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Subject: Backing up via rsync -- Does it work?

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I run:

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/usr/bin/rsync --delete --rsync-path="nice rsync" -vaz /vz /backup
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Which backs up /vz to /backup every night. It seems to work as designed, however I'm not confident that's the best way to be backing up a VPS node.

Other options could be:

- R1Soft, which is insanely expensive and works half ass.
- vzdump, which takes full dumps, afaik and would waste a lot of CPU when it's not really needed.

My concerns with rsync is that it has issues with socket files, /dev, etc. I'm concerned that if I ever have to restore my rsync copy, these VPS's wont start up due to missing system files.

Has anyone had any success stories with rsync with both backing up and restoring without issues? I'm all ears.

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