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Subject: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.  
Posted by [Hansel Dunlop](#) on Fri, 30 Sep 2011 16:45:46 GMT  
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Subject: RE: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.  
Posted by [Martin Maurer](#) on Fri, 30 Sep 2011 17:11:36 GMT  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: users-bounces@openvz.org [mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org] On

> Behalf Of Hansel Dunlop

> Sent: Freitag, 30. September 2011 18:46

> To: users@openvz.org

> Subject: [Users] Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.

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Hi,

This is a known issue and I assume this will be never be fixed. If you want to use Debian you can think of switching to Proxmox VE which is based on Lenny (1.9) or Squeeze (2.0 beta). We are using the stable RHEL6 OpenVZ kernel so you have a good chance to get chkp/restore running. There is only one issue with our init.logger patch, but if you disable it everything should work, live-migration etc.

See <http://pve.proxmox.com> and especially,  
[http://pve.proxmox.com/wiki/Install\\_Proxmox\\_VE\\_on\\_Debian\\_Lenny](http://pve.proxmox.com/wiki/Install_Proxmox_VE_on_Debian_Lenny)

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Subject: Re: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.  
Posted by [Kirill Kolyshkin](#) on Fri, 30 Sep 2011 22:05:40 GMT  
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On Sep 30, 2011 8:49 PM, "Hansel Dunlop" <hansel.dunlop@resolversystems.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.  
Posted by [mdfranz](#) on Fri, 30 Sep 2011 23:21:52 GMT  
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I'm currently running several servers (for development environments) on Debian Squeeze but am in the process of migrating to CentOS 6 because it seems to be a better supported environment and also provides an LTS OS, whereas Debian's support lifecycle is more "nuanced."

My assumption is also a larger base of OpenVZ users run on RHEL-derivatives than Debian, so it is always a safer bet. Running RHEL6 kernels on Debian boxes since more problematic than migrating to CentOS, even though I prefer Debian-based distros.

My other concern is the long term viability of OpenVZ on non-RHEL-based distributions given that Ubuntu dropped OpenVZ support and it seems that Debian will as well, given that (for good or evil) LXC seems to be the container-based solution that Debian and Ubuntu are going forward with.

The only problem I've encountered with OpenVZ on Debian (which is also a concern) is [http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=1747](http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1747)

- mdf

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Subject: Re: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.  
Posted by [Hansel Dunlop](#) on Tue, 04 Oct 2011 17:00:16 GMT  
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Thanks Kiril,

I'm experimenting with this now. I converted  
vzkernel-2.6.32-042stab037.1.x86\_64.rpm into a deb and used it to boot  
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and recompile the 2.6.32-042stab037 kernel from src. Are there any  
particular flags that I should set?

I did a diff on the config for a working Debian kernel and the EL6  
version from OpenVZ, these are the options that relate to XEN. I guess I  
could just set them all and see if that works.

Debian is >  
OpenVZ is <

< CONFIG\_XEN\_MAX\_DOMAIN\_MEMORY=128

> CONFIG\_XEN\_MAX\_DOMAIN\_MEMORY=32

< CONFIG\_XEN\_DEBUG\_FS=y

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_DEBUG\_FS is not set

> CONFIG\_SWIOTLB\_XEN=y

> CONFIG\_MICROCODE\_XEN=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_DOM0=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_PRIVILEGED\_GUEST=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_DOM0\_PCI=y

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_PCI\_PASSTHROUGH is not set

> CONFIG\_PCI\_XEN=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_FRONTEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_BACKEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_NETDEV\_BACKEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_BLKDEV\_BACKEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_BLKDEV\_TAP=m

> CONFIG\_XEN\_BLKBACK\_PAGEMAP=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BACKEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BACKEND\_VPCI=y

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BACKEND\_PASS is not set

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BACKEND\_SLOT is not set

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BACKEND\_CONTROLLER is not set

> # CONFIG\_XEN\_PCIDEV\_BE\_DEBUG is not set

> CONFIG\_XEN\_MCE=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_XENBUS\_FRONTEND=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_GNTDEV=y

> CONFIG\_XEN\_S3=y

> CONFIG\_ACPI\_PROCESSOR\_XEN=m

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Subject: RE: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.

Posted by [dietmar](#) on Tue, 04 Oct 2011 17:47:18 GMT

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You could also use the pve kernel from:

[ftp://download.proxmox.com/debian/dists/squeeze/pve/binary-amd64/pve-kernel-2.6.32-6-pve\\_2.6.32-46\\_amd64.deb](ftp://download.proxmox.com/debian/dists/squeeze/pve/binary-amd64/pve-kernel-2.6.32-6-pve_2.6.32-46_amd64.deb)

That is the latest openvz kernel compiled for debian squeeze.

- Dietmar

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Subject: Re: Checkpoint and restore on 64 bit Debian host.

Posted by [Hansel Dunlop](#) on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 11:33:50 GMT

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Thanks for the suggestion Dietmar,

That does boot up on AWS but still fails at the vzctl chkpnt CTID --dump



stage. Suspend and resume both work. But it just won't do the filedump.

I have had a good look at Proxmox because it seems interesting but we have so much development time invested in EC2 integration that moving away from that platform probably isn't wise.

Does anyone have CentOS or Scientific Linux successfully check pointing on a 64 bit EC2 instance? Knowing if this is even possible would certainly make our decision of what to do next easier!

Cheers

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On 04/10/2011 18:47, Dietmar Maurer wrote:

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