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Subject: Measuring and Adjusting CPU utilization

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Hi,

I am trying to measure the CPU utilization of the VZ containers, and change the cpu share dynamically. I have poured over most of the documentation, and looked at the code as well, and it seems like there's no utility that can directly show the current CPU utilization of a container (some thing like 30% of CPU). A search on the user list got me a message, where someone suggested using loadavg. However, It seems like the loadavg is not showing the proper utilization (or showing the total CPU utilization). This is what I am doing.

I setup a container with 1000 units limit (total CPU units: ~10000). I wrote a small `do { }while(1);` loop and ran it in the container, now I do `cat /proc/loadavg` in both the container and on the host node. Since, the container is only using 1000 units, I should see something like 100% loadavg in the container, and 10% loadavg in the hostnode. But, I see 100% at both places. Am I doing something wrong? How do I get the current cpu utilization of a container?

Thanks,

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