMRCP006-20 PAM - PIPER-RX - APPLICATION MONITOR E-Mail Address Validation - PER\_PEOPLE\_F As at 10-0CT-11 00:18 For SITE NAME NOT SET PIPER -E-Mail Address Employee AMULLARD Adrian Mullard insufficient dots AYOUNGER Adrian Younger insufficient dots Alan Grant AGRANT insufficient dots Albert Simpson asimpso insufficient dots Alfred Eadle AEADLE insufficient dots Alice Rabbit arabbit insufficient dots Alice White awhite Alisdair MacDonald amacdona insufficient dots Alison Billington ABILLING insufficient dots Alison Gale AGALE. insufficient dats AHARTING Amanda Harting insufficient data

Example PAMEV023 e-mail Validation per\_people\_f report

## 6.3 Turning the HR.PER\_PEOPLE\_F e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM PER\_PEOPLE\_F** e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-002', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-002', 'Y');
```

## 7 AR.RA CONTACTS

Once per day (default) *PAM* will validate all e-mail addresses for ra\_contacts records that have been maintained based on the record's last\_lupdate\_date value since the last *PAM* e-mail validation check.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check:

```
WHERE rc.last_update_date > v_last_check_date
and rc.status = 'A'
```

**Note:** When a record is created both the last\_update\_date and creation\_date are set to the date and time the record was created.

#### 7.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – AR.RA CONTACTS

When an ar\_contacts record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that record will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-003 - PAM e-mail validation AR.RA\_CONTACTS - alert message

#### ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary%@piper\_rx.com for the RA contacts contact GPIPER failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-003 Invalid / banned AR.RA\_CONTACTS e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **AR.RA\_CONTACTS** table has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned **PAM** domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **AR.RA\_CONTACTS** e-mail address whenever a record has been created or maintained.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV024 E-mail Validation ra\_contacts** to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **AR.RA\_CONTACTS** table.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned E-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid E-mail Domains*.

#### 7.2 What to do with this information

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If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active contacts you can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV024-30 e-mail Validation ra\_contacts:

insufficient dots

Example PAMEV024-30 e-mail Validation ra\_contacts report

## 7.3 Turning the AR.RA\_CONTACTS e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM** AR.RA\_CONTACTS e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-003', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following **PAM** API:

tester22

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-003', 'Y');
```

## **8 AR.HZ PARTIES**

Once per day (default) *PAM* will validate all e-mail addresses for hz\_parties records that have been created or maintained based on the record's last\_lupdate\_date value since the last *PAM* e-mail validation check.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check.

WHERE hp.last update date > v last check date

**Note:** When a record is created both the last\_update\_date and creation\_date are set to the date and time the record was created.

## 8.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – AR.HZ\_PARTIES

When a hz\_parties record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that record will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-004 – PAM e-mail validation AR.HZ\_PARTIES - alert message

## ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary%@piper\_rx.com for the hz\_parties party GPIPER failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-004 Invalid / banned AR.HZ\_PARTIES e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **AR.HZ\_PARTIES** table has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **AR.HZ\_PARTIES** e-mail address whenever a record has been created or maintained.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV025** e-mail Validation hz\_parties to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **AR.HZ\_PARTIES** table.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned E-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid E-mail Domains*.

#### 8.2 What to do with this information

If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active contacts you can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV025 e-mail Validation hz\_parties:

#### PAMEV025-30 PAM - PIPER-RX - APPLICATION MONITOR E-mail Address Validation - HZ\_PARTIES As at 10-0CT-11 17:45 For SITE NAME NOT SET PIPER-Rx (Party Id) Party Name E-Mail Address Failure Reason (11365) Raddi Sindhu rsindhu insufficient dots (126786) Mike Rosendale Email insufficient dots (12680) Charles Owens SOWENS insufficient dots (12761) Paul Harris-Federal Pa... PHARRIS insufficient dots (133960) Paul Garrett Email insufficient dots (145490) Lydia Pattison Email insufficient dots (153533) Jack Kolden Email insufficient dots (158545) Anne Gomez Email insufficient dots (174622) Gale Benson Email insufficient dots (2517) tester22 tester22 tester22 insufficient dots (2518) Tom Johnson tester11 (2520) tester11 tester11 insufficient dots (252865) Sue Jones address must contain one @ symbol sue, jones (2642) tester22 tester22-teste. tester22 insufficient dots

