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Subject: Is privvmpages's MAX limited to the amount of RAM on a computer  
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I can't seem to get a straight answer on this one.

After reading these links:

[http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&goto=2594&#m sg\\_2886](http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&goto=2594&#m sg_2886)

<http://maxgarrick.com/understanding-openvz-resource-limits/>

<http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&goto=32000&>

<http://wiki.openvz.org/Privvmpages#privvmpages>

<http://download.openvz.org/doc/OpenVZ-Users-Guide.pdf>

I am unsure if we can set a VE's privvmpages to more than a system's total RAM.

For instance if I have a system that has:

4GB RAM

4GB SWAP

\*HardwareNode\*

free -m

	total	used	free	shared	buffers	cached
Mem:	3926	224	3702	0	4	78
-/+ buffers/cache:		141	3785			
Swap:	4094	9	4085			

I can run this command.

vzctl set 33503 --privvmpages 4G --save

Then run "free -m" inside the VE and we will see 4Gs for the system.

\*VE\*

\$ free -m

	total	used	free	shared	buffers	cached
Mem:	3926	75	3850	0	0	0
-/+ buffers/cache:		75	3850			
Swap:	0	0	0			

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But if I set it to more then 4G it will not show up as system memory.

vzctl set 33503 --privvmpages 6G --save

\*VE\*

\$ free -m

	total	used	free	shared	buffers	cached
Mem:	3926	75	3850	0	0	0
-/+ buffers/cache:		75	3850			
Swap:	0	0	0			

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Thoughts?

If the answer is "no". My follow up question is "Why not? Assuming you have enough SWAP to

cover it."

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