

Re: [SLE] Root password corrupt?

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To: Anders Johansson <andjoh@rydsbo.net>, <suse-linux-e@suse.com>

On 5/29/05 1:15 AM, "Anders Johansson" <andjoh@rydsbo.net> wrote:

> *On Sunday 29 May 2005 07:01, suse_gasjr4wd@mac.com wrote:*
>> *On 5/28/05 5:11 PM, "Anders Johansson" <andjoh@rydsbo.net> wrote:*
>>> *As for the problem, I would ask: is there a y or a z in the password, or*
>>> *some special characters? A common bug is that the keyboard is set to*
>>> *German regardless of what is selected during installation.*
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>> *I think that was the answer I was looking for...*
>> *Yes, there are y's or z's and-or special characters in the password.*
>> *Is there a work around for this?*
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>> *However, I have been able to log in for the past few months...so this is a*
>> *sudden thing. Same bug?*
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> *Hm, suddenly I'm not so sure I understand the situation.*
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> *After I sent the mail I noticed your reply to Ken's mail, where you said you*
> *couldn't even log in through ssh. Your comment was "nothing", what exactly*
> *does that mean? Do you mean the password doesn't work, or do you literally*
> *mean you get nothing, not even a password prompt when you try ssh:ing to the*
> *machine?*
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I have two users...using the (only) KDE GUI. Both work fine. When I go to control center, either user tries to make changes that require a su login (admin or root password), the password doesn't work. It has worked fine for the past few months. In the past, I did a google for changing the password didn't find much that I could do (somewhat CLI challenged, but I'm in therapy ;))

Anyway, I just did a reinstall... My boot drive isn't the shared drives, so it isn't that big a deal. The first time I just figured I forgot it or something. (I really didn't think so, but...) Then the second install, I made it something easy. That worked for a few months, then the same thing as now. I did a reinstall. This time I wrote the password down ON the box. (still simple) this worked for a few months, till now. I don't remember if I could ssh in via my OSX box with this latest build or not. (but yes, in

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the past I could)

In the past, I didn't have a mouse or keyboard connected to it unless needed, and then I just grabbed what ever brand I had sitting closest.

Now, I use a Iogear 4 port monitor USB-KVM switch. The USB didn't work...so I am just using the switch box for the monitor only...and have a separate keyboard (IBM brand, model KB-9910) and Microsoft mouse (basic optical mouse pn x09-13962) connected now. At first, I thought it was because I was trying to use a apple keyboard and Logitech mouse. I guess not.

If I try to ssh in now, it tells me the password isn't correct. (same thing as using the GUI) I can connect fine using samba file sharing with normal uses. Both normal users have no problems. I haven't got the netatalk configured right yet...would like to, but would like to figure this out first. Sharing works fine, I just can't make any admin changes...(guess that's the good part)

> *Have you ever been able to log in through ssh?*

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See above

> *How do you log in when you are sitting by the machine? Through the graphical login screen?*

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See above

> *If you are, then try switching to a text screen by pressing ctrl-alt-F1 and try logging in as root there. As far as I know, the german keyboard bug is only in graphical mode. If that works you can edit /etc/X11/XF86Config and change the XkbLayout from "de" to whatever it should be in your locale*

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> *But if my assumptions are wrong then the problem is elsewhere. It would help if you explained exactly how you are trying to log in, and exactly how it fails ('it doesn't work' isn't good. 'the screen flashes and brings me back to the login' or 'I get an error saying user or password is wrong' or something equally detailed is better)*

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Not sure if I answered the questions...I think I did.

I have not had a chance to try the other ideas yet...boot from the CD and change the password that way. (or changing the run level to 1 and doing it that way) But I would like to know why this is happening! and no, I didn't forget the password. Something is wrong and I hope I am explaining it right.

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Thanks,
George

"They that would give up essential liberty for temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin

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