
Subject: Re: error on login

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This does not looks like something specific to OpenVZ. Still, let me guess.

"tty device" here is not /dev/tty, but either /dev/ttyp* and /dev/ptyp*, or some entry under /dev/pts.

"mesg" is a program to enable/disable receiving messages from other users. It is probably called from one of user's login scripts (/etc/bashrc, /etc/bash_login, /etc/profile or something like that, or their ~/. analogs). This programs is _possibly_ SGID to group tty (run 'ls -l \$(which mesg)' to check that), and tries to change the mode of one or several above mentioned files. Since files doesn't belong to group tty, mesg complains.

This problem is most probably the problem of a given distribution.

Regards,
Kir.

José David Bravo Álvarez wrote:

```
> [root@sanson cpbackup]# vzctl enter 101
> entered into VE 101
> mesg: error: tty device is not owned by group `tty'
> root@gedeon [/]#
>
> root@gedeon [/]# ls -l /dev/tty
> crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 5, 0 Dec 15 2005 /dev/tty
>
> Any idea? thanks for your help.
>
```