Example PAMEV025 e-mail Validation hz\_parties report

## 8.3 Turning the AR.HZ\_PARTIES e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM** AR.HZ\_PARTIES e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-004', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-004', 'Y');
```

## 9 AP.AP SUPPLIER CONTACTS

Once per day (default) *PAM* will validate all e-mail addresses for ap.ap\_supplier\_contacts records that have been created or maintained based on the record's last\_lupdate\_date value since the last *PAM* e-mail validation check.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check:

```
WHERE apsc.email_address is not null
  and apsc.last_update_date > v_last_check_date
```

**Note:** When a record is created both the last\_update\_date and creation\_date are set to the date and time the record was created.

## 9.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – AP\_SUPPLER\_CONTATCS

When an ap.ap\_supplier\_contacts record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that record will be validated. If that validation fails **PAM** will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-009 - PAM e-mail validation AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS - alert message

#### ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary%@piper\_rx.com for the ap\_supplier\_contacts GPIPER (21) failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-009 Invalid / banned AP.AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **AP.AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS** object has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **AP.AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS** e-mail address whenever a record has been created or maintained.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV026 E-mail Validation supplier\_contacts** to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **AP.AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS** object.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned E-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid E-mail Domains*.

#### 9.2 What to do with this information

If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active contacts you can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV025 e-mail Validation supplier\_contacts:

## Example PAMEV025 e-mail Validation supplier\_contacts report

	As at 06-DE	E-mail Address Validation - AP.SUPPLIER_CONTACTS As at 06-DEC-11 16:51 For APPS 12i	
Vendor Contact (Vendor Contact Id)	E-Mail Address	Failure Reason	
Paul Wilson (2903)	е	Address too short	

## 9.3 Turning the AP.AP\_SUPPLIER\_CONTACTS e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM** AP.AP\_SUPPLER\_CONTACTS e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-009', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-009', 'Y');
```

## 10 APPLSYS.WF LOCAL ROLES

Once per day (default) **PAM** will validate all e-mail addresses for wf\_local\_roles records that have been created or maintained based on the record's last\_lupdate\_date value since the last **PAM** e-mail validation check.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check:

```
WHERE (wlr.expiration_date is null
or wlr.expiration_date > sysdate)
and wlr.status = 'ACTIVE'
and wlr.last_update_date > v_last_check_date
and wlr.notification_preference not in ( 'QUERY', 'DISABLED')
```

**Note:** When a record is created both the <a href="last\_update\_date">last\_update\_date</a> and <a href="creation\_date">creation\_date</a> are set to the date and time the record was created.

## 10.1 PAM e-mail validation alert - WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES

When a wf\_local\_roles record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that record will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-005 - PAM e-mail validation WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES - alert message

#### ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary%@piper\_rx.com for the wf\_local\_roles role GPIPER failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-005 Invalid / banned APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** object has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** e-mail address whenever the role has been created or maintained.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV021 E-mail Validation wf\_local\_roles* to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the *APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES* object.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV003 Banned e-mail Domains**.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid e-mail Domains*.

#### 10.2 What to do with this information

If you wish to list all invalid e-mail addresses for currently active wf local roles you can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV021 e-mail Validation wf\_local\_roles:

## Example PAMEV021 e-mail Validation wf\_local\_roles report

PAMEV021-30	PAM - PIPER-RX - APPLICATION MONITOR E-mail Address Validation - WF_LOCAL_ROL As at 10-0CT-11 18:11 For SITE NAME NOT SET		PIPER-Rx
E-Mail Address	Failure Reason	Notifi	cation Preference
WF Role Name	WF Role Display Name	Orig System	Orig System ID
ADMIN	insufficient dots	MAILH	ITML
ADMIN	Administrators	WF_LOCAL_ROLES	0
BBSARKAR	insufficient dots	MAILE	ITML
BSARKAR	Sarkar, Bijoy	PER	19147
CGILMART	insufficient dots	MAILE	ITML
CGILMAR	Gilmartin, Colin	PER	513
Administrator Role	insufficient dots	MAILE	ITML
CLN_ADMINISTRATOR	CLN Administrator	WF_LOCAL_USERS	0
SOWENS	insufficient dots	MAILE	ITML
COWENS	Owens, Charlie	PER	8132
tjohnson	insufficient dots	MAILE	ITML
CUSTOMER@STORE	CUSTOMER@STORE	FND USR	1936

**Note:** Due to the possibility of a large number of invalid e-mail addresses, this report has been limited to the first 500 invalid e-mail addresses.

