
Subject: Slackware 13 weirdness

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Having a weird problem with the Slackware 13 contributed template, and I was wondering if anyone else has seen this type of issue before. The template is straight download to the node, and then a vps built from it.

When you try changing the root password the process runs just as you will see below:

```
root@server:/# passwd
Changing password for root
Enter the new password (minimum of 5 characters)
Please use a combination of upper and lower case letters and numbers.
Bad password: too short.
Warning: weak password (enter it again to use it anyway).
passwd: password changed.
root@server:/#
```

It doesn't allow you to enter a password, it just spits out the above as soon as you hit enter after typing in passwd. The same is true if you type in passwd root. To see if it was just a root issue I created a slacktest user. The issue was the same:

```
root@server:/# useradd slacktest
root@server:/# passwd slacktest
Changing password for slacktest
Enter the new password (minimum of 5 characters)
Please use a combination of upper and lower case letters and numbers.
Bad password: too short.
Warning: weak password (enter it again to use it anyway).
passwd: password changed.
```

(also tried through the adduser process but resulted in the same result on password entry)

```
root@server:/# ls -l /usr/bin/passwd
-rws--x--x 1 root root 56255 Feb 28 2010 /usr/bin/passwd*
```

The node is running the following:

CentOS release 5.5 (Final)

```
root@server:/# uname -a
Linux 2.6.32-feoktistov.1 #1 SMP Fri Mar 4 19:19:45 MSK 2011 i686
```

Any one else seen this issue before in either Slack13 template or in a different template. This is the first time I have ever seen something like this and not exactly sure what the issue is. I don't believe its due to the template being i386 running on a x86_64 system as Slack12 template does not have this issue.
