
Subject: Bug in base-files on Debian based systems.
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There seems to be a fairly wide-spread glitch going around on some Debian based systems.

/var/mail is being given incorrect permissions causing the mail system to fail.

On my system the group of /var/mail was set to man.

Please confirm that your /var/mail has the following:

drwxrwsr-x root mail

If not use the following commands to correct it:

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sudo chown root.mail /var/mail  
sudo chmod 2775 /var/mail
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Also, make sure your system is up to date.

Later,
Chris
