
Subject: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory

Posted by [kipu](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2008 08:27:06 GMT

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Hi everybody,

I have a problem when installing OpenVZ on Fedora 9. See details below:

```
# rpm -qa | grep ovz
ovzkernel-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2.i686
```

```
# fdisk -l
```

```
Disk /dev/sda: 7516 MB, 7516192768 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 913 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 16065 * 512 = 8225280 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x00007492
```

Device	Boot	Start	End	Blocks	Id	System
/dev/sda1	*	1	191	1534176	83	Linux
/dev/sda2		192	256	522112+	82	Linux swap / Solaris
/dev/sda3		257	913	5277352+	83	Linux

```
# cat /etc/fstab
/dev/sda1 / ext3 defaults 1 1
/dev/sda3 /vz ext3 defaults 1 2
tmpfs /dev/shm tmpfs defaults 0 0
devpts /dev/pts devpts gid=5,mode=620 0 0
sysfs /sys sysfs defaults 0 0
proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
/dev/sda2 swap swap defaults 0 0
```

```
# ls /boot
config-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2 initrd-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686.img
System.map-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686
config-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686 initrd-openvz-no-scsi.img
vmlinuz-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2
efi new-initrd.img
vmlinuz-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2
grub symvers-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2.gz
vmlinuz-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686
initrd-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2.img System.map-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2
```

```
# cat /boot/grub/menu.lst
```

```
# grub.conf generated by anaconda
#
# Note that you do not have to rerun grub after making changes to this file
# NOTICE: You do not have a /boot partition. This means that
#         all kernel and initrd paths are relative to /, eg.
#         root (hd0,0)
#         kernel /boot/vmlinuz-version ro root=/dev/sda1
#         initrd /boot/initrd-version.img
#boot=/dev/sda
default=0
timeout=5
splashimage=(hd0,0)/boot/grub/splash.xpm.gz
hiddenmenu
title OpenVZ (2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2)
    root (hd0,0)
    kernel /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2 ro root=/dev/sda3 vga=0x303
    initrd /boot/initrd-openvz-no-scsi.img
title Fedora (2.6.25-14.fc9.i686)
    root (hd0,0)
    kernel /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686 ro root=UUID=829512e2-91e7-4e67-9f92-24eced8ee9a3
    vga=0x303
    initrd /boot/initrd-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686.img
```

```
# cat /etc/sysctl.conf
# Kernel sysctl configuration file for Red Hat Linux
#
# For binary values, 0 is disabled, 1 is enabled.  See sysctl(8) and
# sysctl.conf(5) for more details.
```

```
# Controls IP packet forwarding
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
```

```
# Controls source route verification
net.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter = 1
```

```
# Do not accept source routing
net.ipv4.conf.default.accept_source_route = 0
```

```
# Controls the System Request debugging functionality of the kernel
kernel.sysrq = 1
```

```
# Controls whether core dumps will append the PID to the core filename.
# Useful for debugging multi-threaded applications.
kernel.core_uses_pid = 1
```

```
# Controls the use of TCP syncookies
net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 1
```

```
net.ipv4.conf.default.proxy_arp = 0
```

```
# Enables source route verification
```

```
net.ipv4.conf.all.rp_filter = 1
```

```
#
```

```
# We do not want all our interfaces to send redirects
```

```
net.ipv4.conf.default.send_redirects = 1
```

```
net.ipv4.conf.all.send_redirects = 0
```

```
# cat /etc/sysconfig/selinux
```

```
# This file controls the state of SELinux on the system.
```

```
# SELINUX= can take one of these three values:
```

```
# enforcing - SELinux security policy is enforced.
```

```
# permissive - SELinux prints warnings instead of enforcing.
```

```
# disabled - No SELinux policy is loaded.
```

```
SELINUX=disabled
```

```
# SELINUXTYPE= can take one of these two values:
```

```
# targeted - Targeted processes are protected,
```

```
# mls - Multi Level Security protection.
```

```
SELINUXTYPE=targeted
```

The initrd-openvz-no-scsi.img is created by command:

```
# mkinitrd --omit-scsi-modules -f /boot/initrd-openvz-no-scsi.img 2.6.18-92.1.1.el5.028stab057.2
```

But the follow messages appear when I reboot:

Quote:

Mounting root filesystem.

mount: could not find filesystem '/dev/root'

Setting up other filesystems.

Setting up new root fs

setuproot: moving /dev failed: No such file or directory

no fstab.sys, mounting internal defaults

setuproot: error mounting /proc: No such file or directory

setuproot: error mounting /sys: No such file or directory

Switching to new root and running init.

unmounting old /dev

unmounting old /proc

unmounting old /sys

switchroot: mount failed: No such file or directory

Bootting has failed.

I have tried:

- modify initrd image follow this guide: http://wiki.openvz.org/Modifying_initrd_image
- Open init file and change "mount /sysroot" to:
mount -t ext3 -o defaults,ro /dev/sda3 /sysroot
- replace initrd-openvz-no-scsi.img with new-initrd.img in menu.lst

but the above messages still appear and I cannot boot to OpenVZ.

Anyone help me? Thank in advance.

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory
Posted by [maratrus](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2008 12:39:20 GMT

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Hello,

- what driver should support your disk?
- could you also show "lscpi" "and lspci -n" outputs?
- why did you create initrd with "omit-scsi-modules" option?

