

Re: Trouble-shooting Cron Problems FreeBSD5.4

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On Tuesday 31 October 2006 12:08, Martin McCormick wrote:

After building a new FreeBSD5.4 system, I have done something bad to it.

When cron runs jobs in /etc/crontab as operator, it seems as if that 6TH field in /etc/crontab is being interpreted as a command rather than the user ID it is supposed to run under. I keep getting messages like:

From: operator@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Cron Daemon)
Subject: Cron <operator@system> root newsyslog

root: not found

Comparing this system with another properly-functioning 5.4 system has, as of yet, shown nothing unusual. If I become root and manually run the job in question, it runs without a complaint.

The crontab file on the problem system is an exact copy of the crontab file on the working system. Both crons appear to be running with the same flags as in

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465 ?? Ss 3:24.39 /usr/sbin/cron -s
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Any suggestions as to what I should look at next? Both systems' crons are showing the same environments if I make them run the env command. Many thanks.

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Martin,

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Post the offending line or even all of /etc/crontab

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