
Subject: ***SOLVED*** Clock Drift / NTPd - CentOS OpenVZ Host - Problems

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Hi All,

I'm not positive this is an openVz issue, but wanted to post here in case others observe the same thing (?)

I've got a CentOS 4.4 machine with OpenVZ installed and a few OpenVZ virtual hosts running on it. The hardware / software is very solid, no problems at all there.

One ODD thing that has been happening: The clock on the system is drifting at an absurd rate -- upwards of 5 seconds every 5 minutes -- and when I try to use ntp to keep it in synch with a local time source, it refuses to do so.

Right now I've got a crontab hitting "ntpdate" command every 5 minutes, which is working "OK" but clearly it is a band-aid solution.

I know from other reading that there are issues with VMWare hosting boxes which result in time-skew issues.. and it seemed not-inconcievable that this might also be an issue for OpenVZ.

However, it could be purely a problem with CentOS (I've found some threads in that vein already, but nothing conclusive / to my satisfaction yet).

So .. if anyone has any comments .. they certainly would be appreciated..

Sorry if this is a bit off topic.. clearly if/when I find an answer, I'll post it here just for reference.

--Tim Chipman
