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Subject: Default status of 'root' in container?

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I read the following -

"By default, the root account is locked in a newly created Container, and you cannot log in."

Of course, you can enter with "vzctl" which I guess is some sort of higher-level openvz function.

The user guide then goes on to say "vzctl set 101 --userpasswd root:test" to set root password, which would then allow root SSH (if you wanted to do this).

However, until a password is set, what exactly is the true nature of the root account? For example, if I created a non-root user and then SSH'd in, if I attempted to elevate to su, is it correct that this would not be possible?

So what does "locked" mean? Processes are still running as root.

Thanks

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