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Subject: Failed to set upstart as init  
Posted by [mperkel](#) on Mon, 02 Jan 2012 22:16:42 GMT  
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I'm getting this message after upgrading Fedora 14 to either 15 or 16 using yum as guest.

Failed to set upstart as init: No such file or directory

Is there a fix?

Thanks in advance.

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Subject: Re: Failed to set upstart as init  
Posted by [KuJoe](#) on Sun, 04 Mar 2012 09:43:02 GMT  
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I ran into the same problem and could not find a resolution online. I was able to get this resolved though although unsure which steps (or combination of) fixed it.

Here's the error:

Failed to set upstart as init: No such file or directory

Here's what I did which resolved it:

1) Revert back to vzctl 3.0.29.3-1 ([http://wiki.solusvm.com/index.php/OpenVZ\\_Bugs](http://wiki.solusvm.com/index.php/OpenVZ_Bugs)) \*\*Possibly not required? I never tried vzctl umount prior to the revert but only found out after trying vzctl destroy which provided an error that the VPS was mounted.\*\*

2) vzctl umount <VZID>

3) vzctl start <VZID>

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Subject: Re: Failed to set upstart as init  
Posted by [greg](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2012 18:07:37 GMT  
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The problem is, vzctl is feeling smart enough bypass init and try to use upstart directly. Unfortunately, upstart is not installed part of the upgrade process.

To fix the problem, you have to install upstart in a non-running container:

```
cd /var/lib/vz/root/XXX
chroot .
yum install upstart
exit
vzctl start XXX
```

be very careful to select the correct architecture (x86 or amd64)

greg

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