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Subject: Too many orphaned sockets in CT0  
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Hello

I'm getting bursts of hundreds of these messages every few hours:

Mar 16 08:58:08 vishnu kernel: [8604106.249004] TCP: too many of orphaned sockets (125 in CT0)

Mar 16 08:58:13 vishnu kernel: [8604112.427568] \_\_ratelimit: 22 messages suppressed

Mar 16 08:58:13 vishnu kernel: [8604112.427568] TCP: too many of orphaned sockets (125 in CT0)

Mar 16 08:58:18 vishnu kernel: [8604118.668693] \_\_ratelimit: 18 messages suppressed

Mar 16 08:58:18 vishnu kernel: [8604118.668693] TCP: too many of orphaned sockets (125 in CT0)

Mar 16 08:58:23 vishnu kernel: [8604124.151381] \_\_ratelimit: 13 messages suppressed

They are interleaved with bursts of these other messages:

Mar 16 09:02:03 vishnu kernel: [8604394.874281] Orphaned socket dropped (124,248 in CT0)

Mar 16 09:02:08 vishnu kernel: [8604400.663420] \_\_ratelimit: 11 messages suppressed

Mar 16 09:02:08 vishnu kernel: [8604400.663446] Orphaned socket dropped (112,224 in CT0)

Mar 16 09:02:16 vishnu kernel: [8604410.213555] \_\_ratelimit: 5 messages suppressed

Mar 16 09:02:16 vishnu kernel: [8604410.213580] Orphaned socket dropped (106,212 in CT0)

Mar 16 09:02:19 vishnu kernel: [8604414.421430] \_\_ratelimit: 2 messages suppressed

This is a Debian Lenny 2.6.26-2-openvz-amd64 with 6 VE plus VE0. Network configuration is a standard routed venet0. The only iptables rule is fail2ban-ssh, on the INPUT filter chain. The only unusual configuration is that the host's default gateway is a point-to-point address:

```
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static
address 78.46.xx.x
netmask 255.255.255.255
gateway 78.46.xx.1
pointopoint 78.46.xx.1
```

Here are common socket usage numbers on the VEs, from netstat output:

VE 0 tcp 4 udp 6 unix 77

VE 302 tcp 158 udp 2 unix 6

VE 303 tcp 36 udp 2 unix 58

VE 304 tcp 31 udp 2 unix 6

VE 305 tcp 2 udp 2 unix 3

VE 311 tcp 4 udp 2 unix 6

VE 312 tcp 127 udp 2 unix 78

VE0 is completely unlimited, as it should be:

```
0: kmemsize      8910573      14586823 9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807      0
```

lockedpages	0	8	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
privvmpages	17995	22896031752	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
shmpages	829	2765	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
dummy	0	0	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
numproc	130	165	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
physpages	5466	97726	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
vmguarpages	0	0	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
oomguarpages	5655	97915	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
numtcpsock	8	30	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
numflock	5	17	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
numpty	1	5	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
numsiginfo	0	7	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
tcpsndbuf	170304	6152224	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
tcprcvbuf	131072	6699216	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
othersockbuf	187272	4406680	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
dgramrcvbuf	0	5648	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
numothersock	148	212	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
dcachesize	1786335	4051908	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
numfile	2469	4637	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		
dummy	0	0	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
dummy	0	0	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
dummy	0	0	9223372036854775807 9223372036854775807
0			
numiptent	14	16	9223372036854775807
9223372036854775807	0		

I tried doubling the values in tcp\_mem, to no avail:

```
# cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_mem
2297728 2301824 2305920
# echo 4595456 4603648 4611840 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_mem
# cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_mem
4595456 4603648 4611840
```

What can I do to debug it? This server has been up for 3 months without showing any error. The services are still up and running. Should I expect downtime anytime soon?

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