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Subject: Re: More on making an OpenVZ template  
Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Sun, 21 Aug 2011 15:26:43 GMT  
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On Sun, Aug 21, 2011 at 4:10 PM, Kir Kolyshkin <[kir@openvz.org](mailto:kir@openvz.org)> wrote:

> On 08/20/2011 12:18 AM, Sam Trenholme wrote:

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>> I am continuing the work of making a tiny OpenVZ template. One  
>> discovery I have is that, for the OpenVZ tools to work, not only is it  
>> mandatory for the system to have the Bash shell, but also that /bin/sh  
>> has to be a symlink to Bash. This is because the "vzctl" program  
>> prepends the contents of the Bash-only  
>> "/etc/vz/dists/scripts/functions" script to any script used by the  
>> container to configure the system, and there does not appear to be any  
>> way to configure a container to not use this Bash-only script.

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>> In other words, any OpenVZ template without /bin/sh being an alias for  
>> Bash can not be configured via the "vzctl" tools (nor the  
>> corresponding Proxmox/SolusVM/whataever tools that call "vzctl").

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>> This in mind, the next release of TinyVZ will include the Bash shell.  
>> I actually prefer Bash over Busybox's "ash" shell; I \*really\* miss the  
>> "!" and "!" shortcuts, as well as the "history" command, when using  
>> this minimal shell.

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> This is one way of doing things. The other way would be to rectify the  
> '/etc/dists/scripts/functions' to not be dependent on bash.

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> I am currently looking at it, so far I only found that it uses the  
> 'function' keyword  
> which is bashism. With that removed, it looks like it is working fine in  
> either dash  
> or busybox sh.

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> I have committed the patch:

> <http://git.openvz.org/?p=vzctl;a=commit;h=f83b28435f582f2f74fb3267b89b061a551b32e2>

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> And then a few more (to check it works in Debian without /bin/bash):

> <http://git.openvz.org/?p=vzctl;a=commit;h=a86beacde8c1fba4002eaf5bf48a535e7d46ffc0>

> <http://git.openvz.org/?p=vzctl;a=commit;h=382f306cd0865bb4bcafc4f7a4b5cfe2f809296c>

I have compiled it, and I can report it works, I have remove the bash  
binary I got from tinyvz, and now it enters well in openwrt rootfs (I  
have tested with the original vzctl 3.0.24 where it fails to enter if  
there is no /bin/bash):

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root@mybox /root/zoobab/openwrt-openvz [46]# ./vzctl --version
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root@mybox /root/zoobab/openwrt-openvz [40]# ./vzctl enter 889
entered into CT 889
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- \* 1/3 shot Kahlua In a shot glass, layer Kahlua
- \* 1/3 shot Bailey's on the bottom, then Bailey's,
- \* 1/3 shot Vodka then Vodka.

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