Subject: unable to lock password file
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I am using a openvz kernel for Debian Squeeze 2.6.32-5-openvz-amd64
I have some troubles when I try to set users with vzctl or inside the container (all, even new containers):

vzctl set 555 --userpasswd xxx:whatever
Starting container ...
Container is mounted
Container start in progress...
useradd: unable to lock password file
Password change failed
Stopping container ...
Container was stopped
Container is unmounted

and inside the container:
deb5:/# adduser web
Adding user `web' ...
Adding new group `web' (1000) ...
groupadd: unable to lock group file
adduser: `/usr/sbin/groupadd -g 1000 web' returned error code 10. Exiting.

I removed all .pwd.lock from /etc but it is recreated every try.