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Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Tue, 14 Feb 2012 10:26:45 GMT  
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Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Tue, 14 Feb 2012 10:29:29 GMT  
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[9787206.796392] CT: 1004: started
[9787207.629687] -----[ cut here ]-----
[9787207.629721] WARNING: at
/build/buildd-linux-2.6_2.6.32-35-amd64-aZSIKL/linux-2.6-2.6
.32/debian/build/source_amd64_openvz/mm/page_alloc.c:1828
__alloc_pages_nodemask+0x183/0x6ab()
[9787207.629795] Hardware name: MS-7522
[9787207.629817] Modules linked in: nf_conntrack_ipv4 nf_defrag_ipv4
xt_state nf_conntrack vzethdev vznetdev simfs vzrst vzcpt vzdquota
vzmon vzdev xt_tcpudp xt_length xt_hl xt_tcpmss xt_TCPMSS
iptables_mangle iptable_filter xt_multiport xt_limit xt_dscp ipt_REJECT
ip_tables x_tables acpi_cpufreq cpufreq_powersave cpufreq_userspace
cpufreq_conservative cpufreq_stats vzevent loop snd_hda_codec_atihdmi
radeon snd_hda_intel snd_hda_codec ttm snd_hwdep snd_pcm snd_timer snd
soundcore drm_kms_helper drm i2c_algo_bit pcspkr i2c_i801 i2c_core
evdev button wmi snd_page_alloc ext3 jbd mbcache dm_mod aacraid
3w_9xxx 3w_xxxx raid10 raid456 async_raid6_recov async_pq raid6_pq
async_xor xor async_memcpy async_tx raid1 raid0 md_mod sata_nv
sata_sil sata_via sd_mod crc_t10dif ahci libata uhci_hcd scsi_mod
ehci_hcd r8169 mii usbcore nls_base thermal processor thermal_sys
[last unloaded: scsi_wait_scan]
[9787207.630273] Pid: 10521, comm: fuser Not tainted 2.6.32-5-openvz-amd64 #1
[9787207.630302] Call Trace:
[9787207.630326] [<ffffffff810bcdd0>] ? __alloc_pages_nodemask+0x183/0x6ab
[9787207.630355] [<ffffffff810bcdd0>] ? __alloc_pages_nodemask+0x183/0x6ab
[9787207.630385] [<ffffffff8104e0ac>] ? warn_slowpath_common+0x77/0xa3
[9787207.630415] [<ffffffff810bcdd0>] ? __alloc_pages_nodemask+0x183/0x6ab
[9787207.630445] [<ffffffff81100141>] ? __d_path+0x116/0x1e0
[9787207.630472] [<ffffffff810bc291>] ? __get_free_pages+0x9/0x38
[9787207.630501] [<ffffffff810e8f29>] ? __kmalloc+0x3f/0x17f
[9787207.630528] [<ffffffff81108d40>] ? seq_read+0x226/0x388
[9787207.630556] [<ffffffff810f1b86>] ? vfs_read+0xa6/0xff
[9787207.630582] [<ffffffff810f1cf9>] ? sys_read+0x49/0xc4
[9787207.630609] [<ffffffff81010c12>] ? system_call_fastpath+0x16/0x1b
[9787207.630637] ---[ end trace eeab2b2862ea622c ]---
```

[9787305.628531] CT: 1004: stopped

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Posted by [Andrew Vagin](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2012 07:32:28 GMT  
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[root@dhcp-10-30-22-214 /]# uname -a
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19:17:43 MSK 2012 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
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You can use latest RHEL6-based kernel builds on your Debian or Ubuntu machine. Here's how.

1. Get the latest kernel from either [Download/kernel/rhel6-testing](#) or [Download/kernel/rhel6](#). You need `vzkernel` and `vzkernel-devel` packages only, with the `-devel` being optional.

2. Install `fakeroot` and `alien`:

```
apt-get install alien fakeroot
```

3. Convert these two rpms to debs using `alien`. This is

```
fakeroot alien --to-deb --scripts --keep-version vzkernel-*.rpm
```

4. Install debs as usual. Reboot. Enjoy.

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Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2012 09:09:36 GMT  
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+++ b/fs/namespace.c
@@ -888,8 +888,9 @@ static int show_mountinfo(struct seq_file *m, void *v)
     MAJOR(sb->s_dev), MINOR(sb->s_dev));
     seq_dentry(m, mnt->mnt_root, "\t\n\\");
     seq_putc(m, ' ');
- seq_path_root(m, &mnt_path, &root, "\t\n\\");
- if (root.mnt != p->root.mnt || root.dentry != p->root.dentry) {
+ err = seq_path_root(m, &mnt_path, &root, "\t\n\\");
+ if (root.mnt != p->root.mnt || root.dentry != p->root.dentry ||
+     err == -EINVAL) {
     /*
      * Mountpoint is outside root, discard that one. Ugly,
      * but less so than trying to do that in iterator in a

```

## File Attachments

1) [patch](#), downloaded 562 times

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Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2012 10:09:19 GMT

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Posted by [Aleksandar Ivanisevic](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2012 10:42:02 GMT  
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Posted by [Andrew Vagin](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2012 07:08:27 GMT  
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Yes, it should work and it's supported. But you may have trouble with a  
root device, if it's initializing for a long time. I have seen this  
situation with MegaRAID. In this case you system will not boot with  
error: "switch to root: mount failed: No such file or directory".

You can workaround this problem by adding sleep in "init".

```
insmod /lib/dm-region-hash.ko
```

```
+sleep 10
```

```
mkblkdevs
```

It's not a kernel problem.

I don't recommend you use rhel6 kernel on rhel5 system for a long time.  
You can install rhel6 kernel to try new features and to be sure that it  
doesn't bring new problems, then I recommend update a host system too.

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Subject: Re: Re: cat: /proc/self/mountinfo: Cannot allocate memory  
Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2012 15:30:46 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Re: cat: /proc/self/mountinfo: Cannot allocate memory

Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2012 14:52:51 GMT

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I was wrong, containers inside Debian kernel 2.6.32-45 still gives:

```
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Posted by [massimiliano.sciabica](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2012 15:09:18 GMT  
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On Tue, 10 Jul 2012 16:52:51 +0200, Benjamin Henrion wrote:  
> On Thu, Jun 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM, Benjamin Henrion <bh@udev.org> wrote:  
>> On Tue, Mar 13, 2012 at 11:20 AM, Andrew Vagin  
>> <avagin@parallels.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>>>> Is this patch published somewhere in the GIT?  
>>>>  
>>> It's published, but it's not in GIT. You can find this code in  
>>> source rpms:  
>>>  
>>> <http://download.openvz.org/kernel/branches/rhel6-2.6.32/042stab049.6/vzkernel-2.6.32-042stab049.6.src.rpm>  
>>  
>> Thank you for not using GIT :-)  
>>  
>> Otherwise the bug is fixed in Debian kernel 2.6.32-45, I tried it  
>> with  
>> Sabayon openvz rootfs and Debian squeeze rootfs, locate and updatedb  
>> works now like a charm.  
>  
> I was wrong, containers inside Debian kernel 2.6.32-45 still gives:  
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Posted by [Martin Dobrev](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2012 15:38:49 GMT  
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