

Re: Solaris root login only at console question

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On Mon, 21 Jan 2002 martha.crocker@philips.com wrote:

> *I was just running through my machines checking to make sure they had all been changed
> so that direct root login isn't allowed except on the console. I noticed an interesting thing
> with Solaris 2.5 & Sol 8, if I attempt a login as root, either with the correct password or with an
> incorrect password, I get the same message:*

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> *UNIX(r) System V Release 4.0 (nodename)*

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> *login: root*

> *Password:*

> *Not on system console*

> *Connection closed by foreign host.*

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> *BUT, if I do the same on Solaris 2.6 and 7, I only get this message if I supply the correct*

> *root password. If I supply the incorrect password, I get another prompt for username:*

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> *SunOS 5.6*

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> *login: root*

> *Password:*

> *Login incorrect*

> *login: root*

> *Password:*

> *Not on system console*

> *Connection closed by foreign host.*

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> *Has anyone else ever noticed this?*

> *Is this perhaps a bug?*

> *Is there a cure?*

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Have you modified your /etc/default/login at all?

the correct CONSOLE line would be
CONSOLE=/dev/console

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Of course, this would have no bearing on things like ssh unless UseLogin was set to true. Ssh has its own mechanisms for allowing or prohibiting remote login as root.

Doug

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