#### **10.2.1 Notification Preference**

The following is a brief description of the various workflow notification preferences:

#### **MAILTEXT**

A plain text message with no attachments.

#### **MAILATTH**

A plain text message with two (2) attachments; the first being the HTML formatted version of the message, the second being a link to the message details.

#### **MAILHTML**

A HTML format message with a link attachment to the message details.

#### **MAILHTML2**

A HTML format message with a no attachments.

#### **SUMMARY**

A plain text summary message for all currently open messages.

You are required to access the messages via the applications notifications web page.

#### **QUERY**

<u>Do not send</u> any notifications. You are required to access the messages via the applications notifications web page.

#### **DISABLED**

This preference is set by Oracle workflow when the user's e-mail address is invalid. Once a user's preference is set to disabled the workflow notification mailer will not send any further e-mail notifications to the user

**Note:** Records with a notification preference of **QUERY** are excluded from the **PAM** e-mail validation checks

## 10.3 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM** WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-005', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-005', 'Y');
```

## 11 APPLSYS.WF LOCAL USERS

Once per day (default) **PAM** will validate all e-mail addresses for wf\_local\_users records that have been created or maintained based on the record's last\_update\_date value since the last **PAM** e-mail validation check.

For the technically minded, *PAM* uses the following SQL clause to include records that have been created or maintained since the last *PAM* check:

```
WHERE (wlu.expiration_date is null or wlu.expiration_date > sysdate) and wlu.status = 'ACTIVE' and wlu.notification_preference not in ( 'QUERY', 'DISABLED')
```

**Note:** When a record is created both the last\_update\_date and creation\_date are set to the date and time the record was created.

#### 11.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – WF LOCAL USERS

When a wf\_local\_users record is either created or updated the e-mail address of that record will be validated. If that validation fails *PAM* will generate an alert:

Example PAM EV-006 – PAM e-mail validation WF\_LOCAL\_USERS - alert message

## **ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY**

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The e-mail address gary%@piper\_rx.com for the wf\_local\_users user GPIPER failed - invalid character

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-006 Invalid / banned APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS e-mail address detected.

An e-mail address in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** object has been found to have either an invalid format or a banned *PAM* domain.

This alert will be raised if the e-mail address format is invalid or the e-mail address domain is either banned or not in the *PAM* valid domains list.

**PAM** will validate each **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** e-mail address each **PAM** validation run.

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV020 E-mail Validation wf\_local\_users** to list any invalid or banned e-mail addresses in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** object.

A list of banned domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV003 Banned e-mail Domains*.

A list of valid domains can be found using *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV001 Valid e-mail Domains*.

#### 11.2 What to do with this information

If you wish to validate all e-mail addresses for currently active workflow local users you can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV020 e-mail Validation wf\_local\_users:

#### Example PAMEV020 e-mail Validation wf\_local\_users report



#### 11.2.1 Notification Preference

The following is a brief description of the various workflow notification preferences:

#### **MAILTEXT**

A plain text message with no attachments.

#### **MAILATTH**

A plain text message with two (2) attachments; the first being the HTML formatted version of the message, the second being a link to the message details.

#### **MAILHTML**

A HTML format message with a link attachment to the message details.

#### **MAILHTML2**

A HTML format message with a no attachments.

#### **SUMMARY**

A plain text summary message for all currently open messages.

You are required to access the messages via the applications notifications web page.

#### **QUERY**

<u>Do not send</u> any notifications. You are required to access the messages via the applications notifications web page.

**Note:** Records with a notification preference of **QUERY** are excluded from the *PAM* e-mail validation checks.

## 11.3 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_USERS e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-006', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-006', 'Y');
```

## 12 Missing e-mail Addresses

In addition to checking the validity of e-mail address formats PAM also checks for missing email addresses in the following objects wf\_local\_users and wf\_local\_roles.

A missing e-mail address in either of these objects could mean that a notification would never be sent and that workflows may fall through the cracks...

**PAM** defines a missing e-mail address as an email address of **null** where the notification preference is set to any of the following:

- ❖ MAILTEXT
- ❖ MAILATTH
- ❖ MAILHTML
- ❖ MAILHTML2
- SUMMARY

## 12.1 WF\_LOCAL\_USERS

Once per day (default) **PAM** will check for missing e-mail addresses in the wf local users object.

In order to prevent daily alerts for missing e-mail addresses, when an alert is raised, PAM will suspend the next check time for a period of 7 days (default).

