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Subject: init output

Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 07:19:34 GMT

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Hi all,

is it possible to capture the output of the init process (to see what happens on VE startup)?

- Dietmar

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Posted by [dev](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 08:04:14 GMT

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Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 09:08:26 GMT

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Is that the way to do it?

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OK, tried it both ways, but output is truncated by vzctl stop.

For example the following init script:

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#!/bin/sh

```
# file must be there - create it
echo >/var/log/init.log
export CONSOLE=/var/log/init.log
exec /sbin/init.org
```

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then I start the VE and try to view the log:

```
> vzctl start 777
```

```
> tail -100f /var/lib/vz/root/777/var/log/init.log
stty: standard input: Inappropriate ioctl for device
/etc/rcS.d/S03udev: line 265: echo: write error: Operation not permitted
Activating swap...done.
mount: permission denied
Cleaning up ifupdown....
....
```

That works quite good so far, but when I stop the VE the file gets truncated:

```
tail: /var/lib/vz/root/777/var/log/init.log: file truncated
```

Any idea why? I already searched the sysvinit code sources, but found nothing there.

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Subject: RE: init output

Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 12:51:30 GMT

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killed.

- Dietmar

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Subject: AW: init output

Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 13:02:19 GMT

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Ah, got it - its because i need to pass correct parameters to init.

- Dietmar

> Von: users-bounces@openvz.org

> [mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org] Im Auftrag von Dietmar Maurer

> Gesendet: Dienstag, 11. Dezember 2007 13:52

> An: users@openvz.org; Kirill Korotaev

> Betreff: RE: [Users] init output

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Subject: Re: init output

Posted by [rkagan](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 14:29:37 GMT

On Tue, Dec 11, 2007 at 01:51:30PM +0100, Dietmar Maurer wrote:

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vzctl stop effectively calls 'init 0'. Now that /sbin/init is your script, it unconditionally truncates the log file, and then calls /sbin/init.org again without arguments.

To get what you want you need a slightly more elaborate script, something like the following (untested):

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
# file must be there - create it if we're pid 1
[ $$ = 1 ] && echo >/var/log/init.log
export CONSOLE=/var/log/init.log
exec /sbin/init.org "$@"
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That said, I do think we need to implement some sort of serial console-like device for VEs. We'll see what can be done here.

Roman.

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Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 16:23:54 GMT

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I already have a working init wrapper which uses a named pipe, and an additional logging process to read that named pipe and writes it into a file.

(init uses open without O\_APPEND, so setting CONSOLE=filename will never work)

Will post my script here as soon as it gets more stable.

- Dietmar

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