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Procmail suspicious rcfile message (/home/user/.procmailrc) solution

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Procmail is autonomous mail processor. Procmail should be invoked automatically over the .forward file mechanism as soon as mail arrives. It starts to look for a file named \$HOME/.procmailrc.

The rcfile can contain a mixture of environment variable assignments (some of which have special meanings to procmail), and recipes.

This is not really a big problem. It is related to file permission. Use chmod command (change file access permissions) to fix problem (assuming that your user name is vivek):

```
$ chmod 0640 /home/you/.procmailrc
```

OR

```
$ chmod 0640 ~/.procmailrc
```

Further, make sure the .procmailrc file is owned by you and not by someone else:

```
$ ls -l ~/.procmailrc
```

If file is not owned by you then use chown command to setup correct ownership (if your user name is vivek):

```
# chown vivek:vivek ~/.procmailrc
```

Finally make sure your home directory belongs to you only:

```
$ ls -ld ~
```

Use chown to setup correct group permission on your home directory:

```
# chown vivek:vivek /home/vivek
```

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