

RE: problem in log files

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 - *Date:* Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:10:29 +0000
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Marcos & Vivek,

Sorry – I addressed my reply to the wrong person! Perhaps I should wear my glasses . . .

Alan.

From: stxsl_ajb@xxxxxxxxxxxx
To: redhat-list@xxxxxxxxxxxx
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:07:10 +0000
Subject: RE: problem in log files

Marcos,

I'm not sure if I understand exactly what it is you want to do. However I can tell you that the ".gz" files are being created because a line in /etc/logrotate.conf has been un-commented.

Change the line "compress" to "#compress".

If you want to reduce the number of weeks of back-logs you keep from four to – let's say – two, change the line in logrotate.conf "rotate 4" to "rotate 2". Now just remove the old back-logs:

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rm *. [1-4] *.gz
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From now on, for a logfile named, say "boot.log", you will just see the current logfile, "boot.log" and the previous two weeks back-logs, "boot.log.1" and "boot.log.2".

Hope this helps.
Alan.

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Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 08:40:01 -0200
From: deigratia33@xxxxxxxxxx
To: redhat-list@xxxxxxxxxx
Subject: Re: problem in log files

Sorry,

But i am not sure if i understood your problem...

Do you like to stop the log's rotate?

Because the logrotate is your friend, if you stop the logrotate your log files will be bigger and bigger...

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Marcos Aurelio Rodrigues (DE!Gr4t!4-33)

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On Nov 22, 2007 3:38 AM, Vivek Mangal wrote:

Hello All,
I have a great problem in my log files,
here is files of my /var/log directory,
in which some files are created automatically and they have
different dates
please help me, to stop these files parmanently.

```
# ll /var/log
total 87236
-rw-r----- 1 root root 3567 Nov 1 17:25 acpid
-rw----- 1 root root 14748 May 31 12:47 anaconda.log
-rw----- 1 root root 20805 May 31 12:47
anaconda.syslog
-rw----- 1 root root 55662 May 31 12:47
anaconda.xlog
drwxr-x--- 2 root root 4096 Mar 6 2007 audit
-rw----- 1 root root 6865 Nov 1 17:44 boot.log
-rw----- 1 root root 3564 Oct 30 13:39 boot.log.1.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 19426 Aug 31 15:30 boot.log.2
-rw----- 1 root root 1378 Oct 22 15:28 boot.log.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 18376 Aug 6 09:11 boot.log.3
-rw----- 1 root root 2823 Oct 18 11:48 boot.log.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 54531 Jul 31 15:38 boot.log.4
drwxr-xr-x 2 clamav clamav 4096 Oct 30 13:39 clamav
-rw----- 1 root root 902 Nov 1 18:32 cron
-rw----- 1 root root 329 Oct 30 13:39 cron.1.gz
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-rw----- 1 root root 1060 Aug 31 15:54 cron.2
-rw----- 1 root root 284 Oct 22 15:28 cron.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 1280 Aug 6 10:17 cron.3
-rw----- 1 root root 397 Oct 18 11:48 cron.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 2490 Jul 31 16:32 cron.4
drwxr-xr-x 2 lp sys 4096 Jul 18 16:32 cups
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 16310 Nov 1 17:25 dmesg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Nov 5 15:34 emt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 1 17:25 gdm
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Nov 5 15:23 httpd
-r----- 1 root root 230680 Nov 5 15:32 lastlog
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 26 12:18 mail
-rw----- 1 root root 19512000 Nov 5 15:34 maillog
-rw----- 1 root root 2436733 Oct 30 13:39 maillog.1.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 36652724 Aug 31 15:55 maillog.2
-rw----- 1 root root 953172 Oct 22 15:28 maillog.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 5409192 Aug 6 10:16 maillog.3
-rw----- 1 root root 7998411 Oct 18 11:48 maillog.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 10998119 Jul 31 16:32 maillog.4
-rw----- 1 root root 200692 Nov 5 15:32 messages
-rw----- 1 root root 90905 Oct 30 13:39 messages.1.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 1579936 Aug 31 15:55 messages.2
-rw----- 1 root root 25950 Oct 22 15:28 messages.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 246969 Aug 6 10:16 messages.3
-rw----- 1 root root 103682 Oct 18 11:48
messages.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 878330 Jul 31 16:32 messages.4
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Nov 2 2004 ppp
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 51744 Nov 1 18:32 prelink.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25508 Nov 1 18:32 rpmpkgs
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6970 Oct 30 13:39 rpmpkgs.1.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25166 Aug 6 10:17 rpmpkgs.2
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6963 Oct 22 15:28 rpmpkgs.2.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25166 Aug 2 14:12 rpmpkgs.3
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6965 Oct 18 11:48 rpmpkgs.3.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 24030 Jul 14 13:17 rpmpkgs.4
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 May 11 22:52 samba
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 124995 Aug 1 04:56
scrollkeeper.log
-rw----- 1 root root 25926 Nov 5 15:32 secure
-rw----- 1 root root 6500 Oct 30 13:39 secure.1.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 126332 Aug 31 15:49 secure.2
-rw----- 1 root root 2526 Oct 22 15:28 secure.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 22017 Aug 6 09:52 secure.3
-rw----- 1 root root 12092 Oct 18 11:48 secure.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 58731 Jul 31 16:27 secure.4
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Oct 30 13:39 spooler
-rw----- 1 root root 20 Oct 30 13:39 spooler.1.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Aug 6 10:17 spooler.2
-rw----- 1 root root 20 Oct 22 15:28 spooler.2.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Jul 31 16:32 spooler.3
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-rw----- 1 root root 20 Oct 18 11:48 spooler.3.gz
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Jul 11 13:50 spooler.4
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 358 Nov 1 21:39 up2date
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 473 Oct 30 13:39 up2date.1.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6052 Aug 31 14:20 up2date.2
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 435 Oct 22 15:28 up2date.2.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 306118 Aug 2 18:36 up2date.3
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 648 Oct 18 11:48 up2date.3.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62332 Jul 31 15:22 up2date.4
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 5 2004 vbox
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root utmp 68352 Nov 5 15:32 wtmp
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root utmp 49435 Nov 1 18:31 wtmp.1.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 107219 Nov 2 09:52 Xorg.0.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 53217 Oct 30 12:30 Xorg.0.log.old
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and their is /etc/logrotate.conf

see "man logrotate" for details

rotate log files weekly

weekly

keep 4 weeks worth of backlogs

rotate 4

create new (empty) log files after rotating old ones

create

uncomment this if you want your log files compressed

compress

RPM packages drop log rotation information into this

directory

include /etc/logrotate.d

no packages own wtmp -- we'll rotate them here

/var/log/wtmp {

monthly

create 0664 root utmp

rotate 1

}

please help me

i am not understanding, what i do to stop to create these files

and please tell me why they created ?

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