

cron vi Edit

Q: Why won't the entry on the last line of of my **/etc/crontab** or **/etc/crontab.local** file not execute? I'm certain the syntax is correct (I can execute the same command from a shell).

A: You've probably used the Edit program to add the last line of **crontab** or **crontab.local**. The **cron** program is very sensitive to the format of these files. If there is not a newline character following the last line, **cron** will not execute the last line. The solution is to edit the file by placing the cursor after the last character and pressing the

Return key. Note that **vi** does not exhibit this behavior (it automatically places a newline in the correct place).

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Valid for 1.0

Valid for 2.0

Valid for 3.0, 3.1