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Subject: Re: error on login

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If you are curious, you can run strace on it (i.e. change 'mesg y' to 'strace -f -o /tmp/mesg-y-strace-out mesg y') and see what files it tries to open etc.

Still, to me it looks like distro-specific problem. What distribution are you using?

Mantelle Johan wrote:

> Yes in effect , my error is in /etc/bashrc :

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> This line

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> mesg y

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> -> mesg: error: tty device is not owned by group `tty'

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> Regards

> Mantelle johan

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> -----Original Message-----

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

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

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> "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.

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

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> Regards,

> Kir.

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> José David Bravo Álvarez wrote:

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