

pfSense - Bug #9526

/var/log/nginx/error.log - Never cleared, invisible, always grows until /var overflows :(

05/15/2019 07:26 PM - Pete Holzmann

Status:	Duplicate	Start date:	05/15/2019
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:		Affected Version:	
Plus Target Version:		Affected Architecture:	
Release Notes:			
Description <u>SYMPTOMS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My /var partition overflowed, causing havoc.• Found a huge /log/nginx/error.log with many weeks of data <u>ANALYSIS AND IMPACT</u> <p>This log file is essentially an invisible time bomb for pfSense admins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is invisible in the UI• It is not specifically configured in the nginx conf file (uses default /var/log/nginx/error.log)• It is not referenced nor cleared by any log rotation• Status -> System Logs -> Settings -> Reset Log Files does not clear this log (Thus, NOT true in docs: "Pressing this button will clear log data from all of the logs managed by the pfSense base system.")• It is not cleared on reboot <p>IOW, this error.log grows <i>ad nauseum</i> until pfSense dies. :(</p> <p>I'm running 2.4.4p2</p>			

History

#1 - 05/15/2019 07:28 PM - Jim Pingle

- Status changed from New to Duplicate

- Priority changed from Urgent to Normal

Will be irrelevant soon due to [#8350](#)

#2 - 05/15/2019 07:30 PM - Pete Holzmann

Jim Pingle wrote:

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In the meantime, a real killer ;)

#3 - 05/15/2019 08:22 PM - Pete Holzmann

Half-baked workaround: add an earlyshellcmd of

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rm /var/log/nginx/error.log
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This is easily accomplished with the shellcmd pkg
Only effective on reboot but better than nothing.

(Does [#8350](#) rearchitected so this error log is visible to the administrator? If so, good going, Jim :))

#4 - 05/15/2019 08:24 PM - Jim Pingle

For the vast majority of users, the nginx log does not contain much of anything. I'd look into what you've got going on there. But do so on the forum. This is not a site for that kind of discussion.