

Re: Can't boot up!

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boo tfomr installation disk and go to rescue mode :

- check free space
- go through your logs in /var/log/

nobody is using that box doesnt means that nothin is going in there.. there is a possibility that linux is crashed or hacked(since it wont take the password set, could be a typo mistake)

regards,

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<http://www.linux-faqs.com/>

----- "Joshua B. Lilly" <josh@patrick-county.org> wrote:

- > *RedHat ES 3*
- > *IBM Server 8676, Model G1X*
- >
- > *It's been running fine for months. It's going to be our*
- > *new mail server.*
- > *No problems. Well, it hasn't been touched in a couple of*
- > *months (literally,*
- > *the mouse and keyboard have been on a shelf and it has*
- > *not been touched, and*
- > *it has not been live and nobody has been able to log into*
- > *it remotely or*
- > *locally). So I try to log in to do some work, but the*
- > *root password won't*
- > *work when I go to add users through the graphical*
- > *interface for some new*
- > *staff for when we go live. I know what the root password*
- > *is, I know I'm*
- > *typing it correctly, it's just bizarre. I open a command*
- > *line and try to su*
- > *to root. su won't work. Very bizarre. So I reboot the*
- > *thing, I do it*

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> *through the clicking method. Other than what I have*
> *described above,*
> *literally nothing – NOTHING – has been done on this*
> *machine in months. This*
> *means, not so much as clicking on the menu, not opening a*
> *text file or*
> *Internet browser, not clicking on the desktop: NOTHING.*
>
> *The machine will not boot up.*
>
> {
> *Welcome to Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES*
> *Press 'I' to enter Interactive startup.*
> *grep: /proc/cmdline: No such file or directory*
> *grep: /proc/mounts: No such file or directory*
> *Configuring kernel parameters:*
> *[OK]*
> *iiSetting clock (localtime): Tue May 10 09:57:36 EDT*
> *2005 [OK]*
> *Loading default keymap (us):*
> *[OK]*
> *Setting hostname webmail:*
> *[OK]*
> *cat: /proc/cmdline: No such file or directory*
> }
>
> *At this point, I can hit CTRL-C and get two more lines:*
>
> {
> *INIT: Entering runlevel: 5*
> *cat: /proc/cpuinfo: No such file or directory*
> }
>
> *I can't do anything else at this point.*
>
> *I tried to use RESCUE MODE from the boot CD, and I can*
> *get to a shell, but*
> *don't know how to correct this once I get there. I*
> *checked the /etc/fstab*
> *and it looks perfectly normal. I just don't get it.*
> *It's on a UPS made for*
> *servers, but it's still possible this was all started by*
> *a powersurge or*
> *something. Again, when I say NOTHING other than what I*
> *described was done*
> *on this server over the past months, I mean that in the*
> *most literal way.*
> *That is what has me so baffled. But at this point, I*
> *just need some way to*
> *get it to work! I'd appreciate any advice. I've*
> *compared the /etc/fstab to*

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> *the one reference I could find to this exact problem on*
> *Usenet, and mine*
> *matches up identically to that one, so I'm thinking that*
> *is not the issue.*
>
> – *Joshua B. Lilly*
> *Patrick County Public Schools*
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