
Subject: vzctl: race condition at open("/sbin/init");
Posted by [Vasily Kulikov](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 19:07:50 GMT
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Thanks,

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Vasily

Subject: Re: vzctl: race condition at open("/sbin/init");
Posted by [kir](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 15:09:53 GMT
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On 07/25/2012 11:07 PM, Vasily Kulikov wrote:

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Posted by [Vasily Kulikov](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 20:12:44 GMT

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 19:09 +0400, Kir Kolyshkin wrote:

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Yes, look good.

Thanks!

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Vasiliy Kulikov

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