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Subject: unable to lock password file

Posted by [marcgenou](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2010 07:42:16 GMT

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I am using a openvz kernel for Debian Squeeze 2.6.32-5-openvz-amd64

I have some troubles when I try to set users with vzctl or inside the container (all, even new containers):

```
vzctl set 555 --userpasswd xxx:whatever
```

```
Starting container ...
```

```
Container is mounted
```

```
Container start in progress...
```

```
useradd: unable to lock password file
```

```
Password change failed
```

```
Stopping container ...
```

```
Container was stopped
```

```
Container is unmounted
```

and inside the container:

```
deb5:/# adduser web
```

```
Adding user `web' ...
```

```
Adding new group `web' (1000) ...
```

```
groupadd: unable to lock group file
```

```
adduser: `/usr/sbin/groupadd -g 1000 web' returned error code 10. Exiting.
```

I removed all .pwd.lock from /etc but it is recreated every try.

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Subject: Re: unable to lock password file

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Seems it might formatted gfs2 partition

I've tested over a ext3 and no problem.

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