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Subject: init process has other than root group ID  
Posted by [alessio55](#) on Sat, 03 Apr 2010 05:13:05 GMT

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When a container boots, init and other processes started by it (sshd, xinetd, etc) are reported (by top) running under user root, but the group for them is not root, but is somewhere in the range 500+ (on a fresh install without any users /etc/passwd has nothing for those numbers yet). So it looks like pid is virtualized and gid is not. Is this normal for OpenVZ? The consequence is that there are a bunch of files created by those processes in /etc and /var that normally would have group root, but in OpenVZ container have group of a regular user, which is not great for security reasons. Anybody else seeing this (start top, then Shift-F,F,Enter to get top to show group)?

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root  
Posted by [curx](#) on Sat, 03 Apr 2010 09:37:27 GMT

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Hi,

have you used a precompiled OpenVZ OS-Template or used a downloaded Template (distribution ?)

Bye,  
Thorsten

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Posted by [alessio55](#) on Sat, 03 Apr 2010 09:50:21 GMT

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I don't know. It is on VPS that I am renting. I know they are running SolusVM. They could not explain to me why it is like that.

```
uname -a
Linux ****.com 2.6.18-164.11.1.el5.028stab068.5 #1 SMP Mon Mar 15 19:26:36 MSK 2010
x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

```
cat /etc/redhat-release
CentOS release 5.4 (Final)
```

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Posted by [curx](#) on Sun, 04 Apr 2010 16:43:23 GMT

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> (...) files created by those processes in /etc and /var (...)

plz post:

```
$ ls -la /  
$ ls -la /etc/<FILES>  
$ ls -la /var/<FILES>
```

Bye,  
Thorsten

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root  
Posted by [alessio55](#) on Sun, 04 Apr 2010 17:16:37 GMT  
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I cannot do it anymore, since I fixed group ownership for them already. Those were mostly config files created in the process of installation of various packages and system configuration. A lot of webmin and virtualmin files. Right now only the files that are re-created on every boot have wrong group or whichever config files that I edit through webmin.

```
top - 13:18:24 up 12:32, 1 user, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00  
Tasks: 41 total, 1 running, 40 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie  
Cpu(s): 0.0%us, 0.2%sy, 0.0%ni, 99.8%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st  
Mem: 1048576k total, 87432k used, 961144k free, 0k buffers  
Swap: 0k total, 0k used, 0k free, 0k cached
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	GROUP	COMMAND
1702	root	15	0	12064	1716	1280	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.01	root	bash
3495	root	15	0	12608	1236	948	R	0.0	0.1	0:00.04	root	top
25767	root	18	0	61728	2500	1852	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.13	root	dovecot-auth
3312	postfix	15	0	54204	2256	1744	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	postfix	anvil
25672	postfix	15	0	55100	2248	1748	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	postfix	pickup
30629	postfix	15	0	54388	2388	1828	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	postfix	qmgr
30638	postfix	15	0	54204	2328	1812	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.03	postfix	tlsmgr
25836	nobody	15	0	51532	1580	576	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	nobody	proftpd
1994	dovecot	15	0	33892	2244	1780	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	dovecot	pop3-login
3206	dovecot	15	0	33892	2244	1780	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	dovecot	pop3-login

```

3239 dovecot 15 0 33892 2244 1780 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.00 dovecot pop3-login
25833 dovecot 15 0 33896 2256 1792 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.00 dovecot imap-login
25834 dovecot 15 0 33896 2260 1792 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.01 dovecot imap-login
25835 dovecot 15 0 33896 2256 1792 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.01 dovecot imap-login
25853 apache 15 0 246m 4196 492 S 0.0 0.4 0:00.00 apache httpd
25894 apache 18 0 334m 9876 2448 S 0.0 0.9 0:00.08 apache httpd
25895 apache 15 0 334m 10m 3116 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.05 apache httpd
25896 apache 15 0 334m 10m 3192 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.04 apache httpd
25897 apache 15 0 334m 10m 3216 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.05 apache httpd
25898 apache 15 0 334m 9992 2524 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.04 apache httpd
25899 apache 18 0 334m 10m 3040 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.04 apache httpd
25900 apache 15 0 334m 10m 3236 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.08 apache httpd
25901 apache 18 0 334m 10m 3172 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.04 apache httpd
25902 apache 15 0 334m 10m 3120 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.06 apache httpd
25903 apache 17 0 334m 10m 3060 S 0.0 1.0 0:00.05 apache httpd

 1 root 15 0 10348 748 624 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio init
1623 root 16 0 87976 3268 2552 S 0.0 0.3 0:00.02 alessio sshd
1680 alessio 18 0 88120 1952 1112 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.02 alessio sshd
1683 alessio 15 0 12064 1640 1284 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.00 alessio bash
1701 root 15 0 47096 1436 1116 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio su
24358 root 16 -4 12604 676 360 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio udevd
25714 root 15 0 5908 620 500 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.04 alessio syslogd
25738 root 15 0 62632 1216 652 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio sshd
25758 root 18 0 21644 928 716 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio xinetd

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```

25766 root    15  0 6052 664 512 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.12 alessio  dovecot
25820 root    15  0 55036 2284 1752 S 0.0 0.2 0:00.17 alessio  master
25847 root    15  0 334m 15m 8256 S 0.0 1.5 0:00.09 alessio  httpd
25856 root    15  0 20876 1188 592 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio  crond
25864 root    18  0 48836 1264 812 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.06 alessio  saslauthd
25865 root    18  0 48836 1196 744 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.06 alessio  saslauthd
25917 root    18  0 71840 8924 1676 S 0.0 0.9 0:00.50 alessio  miniserv.pl

