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Subject: OpenVZ Backup

Posted by [meganuke](#) on Sun, 15 Jun 2014 13:21:59 GMT

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Hello i read scripts on [openvz.org/Ploop/Backup](http://openvz.org/Ploop/Backup)

Quote:

```
vzctl snapshot $CTID --id $ID --skip-suspend --skip-config
```

```
# Perform a backup using your favorite backup tool
```

```
# (cp is just an example)
```

```
cp $VE_PRIVATE/root.hdd/* $BACKUPPATH/
```

```
# Delete (merge) the snapshot
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```
vzctl snapshot-delete $CTID --id $ID
```

Why merge run after cp? Also, i can copy only root.hdd, without snapshot if snapshot already merged and deleted?

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Subject: Re: OpenVZ Backup

Posted by [devonblzx](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2014 16:56:19 GMT

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You don't want to keep a snapshot running after the copy because it creates a large amount of overhead for the filesystem.

Merging it basically closes out the snapshot. You merge all the changes made while the snapshot was open.

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