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Subject: Re: ioacct interpretation and unit  
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Hi,

to get full information you'd better look through kernel sources

I doubt that all of the output numbers help you very much but I'd like to explain a little bit "dirty" and "write" numbers' meaning.

Writing to disk might be divided into two phases: writing to page and then writing to disk. "dirty" and "write" fields of /proc/bc/\$VEID/ioacct output correspond to the former and to the latter phases.

So, if a "dirty" field is continuously growing and "write" field is not (or much slower than "dirty") this means that i/o scheduler doesn't allow this particular VE to write to disk.

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