

## pfSense - Bug #6741

**/etc/rc.initial does not trap CTRL-C back to console menu but rather to # prompt.**

08/25/2016 12:29 PM - Dan Lundqvist

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	08/25/2016
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<b>Assignee:</b>	Renato Botelho	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Console Menu	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	2.3.3		
<b>Affected Version:</b>	2.3.2	<b>Affected Architecture:</b>	All

### Description

I found a problem with trap mechanism in /etc/rc.initial that does not trap CTRL-C back to ssh/cli console menu. Instead it ends up in # prompt. If I then do exit, it goes back to menu as it should.

I could see that the existing /etc/rc.initial has the trap 2 , 3 and 4 commented.

```
# make sure the user can't kill us by pressing Ctrl-C,  
# ctrl-z, etc.  
#trap : 2  
#trap : 3  
@#trap : 4
```

I tried to uncomment "trap 2" (which is CTRL-C) and then it worked as it should. Whenever I do CTRL-C it always return to the ssh/cli console menu.

I also had a look in the repository for the /etc/rc.initial and found a commit:

```
Scott Ullrich committed on 2 Mar 2007  
ctrl-c is handy in the shell. Do not lock out.  
RELENG_1_2_RELEASE
```

```
-trap : 2  
-trap : 3  
-trap : 4  
+#trap : 2  
+#trap : 3  
+#trap : 4
```

and

```
Scott Ullrich committed on 19 Jun 2005  
Misc comments  
RELENG_1_2_RELEASE
```

```
## make sure the user can't kill us by pressing Ctrl-C  
+# make sure the user can't kill us by pressing Ctrl-C,  
+# ctrl-z, etc.
```

However, I think this is not entirely true as what I found when testing was that with "trap 2" enabled the CTRL-C does work but the difference is that you will get back to console menu instead of # prompt.

As console menu has a menu "8 Shell" it is possible to get to pure shell even from console menu so the CTRL-C inside functions like "Filter Logs" will let the user get back to console menu instead of # prompt.

I am not sure though if the "trap 2" will break anything if executed from non Serial / Ssh console.

Best regards  
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## Associated revisions

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### Revision 533f3160 - 12/20/2016 10:29 AM - Renato Botelho

Revert "ctrl-c is handy in the shell. Do not lock out."

This doesn't seem to be a problem these days. Fixes #6741

This reverts commit e8b82b8191356d50a2f210067d7a9f32976d4075.

### Revision 0ecbaa0e - 12/20/2016 10:30 AM - Renato Botelho

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## History

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### #1 - 09/23/2016 10:24 AM - Jim Pingle

- Target version changed from 2.3.2\_1 to 2.4.0

### #2 - 11/18/2016 02:19 PM - Renato Botelho

- Assignee set to Renato Botelho

### #3 - 12/20/2016 10:40 AM - Renato Botelho

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Applied in changeset [533f3160a46672e3cf74f6fd1af952f966ae5b06](#).

### #4 - 12/23/2016 08:16 AM - Jim Pingle

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

Works well. I went into several console menu options and confirmed ^C returned to the menu from all of them rather than generating a shell prompt. From inside a shell prompt (option 8), ^C still worked as usual when working interactively as expected.

### #5 - 02/10/2017 10:51 AM - Jim Pingle

- Target version changed from 2.4.0 to 2.3.3