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Posted by [Rene Dokbua](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2012 06:23:37 GMT

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Posted by [dowdle](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2012 15:14:04 GMT

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TYL,

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Subject: Re: how can i easily replicate a container?

Posted by [Rene Dokbua](#) on Sat, 08 Sep 2012 04:50:03 GMT

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Hi Scott,

Yes I know how to do it pre-ploop, but it has considerable downtime. The question is, is there a way to utilize the snapshot option of ploop to replicate a container and thereby reducing the downtime.

Rene

On Fri, Sep 7, 2012 at 10:14 PM, Scott Dowdle <dowdle@montanalinux.org> wrote:

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