
Subject: Need help with a exec command
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I want to execute a perl commando using the exec command but I cannot get the syntax correct.

```
vzctl exec 12345 "/usr/bin/perl \-pi~ \-e \"\$\_=\"servername=my.hostname.here\\n\" if  
/^servername=^' /usr/local/directadmin/conf/directadmin.conf"
```

When i execute the above commando i get the following error:
Can't find string terminator "" anywhere before EOF at -e line 1.

I tried several options and combinations but i cannot get it correct, it keeps giving an error.

The following command works within the VZ container itself:

```
/usr/bin/perl -pi~ -e '$\_="servername=my.hostname.here\\n" if /^servername=/'  
/usr/local/directadmin/conf/directadmin.conf
```

So this command should be executed from the hardware node (outside the VZ container) using the vzctl exec command.

Can someone see the error here?
Thx for any help.