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory
Posted by [kipu](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2008 15:08:26 GMT

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Hello maratrus,

maratrus wrote on Wed, 15 October 2008 08:39Hello,

- what driver should support your disk?
- could you also show "lscpi" "and lspci -n" outputs?

lspci

```
00:00.0 Host bridge: Intel Corporation 440FX - 82441FX PMC [Natoma] (rev 02)
00:01.0 ISA bridge: Intel Corporation 82371SB PIIX3 ISA [Natoma/Triton II]
00:01.1 IDE interface: Intel Corporation 82371AB/EB/MB PIIX4 IDE (rev 01)
00:02.0 VGA compatible controller: InnoTek Systemberatung GmbH VirtualBox Graphics Adapter
00:03.0 Ethernet controller: Advanced Micro Devices [AMD] 79c970 [PCnet32 LANCE] (rev 40)
00:04.0 System peripheral: InnoTek Systemberatung GmbH VirtualBox Guest Service
00:07.0 Bridge: Intel Corporation 82371AB/EB/MB PIIX4 ACPI (rev 08)
00:0d.0 SATA controller: Intel Corporation 82801HBM/HEM (ICH8M/ICH8M-E) SATA AHCI
Controller (rev 02)
```

lspci -n

```
00:00.0 0600: 8086:1237 (rev 02)
```

00:01.0 0601: 8086:7000
00:01.1 0101: 8086:7111 (rev 01)
00:02.0 0300: 80ee:beef
00:03.0 0200: 1022:2000 (rev 40)
00:04.0 0880: 80ee:cafe
00:07.0 0680: 8086:7113 (rev 08)
00:0d.0 0106: 8086:2829 (rev 02)

maratrus wrote on Wed, 15 October 2008 08:39

- why did you create initrd with "omit-scsi-modules" option?

I googled and followed this guide:

http://www.virtuatopia.com/index.php/A_Xen_Guest_OS_fails_to_boot_with_a_%22switchroot:_mount_failed:_No_such_file_or_directory_error_message%22_error_message.

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory

Posted by [maratrus](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2008 15:31:02 GMT

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Hello,

could you please check that ahci and ata_piix modules are in openvz initrd?

I know that it's unfair but could you compare openvz and /boot/initrd-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686.img images. Do they have identical modules or if not what the difference?

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory

Posted by [kipu](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 02:09:56 GMT

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maratrus, thanks for your quick reply

maratrus wrote on Wed, 15 October 2008 11:31Hello,

could you please check that ahci and ata_piix modules are in openvz initrd?

There is no ahci module.

That is a part of initrd file content:

```
echo "Loading ehci-hcd module"
modprobe -q ehci-hcd
echo "Loading ohci-hcd module"
modprobe -q ohci-hcd
echo "Loading uhci-hcd module"
```

```
modprobe -q uhci-hcd
mount -t usbfs /proc/bus/usb /proc/bus/usb
echo "Loading ext3 module"
modprobe -q ext3
echo "Loading scsi_mod module"
modprobe -q scsi_mod
echo "Loading libata module"
modprobe -q libata
echo "Loading ata_piix module"
modprobe -q ata_piix
```

maratrus wrote on Wed, 15 October 2008 11:31

I know that it's unfair but could you compare openvz and /boot/initrd-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686.img images. Do they have identical modules or if not what the difference?

```
# diff init ../initrd.fc9/init
52a53,54
> echo "Loading sd_mod module"
> modprobe -q sd_mod
54a57,58
> echo "Loading ata_generic module"
> modprobe -q ata_generic
58a63,68
> echo "Loading pata_acpi module"
> modprobe -q pata_acpi
> echo Waiting for driver initialization.
> stabilized --hash --interval 250 /proc/scsi/scsi
> modprobe scsi_wait_scan
> rmmod scsi_wait_scan
64c74
< mount -t ext3 -o defaults,ro /dev/sda3 /sysroot
---
> mount /sysroot
```

I think problem is sd_mod module? What do you think?

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory
Posted by [maratrus](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 06:56:22 GMT
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Hi,

yes I think it definitely might be a problem.
First of all try to load it manually as described in wiki page.

Quote:

There is no ahci module.

It's not a problem. ata_piix should support both SATA and IDE o your node.

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory

Posted by [kipu](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 07:07:28 GMT

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Hi,

maratrus wrote on Thu, 16 October 2008 02:56Hi,

yes I think it definitely might be a problem.

First of all try to load it manually as described in wiki page.

I edited OpenVZ init script to the same from initrd-2.6.25-14.fc9.i686.img, except for:

```
# diff initrd.fc9/init initrd/init
```

```
74c74
```

```
< mount /sysroot
```

```
---
```

```
> mount -t ext3 -o defaults,ro /dev/sda3 /sysroot
```

but nothing changed.

If I leave it as:

```
mount /sysroot
```

I will get the following messages:

Quote:

```
VFS: cannot open root device "/dev/sda3" or unknow-block (hd0,0)
```

```
please apppend a correct "root=" boot option
```

```
kernel panic -not syncing:VFS:unable to mount root fs on unknown-block (hd0,0)
```

Subject: Re: [Fedora 9] switch root: mount failed: no such file or directory

Posted by [maratrus](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 07:19:16 GMT

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Hi,

- please try to make openvz-initrd without "--omit-scsi-modules" option.
 - are there any errors before the "cannot open root device" message. If all the modules are loaded correctly?
 - could you please show init scripts from fc9-initrd and openvz-initrd images and also make sure that inside initrd image /lib directory contains modules that are matched to openvz kernel (sd_mod for example).
- Could you also show /lib directory inside openvz-initrd image.
- could you please try in menu.lst file change root=/dev/sda3 to root=UUID=829512e2-91e7-4e67-9f92-24eced8ee9a3.
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