

## Re: AIX 5.3 disaster recovery fro AIX newbie

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go into maint mode, add an entry for root in /etc/passwd... ensure that system group is in /etc/system, ensure that login=true for root and then reboot. that will get you into the server to restore/rebuild the rest of the file.

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From: IBM AIX Discussion List [mailto:aix-l@Princeton.EDU] On Behalf Of Kovetsky, Dmitry

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 1:20 PM

To: aix-l@Princeton.EDU

Subject: Re: AIX 5.3 disaster recovery fro AIX newbie

>are you in the server in maint mode?

No.

> how do you know the file is ZERO length?

I know just because I cannot get in and examined the script it ran. Script would result 0 /etc/passwd file. Too late though.

-----Original Message-----

From: IBM AIX Discussion List [mailto:aix-l@Princeton.EDU] On Behalf Of Lindsey, James

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From: IBM AIX Discussion List [mailto:aix-l@Princeton.EDU] On Behalf Of Kovetsky, Dmitry

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Good morning everyone

Now I've got a chance to practice AIX disaster recovery: one of the scripts smoked /etc/passwd file, to zero. Machine is micropartition, freshly installed but due to some reasons rebuild is not an option. Could you please advise how to I recover from this situation? (Way to boot to single user? Mount rootvg and restore passwd from other machine?)

Thanks in advance

Dmitry

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