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Subject: rhel4.2 vps sshd daemon problem  
Posted by [shishi](#) on Thu, 26 Jan 2006 15:50:04 GMT  
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Hello,  
I have problem with sshd on RedHat Enterprise 4 update 2 VPS. Every time when I try run /usr/sbin/sshd it just prints

"Jan 26 14:34:14 rhel4 sshd[32341]: fatal: daemon() failed: No such device"

into a log file and dies. If started in debug mode (/usr/sbin/sshd -d) in foreground it runs fine and I can connect from outside.

I would very appreciate any help.

Shi

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Posted by [dim](#) on Thu, 26 Jan 2006 15:59:44 GMT  
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run strace on it like:  
strace -fF -o log /usr/sbin/sshd  
and find out ENODEV in log  
This will help to determine what's wrong.

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Posted by [shishi](#) on Thu, 26 Jan 2006 16:22:52 GMT  
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Thanks for reply.

There is no ENODEV in the strace log (attached)

Shi

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#### File Attachments

1) [sshd.log](#), downloaded 313 times

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ls -al /dev/null

seems that it is regular file instead of character device

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Posted by [shishi](#) on Thu, 26 Jan 2006 17:00:30 GMT  
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That was it! I have no idea how it happened I have just installed the machine... (there was wrong urandom as well..)

Thank you very much for your help.

Shi

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Posted by [snowdeal](#) on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 21:30:53 GMT  
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hmmmm. i just encountered this exact same problem with centos 4. ssh was working fine and then wasn't and i discovered that /dev/null had magically transmogrified into a plain plain text file.

any ideas on how this happens?

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Posted by [dev](#) on Wed, 22 Feb 2006 08:30:21 GMT  
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I suppose this happens when udev package is updated by yum.  
AFAIK, it removes the whole /dev content...

Probably, Kir should suggest how to avoid this.

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Posted by [aistis](#) on Wed, 22 Feb 2006 11:44:17 GMT  
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by modifying /vz/template/centos/4/i386/config/yum.conf and setting "exclude" line to something like this:

exclude=mkinit\* up2date\* firstboot rhn-applet lockdev udev linuxwacom minicom

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system-config-display system-config-soundcard system-config-network-tui gphoto2 linuxwacom  
gphoto2 kudzu desktop-printing hal-cups-utils kdegraphics system-config-packages  
system-config-network
```

Aistis

P.S. i put so much stuff in this line in order to successfully install X windows stuff inside VPS.