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Subject: /usr/bin/hostid in VPS

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I would like to encapsulate a server that runs a variety of license managers including flexlm. Many of these systems rely on generating a hostid generally either the MAC address of the primary network interface or a hash generated by /usr/bin/hostid. In an OpenVZ VPS hostid returns 00000000, is there a way to spoof this so that I can keep the license managers happy regardless of the system/network interface it is actually using? I tried setting up a veth device that spoofed the original MAC address but hostid still returns 00000000.

Thanks, Alastair

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