

## Credential Validation:

A simple scan template used to verify that host credential pairs for Windows and Unix successfully authenticate to scan targets. Use this scan template to quickly diagnose credential pair issues in your network.

Nessus attempts to log in during the scan using the provided credentials. After the scan, you can verify whether credentials were successfully used.

If credential use **fails**, Nessus often provides a reason such as timeout, authentication failure, account lockout, wrong port and so on.

### Credential Validation Scan Process

