
Subject: PATH problem when vzctl called from crontab
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Hello,

Just in case it can help somebody else...
We ran into the following problem :

When calling `"/usr/sbin/vzctl stop VM"` from crontab, the stop initscripts in the VM are not called.
VM is automatically force-stopped after a 2 minutes timeout.

To test it, I added a `"echo test >/root/test"` in the stop section of the `/etc/init.d/cron` initscript.
When stopping the VM from an interactive shell : no problem, the initscripts are called.
When stopping the VM from the crontab : initscripts are not called.

Simply setting the PATH corrected the problem :

```
# if we do not set the path, vzctl stop do no stop vms correctly when called from crontab
export PATH="/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin"
```

It seems that the vzctl command depends on the \$PATH envvar.
Is it a bug or not ?
I don't think so bug I'm not sure.

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Debian 5.0.4
vzctl version 3.0.22
2.6.26-2-openvz-amd64
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