Subject: Re: Scripting ve creation

Posted by kir on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 12:27:10 GMT

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It might be a stupid question, but is that problem caused by the simple fact that there's no terminal created during vzctl exec -- so everything that requires a terminal (for example, any ncurses/slang-based application like top) fails.

Possible solution would be to implement execterm command or the like, which is the same as exec but with a terminal.

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Kirill Korotaev wrote:
> Steve.
> Good to know. Anyway I've created a bug
> http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show_bug.cgi?id=658
> so we'll try to reproduce and resolve your issue.
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> Thanks,
> Kirill
> Steve Hodges wrote:
>> We have a suitable workaround now. Instead of the creation script
>> running all the installs etc, it writes to an install script in the VE.
>> We then log in to the skeleton VE and run the script.
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>> Steve
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>>>> hm... something went differently and there is no such a message
>>>> in strace :/
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>>>> can you give me an access to the node to check it?
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>>>> Thanks.
>>>> Kirill
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>>>> Steve Hodges wrote:
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>>>>> The file is on my web server
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>>>>> http://steve-is-mucking-about.sexypenguins.com/out.gz
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>>>>> I noticed that the command did not terminate and had to be killed (I
>>>>> tried it a number of times with the same result)
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>>>>> the command I used was
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>>>> vzctl exec 101 strace -f -o /tmp/out apt-get install exim4 -y
>>>>>
>>>>> thanks
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>>>> Steve
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>>>> On 27/07/2007 9:56 PM, Kirill Korotaev wrote:
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>>>>> Can you please run the following command:
>>>>> # vzclt exec 110 strace -f -o /tmp/out apt-get install exim4
>>>>> and send me /tmp/out file (it will be created inside VE)?
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>>>>> Thanks.
>>>> Kirill
>>>>> P.S. it may require installing strace package first.
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>>>>> Steve Hodges wrote:
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>>>>> I'm trying to script the creation of a number of VEs. The template is a
>>>>> minimal Debian Etch.
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>>>>> part of what I'm trying to do is thinks like:
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>>>>> vzctl exec 110 apt-get install exim4
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>>>>> exim is one of those packages that wants to run dpkg-configure as part
>>>>> of the install (actually I think it's dpkg-preconfigure, but it's the
>>>>> same sort of thing)
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>>>>> When it gets to that stage it complains that it "can't re-open stdin"
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>>>>> and generally fails to complete the install.
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>>>>> Is there any way of executing a whole series of commands like this
>>>>> without having to run them all manually. Some things have to be done
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>>>>> >from outside the VE too, so just running a script in the VE is
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>>>>> problematic :-(
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>>>>> Steve
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