

Apache, PHP, FOPEN Permissions problem

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I have a fresh install of Fedora Core 4 with Apache 2.0.54 and PHP. Initially, default configuration does not start httpd automatically. During testing, I had started httpd manually at command line while logged in as root.

All testing works fine. I have a simple 4 or 5 line PHP script that attempts to open a file for writing. I can open the file and write to it, close it, etc. No errors.

I configure httpd to start during startup (either via Fedora init.d scripts or manually adding to rc.local. Apache starts, PHP runs fine (I can run phpinfo(), etc), but I get a Permission error on the FOPEN function. The script has not changed. HTTPD is running as user apache:apache. The file is located at the root level (moved for testing purposes) with permissions of 777, owned by apache:apache. I don't think it can get any simpler than this! 'ps aux' shows the httpd

processes are running identically eitherway (as user apache, no special options)

I open a command window and simply issue the following commands:

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/etc/rc.d/init.d/httpd stop  
/etc/rc.d/init.d/httpd start
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and then the FOPEN command in the script works! This must be something

very simple that I am overlooking. Why does the FOPEN not work when apache is started at boot time but works fine when stopped/started after I log in?

Is the PHP environment different depending on when/how Apache is

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started?

Please help! I have simple project that is being held up by this problem.

Thanks in advance!

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