#### 12.1.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – WF LOCAL USERS

When one or more a wf\_local\_users record is found to have a null e-mail address PAM will generate an alert:

#### Example PAM EV-007 – PAM null e-mail address - alert message

#### ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The workflow table WF\_LOCAL\_USERS has 1 missing e-mail address.

#### **Alert Information:**

#### EV-007 Null e-mail address in WF\_LOCAL\_USERS.

**PAM** has detected one or more null e-mail addresses in the WF\_LOCAL\_USERS object.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of an invalid e-mail address, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the user / role notification preference has been set to DISABLED

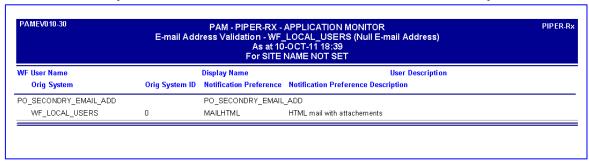
Note: The entries in **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** are synchronised via the WF synchronisation concurrent programs with data from various Oracle Applications modules such as applsys.fnd\_users, hr.per\_all\_people\_f and ar.ra\_contacts etc...

You can use the *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV010* Null e-mail Address wf\_local\_users to list all WF\_LOCAL\_USERS records with a null e-mail address.

#### 12.1.2 What to do with this information

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV010 Null e-mail Address wf\_local\_users to identify users with null e-mail addresses:





You can use the attribute "Orig System" to identify the originating system that may have the null e-mail address.

## 12.1.3 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_USERS e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM** WF\_LOCAL\_USERS null e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-007', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-007', 'Y');
```

## 12.2 WF LOCAL ROLES

Once per day (default) *PAM* will check for missing e-mail addresses in the wf\_local\_roles object.

In order to prevent daily alerts for missing e-mail addresses, when an alert is raised, *PAM* will suspend the next check time for a period of 7 days (default).

#### 12.2.1 PAM e-mail validation alert – WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES

When one or more a wf\_local\_roles record is found to have a null e-mail address *PAM* will generate an alert:

#### Example PAM EV-008 – PAM null e-mail address - alert message

## **ALERT MESSAGE FROM** *PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY*

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

The workflow table WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES has 207 missing e-mail addresses.

#### **Alert Information:**

EV-008 Null e-mail address in WF LOCAL ROLES.

**PAM** has detected one or more null e-mail addresses in the WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES object.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of an invalid e-mail address, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the user / role notification preference has been set to DISABLED

Note: The entries in **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** are synchronised via the WF synchronisation concurrent programs with data from various Oracle Applications modules such as applsys.fnd\_users, hr.per\_all\_people\_f and ar.ra\_contacts etc...

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail *PAMEV011* Null e-mail Address wf\_local\_roles to list all WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES records with a null e-mail address.

#### 12.2.2 What to do with this information

WF LOCAL ROLES

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV011 Null e-mail Address wf\_local\_users to list all **WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** records with a null e-mail address:

#### PAM - PIPER-RX - APPLICATION MONITOR E-mail Address Validation - WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES (Null E-mail Address) As at 10-0CT-11 18:42 For SITE NAME NOT SET Display Name Role Description Orig System ID Notification Preference Notification Preference Description Orig System 381-12247-INSTALLMENT 381-12247-INSTALLMENT WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES ADHO C24544213853499697PA Star Gate Ltd WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES MAILHTML HTML mail with attachements AML 20546 1 AML\_20546\_1 WF LOCAL ROLES MAILHTML HTML mail with attachements AML\_22846\_1 AML\_22846\_1 WF LOCAL ROLES MAILHTML HTML mail with attachements AML\_22861\_1 AML\_22861\_1 WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES MAILHTML AMI 22862 1 AML 22862 1

HTML mail with attachements

Example PAMEV011 Null e-mail Address wf\_local\_roles report

**Note:** Due to the possibility of a large number of invalid e-mail addresses, this report has been limited to the first 500 invalid e-mail addresses.

You can use the attribute "Orig System" to identify the originating system that may have the null e-mail address.

## 12.2.3 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES e-mail validation alert off and on

The **PAM WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** null e-mail validation alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'Y');
```

## 13 Disabled Notification Preferences - WF LOCAL USERS

Once per day (default) **PAM** will check for notification preferences in the wf\_local\_users object that have been set to DISABLED.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of the e-mail address being invalid, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- ❖ Adds the e-mail address to its own invalid e-mail address list. On any subsequent request to send a notification to an address recorded in the notification mailers invalid address list, the notification mailer sets the mail status to FAILED without attempting to send the notification.
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the offending users notification preference has been set to **DISABLED**

