

# Moab

## Why do I see "cannot establish connection - Operation now in progress" when running commands as a non-root user?

### Issue:

When running client commands as a non-root user, I see:

ERROR: cannot establish connection - Operation now in progress  
(hostname:port=:42559)

### Symptom:

You will see the keywords "Operation now in progress" when running commands.

ERROR: cannot establish connection - ***Operation now in progress***  
(hostname:port=:42559)

### Solution:

In most cases, the environment needs to know where the \$MOABHOMEDIR is, and the Moab binaries must be in the environment path.

Example suggestions:

```
export MOABHOMEDIR=/opt/moab/
```

```
PATH=/var/opt/moab/bin:$PATH
```

Additionally, you will want to make sure the user can read the moab.cfg file found under \$MOABHOMEDIR or \$MOABHOMEDIR/etc/.

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