
Subject: Re: Cloning and permissions

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Peter Machell wrote:

```
> vzctl stop xx
> cp -R /vz/private/xx /vz/private/xxx
> cp -R /etc/vz/conf/xx.conf /etc/vz/conf/xxx.conf
> vzctl start xxx
```

To have cp preserve permissions, use the -p flag.

I use tar instead of cp, for situation like this. Tar, unlike cp, is smart enough to handle symbolic links, permissions, ownerships, and sparse files. Use this age-old Unix Jedi trick:

```
mkdir /home/vz/private/2
cd /home/vz/private/1
tar cf - * | ( cd ../2 ; tar xvf - )
```

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"Remember that no one cares if you can back up,
only if you can restore." - AMANDA