## 13.1 PAM notification preference check – WF\_LOCAL\_USERS

When one or more a wf\_local\_users record is found to have a disabled notification preference *PAM* will generate the following alert:

Example PAM EV-010 - PAM disabled notification preference - alert message

## ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

3 notification preference have been found to be DISABLED in WF\_LOCAL\_USERS

## **Alert Information:**

**EV-010 Disabled Notification Preferences - WF LOCAL USERS.** 

**PAM** has determined that one or more notification preferences have been disabled in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** object.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of an invalid e-mail address, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the user / role notification preference has been set to DISABLED

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV040 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_users** to list the entries in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** object whos notification preferences have been set to DISABLED.

**Note:** The entries in **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_USERS** are synchronised via the WF synchronisation concurrent programs with data from various Oracle Applications sources such as applsys.fnd\_users, hr.per\_all\_people\_f and ar.ra\_contacts etc

When a notification has been raised for a given user, a notification will not be raised again for that user for a grace period of **X** days (default 5). This is designed to provide sufficient time to correct the underlying issue.

#### 13.1.1 Changing the number of grace days

The number of grace days can be changed using the following *PAM* API:

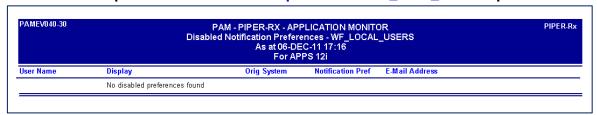
```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_disabled_grace_days ( 5 );
```

Parameter 1: The number of grace days

#### 13.2 What to do with this information

You can use the *PAM* e-mail validation report PAMEV040 Disabled preferences wf local users to list all the wf local users with a notification preference of disabled:

#### Example PAMEV040 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_users report



You can use the attribute "Orig System" to identify the originating system that may have the invalid e-mail address.

Once the invalid e-mail address issue has been corrected <u>at the application module level</u>, remembering the *wf\_local\_roles* and *wf\_local\_roles* tables are synchronised.

You will then need to reset the user's notification preference. Once this is done you can run the concurrent program *Resend Failed/Error Workflow Notifications* to resend workflow notifications that could not be sent.

## 13.3 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_USERS disabled notification preference alert off and on

The **PAM** WF\_LOCAL\_USERS disabled notification preference alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following *PAM* API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'Y');
```

## 13.4 PAM notification preference check – WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES

When one or more a wf\_local\_roles record is found to have a disabled notification preference *PAM* will generate the following alert:

Example PAM EV-011 - PAM disabled notification preference - alert message

#### **ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY**

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Day

3 notification preference have been found to be DISABLED in WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES

#### **Alert Information:**

**EV-011 Disabled Notification Preferences - WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES.** 

**PAM** has determined that one or more notification preferences have been disabled in the

## APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES object.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of an invalid e-mail address, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the user / role notification preference has been set to DISABLED

You can use the *PAM* e-mail validation report **PAMEV041 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_roles** to list the entries in the **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** object whose notification preferences have been set to DISABLED.

**Note:** The entries in **APPLSYS.WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES** are synchronised via the WF synchronisation concurrent programs with data from various Oracle Applications sources such as applsys.fnd\_users, hr.per\_all\_people\_f and ar.ra\_contacts etc.

When a notification has been raised for a given role, a notification will not be raised again for that role for a grace period of X days (default 5). This is designed to provide sufficient time to correct the underlying issue.

#### 13.4.1 Changing the number of grace days

The number of grace days can be changed using the following **PAM** API:

exec piper rx pam ev monitor.pam ev disabled grace days ( 6 );

Parameter 1: The number of grace days

#### 13.5 What to do with this information

You can use the *PAM* e-mail validation report PAMEV041 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_roles to list all the wf\_local\_roles with a notification preference of disabled:

#### Example PAMEV041 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_roles report



You can use the attribute "Orig System" to identify the originating system that may have the invalid e-mail address.

Once the invalid e-mail address issue has been corrected at the application module level, remembering the wf\_local\_roles and wf\_local\_roles tables are synchronised.

You will then need to reset the user's notification preference. Once this is done you can run the concurrent program **Resend Failed/Error Workflow Notifications** to resend workflow notifications that could not be sent.

# 13.6 Turning the WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES disabled notification preference alert off and on

The **PAM** WF\_LOCAL\_ROLES disabled notification preference alert can be turned off using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'N');
```

