

Re: FC2 groupadd error: unable to lock group file

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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

it was likely that some process that you had started but backgrounded kept the file open. rebooting naturally killed the program.

– Kevin

On Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:35:58 -0400, Kurt Hansen <khansen@charityweb.net> wrote:

> *Hi,*

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> *Problem solved. Just want to include it here in case anyone else runs into this and searches for an answer*

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> *After re-booting the next day, it worked. I'm not sure why. I suspect the lock happened because I first got an error when running groupadd. I suspect it exited abnormally and thus did not release it's lock.*

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> *Take care,*

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> *Kurt Hansen*

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> *Kurt Hansen wrote:*

>> *Hello,*

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>> *I'm trying to add a group using the groupadd command, e.g.*

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>> *#!/usr/sbin/groupadd -r newgroup*

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>> *but get the error:*

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>> *groupadd: unable to lock group file*

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>> *I was able to do it on FC1 and earlier Red Hat editions. What am I doing wrong? I've tried it both as logging in as root and su'ing to root.*

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>> *The "Add user & group" GUI utility works, but I need the command line because I will be setting up systems remotely that are behind a firewall*

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> > *that only allows SSH through.*

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> > *Thanks!*

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> > *Kurt Hansen*

> > *khansen@charityweb.net*

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