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Subject: Is apt-get really such a hog or am I doing something wrong? Debian issue  
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Hi All...

I'm trying to run a Debian x86\_64 VPS from a prebuilt template I DLed from sysfs, but it seems that apt-get is a major resource hog. It seems that the more resources I give it, the more it wants. Currently, I am running on the sample 'B' configuration from the wiki and still see apt-get failing because it can not allocate RAM and tcp buffers. From user\_beancounters:

uid	resource	held	maxheld
barrier	limit	failcnt	
1001:	kmemsize	1082179	2521031
2457600	2621400	133	
	tcprcvbuf	0	349072
319488	524288	244	

Is there a way around this, or do I just have to allocate huge amounts of resources to the VPS? I really don't want to do that if I can avoid it, because I'm hoping to get more than 16 or so VPSs going.

Am I just doing something wrong? Here are the errors I see:

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Do you want to continue? [Y/n]
Setting up makedev (2.3.1-83) ...
/sbin/MAKEDEV: warning: can't read /proc/devices
/sbin/MAKEDEV: line 160: /bin/rm: Cannot allocate memory
/sbin/MAKEDEV: line 138: /bin/rm: Cannot allocate memory
/sbin/MAKEDEV: fork: Cannot allocate memory
/sbin/MAKEDEV: /sbin/MAKEDEV: Too many open files in system
/var/lib/dpkg/info/makedev.postinst: fork: Cannot allocate memory
dpkg: error processing makedev (--configure):
 subprocess post-installation script returned error exit status 254
Errors were encountered while processing:
 makedev
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Thanks...

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