The alert can be re-enabled using the following **PAM** API:

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_API.PAM_ALERT_ENABLE ( 'EV-008', 'Y');
```

## 14 Failed Notification

Once per hour (default) *PAM* will check for 'OPEN' notifications that have a mail status of 'FAILED'. This indicates that a notification mailer has tried to send a notification to an invalid e-mail address.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of the e-mail address being invalid, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- ❖ Adds the e-mail address to its own invalid e-mail address list. On any subsequent request to send a notification to an address recorded in the notification mailers invalid address list, the notification mailer sets the mail status to FAILED without attempting to send the notification.
- ❖ Changes the notification preference of the recipient to **DISABLED**.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the offending users notification preference has been set to **DISABLED**

#### 14.1 PAM failed notifications check

Every hour (default) *PAM* will check if there are any failed notifications that have been generated since the last *PAM* check.

When one or more a failed workflow notifications are found *PAM* will generate the following alert:

Example PAM EV-012 – PAM failed notifications - alert message

## ALERT MESSAGE FROM PAM - PIPER-Rx Application Monitor - DO NOT REPLY

Company = Company Name

Site = APPS 12i

Alert Level = **Informational** 

Detected = 23-Nov-11 (Wed) 15:00:05

Alert Frequency = 1 Hour

2 workflow notifications have been detected as FAILED since 23-Nov-11 14:00

#### **Alert Information:**

#### EV-012 Notifications with a Mail Status of Failed.

**PAM** has identified that one or more workflow notifications have FAILED due to an invalid e-mail address.

When the notification mailer cannot deliver a notification as a result of an invalid e-mail address, it:

- Sets the notification mail status to FAILED
- Changes the notification preference of the recipient to DISABLED.
- Sends a notification to the SYSADMIN (default) user detailing that one or more notifications could not be sent and that the user / role notification preference has been set to DISABLED

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail **PAMEV050 Failed Notifications** to list notifications that have failed since a given date.

## 14.2 What to do with this information

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV050 Failed Notifications to list all notifications that have failed since a specified date. Generally you should use the date provided by the *PAM* alert to show all new failed notifications.

#### PAMEV050-30 PAM - PIPER-RX - APPLICATION MONITOR Failed Notifications For Notifications Raised After 01-JAN-01 13:50 PIPER-Rx As at 06-DEC-11 17:03 For APPS 12i 3201921 Notification Date: 14-Feb-07 10:43 **Notification Id:** JLATTERS@VISIONNL.COM Original Recipient: JLATTERS@VISIONNL.COM Recipient Role From User: SYSADMIN To User: Latters . Jos Msg Type: OTWF Msg Name: OTA\_LRNR\_TEST\_RESULT\_MSG Subject: Test Management Test successfully submitted 3201919 Notification Date: 14-Feb-07 10:38 Notification Id: Recipient Role EJANSEN@VISIONNL.COM Original Recipient: EJANSEN@VISIONNL.COM From User: SYSADMIN To User: Jansen , Edith OTWF Msg Name: OTA\_LRNR\_TEST\_RESULT\_MSG Msg Type: Test Management Test successfully submitted Subject: Notification Id: 3199758 Notification Date: 13-Feb-07 11:27 VASHIROVA@VISIONRU.COM Original Recipient: VASHIROVA@VISIONRU.COM From User: SYSADMIN To User: Ashirova , Vera OTWF Msg Name: OTA LRNR TEST RESULT MSG Msg Type: Subject: Test Management Test successfully submitted

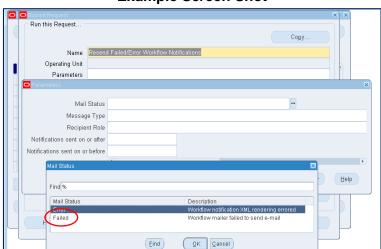
**Example PAMEV050 Failed Notifications report** 

Whilst this report will give you the extent of the current issue (i.e. number of notifications that failed), you should run both the PAMEV040 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_users and PAMEV041 Disabled preferences wf\_local\_roles reports to identify the workflow user or role

with the notification preference of disabled. Then using the ORIG SYSTEM attribute trace the invalid email address back to the base application source and correct it in that location.

## 15 Fixing the issue

Once the invalid e-mail address issue has been corrected <u>at the application module level</u>, remembering the <u>wf\_local\_roles</u> and <u>wf\_local\_roles</u> will need to be synchronised, you will then need to reset the user's notification preference. Once this is done you can run the concurrent program *Resend Failed/Error Workflow Notifications* to resend workflow notifications that could not be sent.



**Example Screen Shot** 

Note: The number of parameters are OEBS version dependant

Of course as always, you will have tested this process first

## 16 Notification Preferences (MAILTYPE)

It is often beneficial when tracking down why e-mail alerts are not being received to review the workflows notification preferences.

You can use **PAMreports** - e-mail PAMEV060 User preferences (MAILTYPE) to view the current workflow notification preferences:

PAMEV060-30 er preferences (MAILTYPE) As at 27-FEB-12 14:09 For APPS 12i

