

logging in as root at the console

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I have RHEL ES 4.5 boxes, fully updated, and I have (as per instructions) removed all entries in /etc/security except for one line, which says "console". When I do a CTRL+ALT+1, then try to log in a root, it fails. When I look at the logs, I see this in /var/log/secure:

FAILED LOGIN 1 FROM (null) FOR root, Authentication failure.

My questions are, what does "console" so in /etc/security?

And what needs to be in /etc/security to allow root to log in directly, in this fashion (i.e. in an emergency)?

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