
Subject: [SOLVED]: CentOS 5.2 HN and VPS - man and less problems in VPS
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Hi all,

I can't run man or less inside a VPS. Piping the results of any command into less just returns to the command line, however 'more' works. Using the command 'man' returns the following error:

Quote:

```
# man bash
```

```
Error executing formatting or display command.
```

```
System command (cd /usr/share/man && (echo ".ll 13.9i"; echo ".nr LL 13.9i"; echo ".pl 1100i";  
/usr/bin/gunzip -c '/usr/share/man/man1/bash.1.gz'; echo ".\\\\"; echo ".pl \\n(nlu+10)" | /usr/bin/gtbl  
| /usr/bin/nroff -c --legacy ISO-8859-1 -mandoc 2>/dev/null | /usr/bin/less -is) exited with status  
256.
```

```
No manual entry for bash
```

Something that I suspect is related to the same problem; the -p switch on the mysql client does not prompt for a password:

Quote:

```
# mysql -hlocalhost -uroot -p
```

```
ERROR 1045 (28000): Access denied for user 'root'@'localhost' (using password: NO)
```

However, specifying it on the command line works fine:

Quote:

```
# mysql -hlocalhost -uroot -pMYSQLPASSWORD
```

```
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
```

```
Your MySQL connection id is 49
```

```
Server version: 5.0.45 Source distribution
```

```
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.
```

```
mysql>
```

I'm not entirely sure what will be relevant to the issue, so here's the background.

I am running CentOS 5.2 with kernel version 2.6.18-92.1.13.el5.028stab059.6PAE. I created my own CentOS 5.2 minimal template and followed the recommendations to disable the udev start in /etc/rc.d/rc.sysinit

I have made the dev files for null,ptmx,random,urandom, ttyp and ptyp and there seems to be no trouble there.

Networking is fine, updates and installs work fine from inside the VPS, websites are fine...

I would expect this to be something small that I have missed, and it's more of an annoyance than

a problem. Has anyone any ideas?

Regards,

SGB