Example PAMEV060 User preferences (MAILTYPE) report

-WF DEFAULT-MAILHTML AALAMOUDI@VISIONSA.COM MAILHTML nobody@localhost AAMBROS Mr. Anthony Ambrose, Finance Director QUERY ABOROS@VISIONHU.COM nobody@localhost MAILHTML ABOTFA@VISIONHU.COM nobody@localhost MAILHTML ACARNES@YAHOO.INC MAILHTML nobody@localhost ACARTER@YAHOO.INC MAILHTML ACHURCH@YAHOO.INC MAILHTML nobody@localhost MAILHTML ACONNER@YAHOO.INC nobody@localhost ADVANCED\_UK ADVANCED UK nobody@localhost MAILHTML AGREEN Alice Green QUERY AHAMILTON Anne Hamilton, Vision Services nobody@localhost QUERY

The following is a list of workflow notification preferences.

#### **MAILTEXT**

The notification message appears as plain text, with no attachments.

### **MAILHTML**

The notification message appears as HTML-formatted text, with one or more links to the notification in the workflow notification details web page.

#### **MAILHTM2**

The notification message appears as HTML-formatted text, but does not include links.

#### **MAILATTH**

The notification message appears as plain text, with at least two standard attachments. One attachment is an HTML-formatted version of the message, and the other is a link to the notification in the workflow notification details web page.

#### **SUMMARY**

The message is a plain text summary of all open notifications. To respond to the individual notifications in the summary, you must access the notifications from the workflow worklist web page.

#### **SUMHTML**

The message is an HTML-formatted summary of all open notifications, with a link to the workflow worklist web page as well as links to each notification in the workflow notification details web page.

#### **QUERY**

The notification mailers do not send e-mail notifications. The user must query and respond to your notifications from the workflow worklist web page.

#### **DISABLED**

Set automatically at the user preference level for a user with an invalid e-mail address.

## 17 PAM e-mail address validation exceptions

**PAM** provides three (3) additional e-mail validation check exceptions:

- PAM Excluded e-mail addresses
- ❖ PAM Banned Domains
- PAM Valid Domains

#### 17.1 PAM Excluded e-mail addresses

**PAM** provides the ability to add known valid e-mail addresses that would normally fail the **PAM** e-mail address validation process. Any e-mail address or string added will be assumed to be correct and will be excluded from the **PAM** e-mail validation check

Know valid e-mail address can be added to the *PAM* known valid e-mail address using the following *PAM* API:

exec PIPER\_RX\_PAM\_EV\_MONITOR.pam\_ev\_ex\_add\_record ('gary@piper-rx.com', 'Y', 'E', 'Comment Goes here');

#### Parameter 1

The e-mail address to be excluded from the **PAM** e-mail validation process

#### Parameter 2

'Y' = The email address is to be excluded from the *PAM* e-mail validation process, 'N' = the email address will be suspended and thus included in the *PAM* e-mail validation process until the address is either removed from the exceptions list or the check status is set to 'Y'

#### Parameter 3

The type of exception:

- ♣ B = Banned
- ❖ V = Valid Domain
- ❖ E = Exclude e-mail address

#### Parameter 4 (Optional)

Free format description of the address to be excluded

#### 17.1.1 Listing excluded e-mail addresses

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV002 Excluded e-mail Addresses report to list known valid e-mail addresses to be excluded from the *PAM* e-mail validation process:

## Example PAMEV002 Excluded e-mail Addresses report



### 17.2 PAM banned address

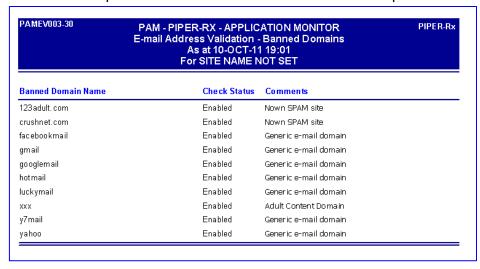
There may be occasions where your site does not allow e-mails to be sent to public e-mail domains such as hotmail etc...

**PAM** provides the ability to detect specific e-mail domains that are "banned" from your site. This is achieved by adding "banned" domains to the **PAM** banned domains list.

#### 17.2.1 Listing banned e-mail domains

You can use *PAMreports* - e-mail PAMEV003 Banned e-mail Domains report to list *PAM* banned e-mail.

#### Example PAMEV003 Banned e-mail domains report



If the banned domain name is yahoo, then all domains that start with yahoo will be marked as banned yahoo.com yahoo.com.au etc...

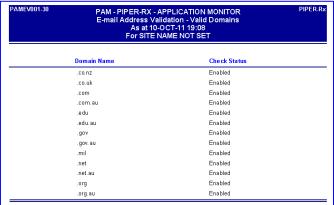
Entering the value yahoo.com will only ban yahoo.com but allow yahoo.ca etc...

#### 17.3 Valid Domains Check

PAM checks each e-mail domain against the PAM valid domains list.

Not only does this feature allow you to pick up domains that are not in your valid list, more importantly it allows you to pick possible incorrect spelling issues. i.e abc.con

Example PAMEV001 Valid e-mail Domains report



## 17.4 Turing off the PAM domain checks

The three (3) additional *PAM* domain checks:

- PAM Excluded e-mail addresses
- PAM Banned Domains
- PAM Valid Domains

<u>as a group</u> can be turned on or off. The following *PAM* API can be used to turn on the additional *PAM* domain checks:

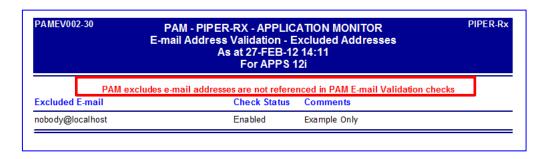
```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_domain_checks_set ( 'Y' );
```

The following *PAM* API can be used to turn off the additional *PAM* domain checks:

