
Subject: VE fails to startx

Posted by [satimis](#) on Thu, 21 Aug 2008 15:16:33 GMT

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Hi folks,

xorg package installed
Xephyr desktop installed

[Host]# vzctl enter 101
entered into VE 101

[VE]# startx

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05:02:33 UTC 2008 i686

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(WW) warning, (EE) error, (NI) not implemented, (??) unknown.

(==) Log file: "/var/log/Xorg.0.log", Time: Thu Aug 21 14:46:31 2008

(==) Using config file: "/etc/X11/xorg.conf"

Fatal server error:

xf86OpenConsole: Cannot open /dev/tty0 (No such file or directory)

giving up.

xinit: Connection reset by peer (errno 104): unable to connect to X server
xinit: No such process (errno 3): Server error.

```
[VE]# ls -l /dev/ | grep tty0  
crw----- 1 root  root   4,  0 May 13 05:51 tty0
```

```
[VE]# lsmod  
Module              Size  Used by
```

```
[VE]# tail var/log/Xorg.0.log  
(II) Module pcidata: vendor="X.Org Foundation"  
compiled for 1.4.0.90, module version = 1.0.0  
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```

```
[VE]# exit  
logout  
exited from VE 101
```

```
[Host]# vzctl set 101 --devnodes /dev/tty:rw  
Incorrect device name /dev//dev/tty: No such file or directory  
Bad parameter for --devnodes: /dev/tty:rw
```

```
[Host]# vzctl set 101 --devnodes /dev/tty0:rw  
Incorrect device name /dev//dev/tty0: No such file or directory  
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```

Please advise how to fix the problem. TIA

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satimis

Subject: Re: VE fails to startx
Posted by [piavlo](#) on Thu, 21 Aug 2008 15:56:18 GMT
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http://wiki.openvz.org/X_inside_VE

Subject: Re: VE fails to startx
Posted by [satimis](#) on Sat, 23 Aug 2008 15:15:37 GMT
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Hi piavlo,

Thanks for your advice and URL. Performed following steps;

```
[Host]# ps -ef | grep init | grep -v grep
root    1    0 0 20:59 ?        00:00:01 /sbin/init
root   5529    1 0 21:00 ?          00:00:00 init
```

```
[Host]# netstat -anp | grep init | grep -v grep
unix 2    [ ]        DGRAM          6314    1/init        @/com/ubuntu/upstart
```

```
[Host]# initctl list
control-alt-delete (stop) waiting
logd (stop) waiting
rc-default (stop) waiting
rc0 (stop) waiting
rc1 (stop) waiting
rc2 (stop) waiting
rc3 (stop) waiting
rc4 (stop) waiting
rc5 (stop) waiting
rc6 (stop) waiting
rcS (stop) waiting
rcS-sulogin (stop) waiting
sulogin (stop) waiting
tty1 (start) running, process 6314
tty2 (start) running, process 4853
tty3 (start) running, process 4856
tty4 (start) running, process 4850
tty5 (start) running, process 4851
tty6 (start) running, process 4857
```

```
[Host]# vzctl set 101 --devnodes tty8:rw
Setting devices
WARNING: Settings were not saved and will be resetted to original values on next
```

```
[Host]# vzctl set 101 --devnodes tty8:rw save
non-option ARGV-elements: save
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Posted by [piavlo](#) on Sun, 24 Aug 2008 22:34:16 GMT
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To verify this would you mind performing the following test?:
Let's check if you can get virtual console with getty in VE
get displayed on HN monitor(just like like HN getty's which can be
accessed with Ctrl+Alt+F*)

- 1)First of all,if you have any, stop X server on HN, so that /dev/tty7 is not occupied by it.
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- 3) Give VE access to /dev/tty{0,7}
vzctl set 101 --devnodes tty0:rw
vzctl set 101 --devnodes tty7:rw
(don't know if /dev/tty0 is needed)
- 4)start your VE
- 5)Check in front of HN monitor if Ctrl+Alt+F7 gives you the virtual console of your VE.

Anyway the proper way to go is to use vnc server or XDMCP (which do not require console access) like explained in. http://wiki.openvz.org/X_inside_VE. Anyway you need real X server in VE only if you use the HN as your desktop station and want to run X server inside VE and not HN (hard to believe you actually want this).

Subject: Re: VE fails to startx
Posted by [satimis](#) on Mon, 25 Aug 2008 07:02:22 GMT
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Hi piavlo,

Ubuntu is running as Host here. The problem on Ubunut is without init 2/3/etc, only graphic and non-graphic modes. I can't do anything on grub menu. I tried it previously. On grub menu I have to select graphic/non graphic modes. On non-graphic mode it drops to root shell as rescue mode. I tried the OpenVZ kernel rescue mode. On root shell vzctl is not started. Nothing I can do.

I tried booting up Ubuntu. Pressed [Ctrl]+F3 switching to non graphic mode. However X is running. Ignoring it performed follows;

```
[Host]# vzctl stop 101
```

```
[Host]# initctl list
```

```
showing tty7 is not running
```

```
[Host]# vzctl create 101 --devnodes /etc/event.d/tty7
```

```
101: unrecognized option '--devnode'
```

```
[Host]# vzctl create 101 --device /etc/event.d/tty7
```

```
101: unrecognized option '--device'
```

Unable to proceed further.

Quote:

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I tried it before unable to to start/forward X. Then I tried entering VE to start X there to see whether it will work.

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Posted by [piavlo](#) on Mon, 25 Aug 2008 08:51:23 GMT
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/etc/event.d/tty7 is not a device, read more about upstart
And change your grub config to boot to non graphic runlevel
or simply stop X with one of /etc/init.d/{k,g,x}dm stop