```

```

/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-venet0:0
/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-venet0
/etc/webmin/webmin/history
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/memused
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/maxes
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/procs
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/load15
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/cpuio
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/bin
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/bout
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/load
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/cpuuser
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/netcounts
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/load5
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/diskused
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/cpuidle
/etc/webmin/webmin/history/cpukernel
/etc/webmin/webmin/info
/etc/webmin/virtual-server-theme/sections.root
/etc/webmin/virtual-server-theme/sections
/etc/webmin/module.infos.cache
/etc/webmin/package-updates/updates.cache
/etc/webmin/package-updates/current.cache
/etc/webmin/virtual-server/nospam/127024058129970
/etc/resolv.conf
/etc/rc.d/rc1.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc4.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc0.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc6.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc3.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc5.d/S10vzquota
/etc/rc.d/rc2.d/S10vzquota

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/etc/postfix/main.cf  
/aquota.group  
/aquota.user  
/var/lib/dovecot/ssl-parameters.dat  
/var/lib/rpm/\_\_db.002  
/var/lib/rpm/\_\_db.003  
/var/lib/rpm/\_\_db.001  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin/primary.xml.gz  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin/primary.xml.gz.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/rpmforge/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/rpmforge/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/rpmforge/primary.xml.gz  
/var/cache/yum/rpmforge/primary.xml.gz.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/rpmforge/mirrorlist.txt  
/var/cache/yum/timedhosts.txt  
/var/cache/yum/extras/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/extras/primary.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/extras/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/extras/mirrorlist.txt  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin-universal/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin-universal/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin-universal/primary.xml.gz  
/var/cache/yum/virtualmin-universal/primary.xml.gz.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/updates/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/updates/primary.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/updates/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/updates/mirrorlist.txt  
/var/cache/yum/addons/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/addons/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/addons/primary.xml.gz  
/var/cache/yum/addons/primary.xml.gz.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/addons/mirrorlist.txt  
/var/cache/yum/base/repomd.xml  
/var/cache/yum/base/primary.sqlite  
/var/cache/yum/base/cachecookie  
