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Subject: Re: OpenVZ Multicast Questions  
Posted by [Peter Hinse](#) on Wed, 23 Jan 2008 20:29:25 GMT  
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nimbus 4321 wrote:

> Following the thread at  
> <http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&goto=21090>  
> <<http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&goto=21090>> , the VEs are  
> configured to use veth, with the veths connected using a bridge (vzbr0).  
> The routing tables are setup so that the (unicast) IPs for the VEs are  
> routed via the bridge. This all works fine for unicast in all scenarios  
> - i.e. between the VEs, between the hosting HN and VEs, and between  
> other nodes and the VEs. It also works fine for multicast between the  
> VEs if they are on the same HN. However, it does not work for multicast  
> from the HNs to the VEs they are hosting, or from other nodes (including  
> VEs on other nodes) to the VEs.  
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> Steps carried out so far:  
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> In attempting to get multicast working between VEs on separate machines  
> (HNs), so far, I've carried out the following:  
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> 1. Added a route for the Class D multicast address to the bridge  
> (vzbr0). This enabled multicast from the hosting HN to the VE it was  
> hosting (verified this using ping). However, other nodes, including the  
> VE on the other HN still could not send / receive multicast traffic from  
> the VE.  
> 2. Attempted to enable multicast forwarding by echo 1>  
> /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/vzbr0/mc\_forwarding . However, this was denied  
> ("Operation not permitted"). Perhaps the OpenVZ RHEL4 kernel does not  
> allow this by default ? However, unsure if this is required to get  
> multicast to work.  
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> Questions:  
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> So, no luck with the above. Does anyone have any suggestions as to how I  
> could get this to work ?  
> In particular, is enabling the mc\_forwarding setting required ? If so,  
> is a RHEL4 kernel available with this enabled ?  
> Or is there something else I'm missing ?

I started that forum thread and I got it running. Please print a

route -n

from the hardware node(s) as well as the VEs. Try to use ssm ping (RPMs  
for RHEL at <http://www.pramberger.at/peter/services/repository/rhel4/>)

for debugging, it helped me a lot.

Regards,

Peter

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