
Subject: Debian 8 install hangs; config and/or dialog?

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Hi guys,

I have a question, hopefully someone can answer it.

I am no expert on this, but I do hope someone can provide an answer or maybe a solution. I downloaded the OpenVZ template for Debian 8 (debian-8.0-x86_64.tar.gz) and it installs, however I noticed after an hour it was still not continuing.

After checking, I noticed the following:

```
root 15893 15099 1 16:49 pts/0 00:00:00 /usr/bin/perl -w /usr/share/debconf/frontend
/var/lib/dpkg/info/postfix.postinst abort-upgrade 2.11.3-1+deb8u2
root 15899 15893 0 16:49 pts/0 00:00:00 /usr/bin/perl -w /var/lib/dpkg/info/postfix.config
configure 2.11.3-1+deb8u2
root 15903 15893 0 16:49 pts/0 00:00:00 dialog --backtitle Package configuration --title
Postfix Configuration --output-fd 11 --textbox /tmp/komSLPJRx 21 77
```

I killed those processes and it continued. Later on it was hanging again (or at least I thought so) and I saw the following processes:

```
6429 root 20 0 20852 3600 2088 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.01 postfix.config
6433 root 20 0 14252 1508 1080 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 dialog
```

I also killed those processes and installation was finished a few minutes later (without any other processes hanging).

Is there a way to avoid this by any chance? I checked the created container, but it had no issues. Everything was running except postfix.

I started the service postfix without problems.

```
root@ns1:/# service postfix status
```

```
Loaded: loaded (/etc/init.d/postfix)
```

```
Drop-In: /run/systemd/generator/postfix.service.d
```

```
Active: active (running) since Thu 2017-09-14 16:54:20 CEST; 15h ago
```

```
Process: 7433 ExecStart=/etc/init.d/postfix start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
```

```
CGroup: /system.slice/postfix.service
```

Now, I am by no means an expert with OpenVZ (our previous technician/developer passed away) so I am trying to learn as good as I can.

So, is there a way to avoid this during new creation of containers?

Sidenote; I just discovered when I wanted to install 'mc' (with apt-get install mc) that I was presented with a screen with "Postfix Configuration". I think this is the same screen the installation hangs on when creating the container? I now select the option "No configuration" and that's it.

So is there a way to avoid the "dialog setup" screen for this? So it will select no configuration by default?

Sorry for asking stupid questions, but I don't think killing those processes is the correct way.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Subject: Re: Debian 8 install hangs; config and/or dialog?

Posted by [HHawk](#) on Fri, 15 Sep 2017 08:50:42 GMT

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Never mind my stupid question. I managed to avoid it by using the following:

```
vzctl exec $VEID 'debconf-set-selections <<< "postfix postfix/main_mailer_type string No configuration"'
```

Maybe this will help another big noob like myself
