## Subject: perl LOCALE issue- and solution Posted by Michael Klatsky on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 18:15:56 GMT

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Hello all-

I ran into a puzzling issue and found a solution- but I am wondering what the root cause really was, and whether others have run into this:

After create a VE using the repo provided centos-4-i386-default template, I entered the VE via ssh. When running perl (any perl script), I got the message:

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perl: warning: Setting locale failed.
perl: warning: Please check that your locale settings:
    LANGUAGE = "en_US:en",
    LC ALL = (unset).
    LANG = "en US"
  are supported and installed on your system.
perl: warning: Falling back to the standard locale ("C")
```

After doing a bit of hunting on methods to set this, including these pages: http://www.in-ulm.de/~mascheck/locale/#short http://perldoc.perl.org/perllocale.html#Permanently-fixing-your-system's-locale-configuration

I started looking closely at glibc-common, as when I did "locale -a" I got the message that locale directories could not be found.

I checked, and indeed- rpm -q glibc-common reported that the package was installed. However, after checking some of the files included that should have existed, I found that the local dirs were not there (example: /usr/lib/locale/en\_US/LC\_TIME). So, I grabbed the glibc-common rpm and did a rpm -ivh --force, and voila- all was properly installed.

The purpose of my post is to document this for others who may have run into this, and t solicit any theories as to why that package was "phantomly" installed. Significantly, other than the locale issue- the system was operating properly.

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Sincerely,

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