Recovery from "Volume Group Locked" Error Message

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Use this procedure if you get an error message stating that any volume group is locked. A possible error message is

```
0516-366 putlvodm: volume group rootvg is locked, try again
```

This document applies to AIX 3.1, 3.2, and 4.1.

Procedure

To unlock the volume group, enter:

```
putlvodm -K `getlvodm -v <vgname>`
```

where <vgname> is the name of the locked volume group. (Note the grave marks (back tics) before "getlvodm" and after "<vgname>".)

For machines running AIX 3.1 & 3.2 please see /usr/lpp/bos/README, in the Logical Volume Manager section. The aforementioned procedure is discussed here. There is other useful information regarding AIX 3.1, 3.2, and 4.1 that you may want to review in this file.

If for some reason you cannot type the grave marks, you can break down the command into its component parts:

1. Run: getlvodm -v rootvg

   Sample output: 00005264c192a1a3

2. Run: putlvodm -K 00005264c192a1a3

The command which gave you the "volume group locked" error should now work.

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