

TECHNICAL NOTICE

UNIX ROOT USER PRIVILEGES AND EDM LIBRARY SYSTEMS

It is extremely important that you never allow the UNIX *root* user or a user with root privileges to start EDM library system services. (As indicated in the Mezzanine installation handbooks, you should log in as the user *saros*, not *root*, to install and run EDM library systems.) If you do start EDM services as *root*, all associated library system processes become owned by *root*, and you may encounter serious anomalous behavior.

For example, in pre-4.1.1 EDM library systems, we found that a root user deleting one unprotected item could cause all stored document files and all storage repository directories to be deleted. This problem was eliminated in the 4.1.1 release, but it does point out the possible unforeseen results of running EDM library system services as *root*.

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