Subject: How to clear cache memory on openvz container? Posted by chaitanya on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 17:26:19 GMT

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We have OpenVZ container.

We are unable to clear cache memory on container.

Below are the outputs of respective commands

Scenario: High memory is consumed by buff/cache so that free memory becomes 0 and it affects applications to get freeze. Our single container contains cassandra(16GB), elasticsearch(24GB), apache and activemq(8GB).

I have 2 questions:

- 1) How to clear cache memory on openvz container?
- 2) How to restrict buff/cache memory from consuming high memory on openvz container.
- 3) How to protect free memory on container to go down to 0?

```
root@unmanaged:~# free -m
       total
                                shared buff/cache available
                used
                         free
                   ****
                                 ****
          65536
                         0
                                           35164
Mem:
                           0
Swap:
            0
                    0
root@unmanaged:~# sync; echo 3 > /proc/sys/vm/drop_caches && sync; echo 2 >
/proc/sys/vm/drop_caches && sync; echo 1 > /proc/sys/vm/drop_caches
-su: /proc/sys/vm/drop_caches: Permission denied
-su: /proc/sys/vm/drop caches: Permission denied
-su: /proc/sys/vm/drop caches: Permission denied
root@unmanaged:~# uname -r
2.6.32-042stab127.2
root@unmanaged:~# systemd-detect-virt
openvz
Please provide us the solution ASAP.
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