
Subject: How to increase SHMMAX for virtual OS?
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Hi.

I'm trying to run PostgreSQL on virtual system and I need to increase SHMMAX to be able to assign a higher than default value for shared_buffers parameter (essential for performance). I've tried to increase 'shmpages' parameter, but I suppose that I did not calculate pages to bytes properly. Or, maybe, do I have to change other parameters too?

Error message during starting postgresQL with too high shared_buffers value is typical for too low shmmax (in real OS). PostgreSQL cannot start even at shared_buffers set to 4000 (in 8KB pages -> 32 MB). The requested segment size is 36184064.

And here are my kernel settings. Most of them calculated by vzsplit, shmpages changed manually.

Version: 2.5

uid	resource	held	maxheld	barrier	limit	failcnt
110:	kmemsize	2074026	4280348	69857006	76842706	
0	lockedpages	0	0	3410	3410	0
0	privvmpages	2107	22409	153494	168843	
0	shmpages	0	6794	46184064	46184064	
0	dummy	0	0	0	0	0
0	numproc	19	44	2666	2666	0
0	physpages	1184	15973	0	9223372036854775807	
0	vmguarpages	0	0	153494	9223372036854775807	
0	oomguarpages	1184	15973	153494	9223372036854775807	
0	numtcpsock	5	6	2666	2666	0
0	numflock	3	4	1000	1100	0
0	numpty	0	1	266	266	0
0	numsignifo	0	3	1024	1024	0
0	tcpsndbuf	86880	0	12365733	23285669	
0	tcprcvbuf	81920	0	12365733	23285669	
0	othersockbuf	35464	49936	6182866	17102802	
0	dgramrcvbuf	0	9680	6182866	6182866	
0	numothersock	21	32	2666	2666	0

dcachesize	0	0	15246664	15704064	0
numfile	1134	2098	27264	27264	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
numiptent	10	10	200	200	0

Is there a more advanced howto about setting kernel parameters?

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