
Subject: Unable to open pty: No such file or directory

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I've looked at a dozen or more responses to this error but I can't find a solution that works for me.

I upgraded my system from Centos 5.6 to 6.2. Now the centos 4.7 VEs that ran on 5.6 won't run and give the unable to open pty messages.

`vzctl exec 225 ls /dev/pts` returns zero files.

`vzctl exec 225 /sbin/MAKEDEV pty` doesn't complain but doesn't create anything in `/dev/pts`

I also tried `vzctl exec 225 /sbin/MAKEDEV tty`

When I do an `vzctl exec 225 ls -l /dev`, I see

```
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 176 Jan 22 04:56 ptya0
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 177 Jan 22 04:56 ptya1
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 178 Jan 22 04:56 ptya2
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 179 Jan 22 04:56 ptya3
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 180 Jan 22 04:56 ptya4
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 181 Jan 22 04:56 ptya5
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 2, 182 Jan 22 04:56 ptya6
(not a complete list)
```

I also have a VE running Ubuntu 8.04 that starts and runs fine. Comparing the dev list of the two VE's doesn't show any differences with respect to the ptys or `/dev/pts`.

I also have another almost identical Centos 4 VE, 226 and it exhibits the same behavior.

`uname -a`

```
Linux centos 2.6.32-042stab044.17 #1 SMP Fri Jan 13 12:53:58 MSK 2012 x86_64 x86_64
x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

One thing to note is that this system was running a 32 bit kernel when the VEs were generated and now I'm running a 64 bit kernel.

I did a fresh install of a minimal centos 4 VE and it works fine.

Is there any way I can make these VEs work?

Thanks,
Jim.