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Posted by [Steve Hodges](#) on Fri, 27 Jul 2007 12:03:16 GMT

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Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:56:10 GMT

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Posted by [Steve Hodges](#) on Sat, 28 Jul 2007 01:59:59 GMT
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It might be a stupid question, but is that problem caused by the simple fact that there's no terminal created during vzctl exec -- so everything that requires a terminal (for example, any ncurses/slang-based application like top) fails.

Possible solution would be to implement execterm command or the like, which is the same as exec but with a terminal.

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