
Subject: Containers and /proc/sys/vm/drop_caches
Posted by [Mike Hommey](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2011 09:40:22 GMT
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[Copy/pasted from a previous message to lkml, where it was suggested to try containers@]

Hi,

I noticed that from within a lxc container, writing "3" to /proc/sys/vm/drop_caches would flush the host page cache. That sounds a little dangerous for VPS offerings that would be based on lxc, as in one VPS instance root user could impact the overall performance of the host. I don't know about other containers but I've been told openvz isn't subject to this problem. I only tested the current Debian Squeeze kernel, which is based on 2.6.32.27.

Cheers,

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