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Subject: error on login  
Posted by [jbravo](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 12:43:15 GMT  
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entered into VE 101
mesg: error: tty device is not owned by group `tty'
root@gedeon [/]#
```

```
root@gedeon [/]# ls -l /dev/tty
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 5, 0 Dec 15 2005 /dev/tty
```

Any idea? thanks for your help.

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Subject: RE: error on login  
Posted by [youp](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 12:56:21 GMT  
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I have the same error :

```
[root@vz5 ~]# vzctl enter 133
entered into VE 133
mesg: error: tty device is not owned by group `tty'
```

```
root@virt3 [/]# ls -lrt /dev/tty
crw-rw-rw- 1 root tty 5, 0 Feb 6 09:45 /dev/tty
```

-----Original Message-----

To: [users@openvz.org](mailto:users@openvz.org)  
Subject: [Users] error on login

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Subject: Re: error on login  
Posted by [kir](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 13:21:24 GMT  
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You have to have either /dev/ttyp\* /dev/ptyp\* devices in your VE, or /dev/ptmx and /dev/pts filesystem mounted, or both.

For more info, see  
[http://wiki.openvz.org/Physical\\_to\\_VE#.2Fdev\\_TTY\\_devices](http://wiki.openvz.org/Physical_to_VE#.2Fdev_TTY_devices)  
[http://wiki.openvz.org/Physical\\_to\\_VE#Can.27t\\_enter\\_VE](http://wiki.openvz.org/Physical_to_VE#Can.27t_enter_VE)

Perhaps the separate wiki article is needed for this case...

Mantelle Johan wrote:

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> entered into VE 133

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [users-bounces@openvz.org](mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org) [mailto:[users-bounces@openvz.org](mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org)] On Behalf Of José David Bravo Álvarez

> Sent: lundi 12 février 2007 13:43

> To: [users@openvz.org](mailto:users@openvz.org)

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Posted by [kir](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:10:09 GMT  
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Regards,  
Kir.

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Mantelle, please disregard my previous reply, I misread your email.

See my answer to Jose.

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Posted by [youp](#) on Tue, 13 Feb 2007 06:27:22 GMT  
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Yes in effect , my error is in /etc/bashrc :

This line

```
mesg y
```

```
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```

Regards  
Mantelle johan

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From: [users-bounces@openvz.org](mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org) [mailto:[users-bounces@openvz.org](mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org)] On Behalf Of Kir Kolyshkin

To: [users@openvz.org](mailto:users@openvz.org)  
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If you are curious, you can run strace on it (i.e. change 'mesg y' to 'strace -f -o /tmp/mesg-y-strace-out mesg y') and see what files it tries to open etc.

Still, to me it looks like distro-specific problem. What distribution are you using?

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