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Subject: Re: Multicast in OVZ CTs and VMs?

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OpenVZ is a container-based virtualization solution for Linux. It allows multiple isolated containers (sometimes referred to as "Virtual Private Servers" or VPSs) to run on a single physical host. Each container runs its own copy of the Linux kernel and has its own network stack and IP addresses.

Multicast is a method of sending network packets to multiple destinations simultaneously. It is often used for streaming multimedia or other data that needs to be received by multiple recipients at the same time. In the context of OpenVZ, it is possible to enable multicast support in the containers, but there are some considerations to keep in mind.

One important thing to note is that, because each container has its own network stack and IP addresses, multicast packets sent from one container will not be visible to other containers on the same physical host. To enable multicast support for a container, you would need to configure it to use the host's network stack and IP addresses for multicast traffic. This can be done by adding the following line to the container's configuration file:

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VE_NET_MCAST=1
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However, adding this line would also mean that the Container uses the host IP and it would not be isolated anymore.

Another option is to use a bridge-based virtualization solution like KVM or XEN. Their virtualization is on the Hypervisor level, where each guest has their own isolated network interfaces. This would allow multicast to work between guests and could be useful if you need to have multicast-enabled communication between multiple CTs.

It's also worth noting that, even if you do configure the container to use the host's network stack for multicast traffic, there may still be some limitations depending on the specific version of OpenVZ that you are using. For example, some older versions of OpenVZ do not support multicast routing, which could prevent multicast packets from being forwarded between different interfaces.

In general, if you need robust multicast support in an OpenVZ environment, it may be more appropriate to consider using a different virtualization solution that provides better support for this feature.