

[How-to] Mount Samba Shares in fstab using a Credential File

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If you want to mount share files using **Samba** but you don't want to put the username or password on **fstab** file, you could use an external file, this is useful if you want to increase a little security since **fstab** usually is world readable.

Using */etc/fstab*:

Non-secure and common usage:

```
//share/dir /mnt/myshare cifs username=user,password=pass
```

More secure usage:

```
mkdir /path/securedir
chmod 0700 /path/securedir
chown root /path/securedir
//share/dir /mt/myshare cifs
credentials=/path/securedir/fileshare
cat /path/securedir/fileshare
username=yourusername
password=yourpass
```

As you can see, it's easy and increase a little security if more users can access in you machine.

Of course you can use *smbmount* too:

```
smbmount //share/dir /mnt/myshare -o
credentials=/path/securedir/fileshare
```