/var/cache/yum/base/mirrorlist.txt  
/var/lock/subsys/saslauthd  
/var/lock/subsys/xinetd  
/var/lock/subsys/dovecot  
/var/lock/subsys/syslog  
/var/lock/subsys/local  
/var/lock/subsys/webmin  
/var/lock/subsys/network  
/var/lock/subsys/proftpd  
/var/lock/subsys/iptables  
/var/lock/subsys/httpd

/var/lock/subsys/postfix  
/var/lock/subsys/crond  
/var/lock/subsys/sshd  
/var/webmin/miniserv.pid  
/var/run/saslauthd/mux  
/var/run/saslauthd/mux.accept  
/var/run/saslauthd/saslauthd.pid  
/var/run/dovecot/dict-server  
/var/run/dovecot/master.pid  
/var/run/dovecot/login/ssl-parameters.dat  
/var/run/fcgid\_shm  
/var/run/xinetd.pid  
/var/run/syslogd.pid  
/var/run/httpd.pid  
/var/run/crond.pid  
/var/run/sshd.pid  
/usr/libexec/webmin/postfix/postfinger.15551.d  
/usr/libexec/webmin/postfix/postfinger.15551.n  
/tmp/.webmin/458785\_1\_right.cgi  
/tmp/.webmin/508412\_1\_right.cgi  
/tmp/.webmin/36711\_1\_right.cgi  
/tmp/.webmin/396838\_1\_right.cgi  
/tmp/.webmin/236818\_1\_right.cgi  
/dev  
/dev/log  
/dev/simfs  
/dev/initctl  
/dev/mapper  
/dev/md0  
/dev/.udev  
/dev/.udev/uevent\_seqnum  
/dev/XOR  
/dev/MAKEDEV  
/dev/core  
/dev/shm

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root

Posted by [curx](#) on Mon, 05 Apr 2010 11:01:30 GMT

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---8<...

(...)

1 root 15 0 10348 748 624 S 0.0 0.1 0:00.00 alessio init

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(...)

---8<...

plz check your /etc/group file

Bye,  
Thorsten

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root  
Posted by [alessio55](#) on Mon, 05 Apr 2010 12:40:03 GMT  
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The file merely provides numeric group ID to group name mapping. When a fresh new VSP is created with only root and no user accounts yet, there is no even group name in top, just a numeric group ID like 500 (I also saw 501 and 503 on different nodes) instead of 0 for root.

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root  
Posted by [curx](#) on Mon, 05 Apr 2010 14:32:14 GMT  
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on a test template i can reproduce this behaviour :

1)  
Set sticky bit change group to not existant group 666

```
$ chmod g+s /sbin/init  
$ chown :666 /sbin/init
```

2) reboot  
after a ct (re)start and top

```
---8<...  
  PID USER   PR NI  VIRT  RES  SHR S %CPU %MEM  TIME+  GROUP  COMMAND  
    1 root    15  0 1980  684  592 S   0  0.3  0:00.02 666   init  
 3875 root    15  0 33136 1220  936 S   0  0.5  0:00.00 666   rsyslogd  
 3884 root    23  0 5276 1000  648 S   0  0.4  0:00.00 666   sshd  
 3899 root    15  0 2036  792  640 S   0  0.3  0:00.00 666   cron  
---8<...
```

seems this prob occures on a "bug" on creating the OS template  
check on a "fresh" OS template:

```
$ ls -la /  
(...)  
$ ls -la /sbin/init  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root (...)
```

are in your template any sticky bits set, like

-rwxr-sr-x 1 root <anynumbergroup> (...)

Bye,  
Thorsten

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Subject: Re: init gid is not root  
Posted by [alessio55](#) on Tue, 06 Apr 2010 05:23:02 GMT  
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I don't have access to the template on the host, but in my VPS I have it correct:  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 40968 Jan 21 2009 /sbin/init

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