

Prototype Mismatch in APR::XSLoader::BOOTSTRAP

Well, today I just did not believe my eyes.

I was just bringing up a new webmail host when I noticed Apache throwing an 500 internal server error at me.

Looking at the error log I saw this line:

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[Wed Jan 01 00:16:35 2003] [error] [client 127.0.0.1] Prototype mismatch: sub APR::XSLoader::BOOTSTRAP: none vs () at /usr/local/lib/perl5/site_perl/5.8.8/mach/APR/XSLoader.pm line 24. BEGIN failed--compilation aborted at /usr/local/lib/perl5/site_perl/5.8.8/mach/APR/XSLoader.pm line 26. Compilation failed in require at /usr/local/lib/perl5/site_perl/5.8.8/mach/Apache2/Reload.pm line 161.
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At first I thought to be going mad because that server had just worked only few hours ago. Why would it fail like that after relocating it?

At second thought I noticed the time stamp which said "Wed Jan 01 00:16:35 2003".

Well, the server had likely lost its CMOS settings during relocation. So after correcting the time through ntpdate the error had disappeared and Apache/mod_perl worked like a charm again. :-)