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Subject: Re: Re: vzmigrate standby mode  
Posted by [Tim Small](#) on Wed, 18 May 2011 11:49:03 GMT  
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On 18/05/11 12:30, Tim Small wrote:

>  
> We use a hacked version of mylvmbbackup to backup an entire container.  
> Each container lives on its own logical volume, and the process calls  
> into the logical volume to ask the database (mysql in this case) to make  
> its data-on-disk consistent. At this point, and LVM snapshot is taken,  
> then mysql is told it can carry on writing to disk. The LVM snapshot is  
> then fscked and mounted on a different mountpoint, once mounted, the  
> contents are rsynced to the standby machine, and the lvm snapshot is  
> removed.  
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I should add that this is done at a relatively quiet time on the server (if it's a server with lots of writes), as it has the side effect of turning a single write on the containers storage into two writes and a read (plus associated disk seeks) whilst the LVM snapshot exists.

Whilst the lvm snapshot is being created (< 1 second), writes to the database block (reads continue as normal, however), then continue once mysql gets the UNLOCK TABLES command. I don't know if there is equivalent functionality available in other databases such as PostgreSQL etc.

Cheers,

Tim.

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