```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_domain_checks_set ( 'N' );
```

Note: When the additional *PAM* domain checks are turned off, the message "*Excludes PAM domain exceptions checks*" will appear on the bottom of *PAMreports* -e-mail validation reports that list all e-mail addresses that failed the *PAM* validation checks.

When the *PAM* domain checks are turned off, a message will appear on each of the following reports to clearly identify the checks are not included in the e-mail validation monitor, as shown in the example below.



## 17.5 PAM Domain Exceptions Maintenance

#### 17.5.1 Adding a Domain Exception

The *PAM* e-mail validation module provides a number of APIs for managing domain exceptions.

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_EV_MONITOR.pam_ev_ex_add_record ('PIPER-RX', 'Y', 'B', 'Comment Goes here');
```

#### Parameter 1:

The domain

#### Parameter 2:

The check status for the domain, 'Y' include the domain in *PAM* check, 'N' exclude the domain from *PAM* check.

### Parameter 3:

The domain check type,  $\mathbf{B} = \text{Banned}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = \text{Valid Domain}$ ,  $\mathbf{E} = \text{Exclude e-mail address}$ .

## Parameter 4:

Free format Comment, the entered comment will be truncated to a length of 60.

#### **Examples:**

Adding a banned domain:

```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_ex_add_record ('abcdef.com', 'Y', 'B', 'Banned Domain');
```

Add a valid domain:

```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_ex_add_record ('abcdef.com', 'Y', 'V', 'Banned Domain');
```

Add an e-mail address to be excluded from the PAM validation check:

```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_ex_add_record ('abcdef.com', 'Y', 'E', 'Banned Domain');
```

### 17.5.2 Removing a Domain Exception

A **PAM** domain exception entry can be removed using the following **PAM** API.

```
exec piper_rx_pam_ev_monitor.pam_ev_ex_del_record ('PIPER-RX');
```

#### 17.5.3 Suspending a Domain Exception

A *PAM* domain exception can be suspended from the *PAM* additional validation checks using the following *PAM* API.

```
exec PIPER_RX_PAM_EV_MONITOR.pam_ev_ex_update_chk_status ('PIPER-RX', 'Y');
```

#### Parameter 1:

The domain name

#### Parameter 2:

The domain status, 'Y' = Include in the *PAM* additional domain checks, 'N' = Exclude from *PAM* additional domain checks.

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