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Subject: Problem with bonding, vlan, bridge, veth  
Posted by [kfh](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 10:12:55 GMT  
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```
eth0  eth1
  \  /
   bond0
  /  \
vlan254  veth
  VE0    ve10XX.0 -- eth0 (ve10XX)
         \  /
         bvXX (bridge)
```

I create and start VE1028, now I have:

VE0# ifconfig

```
bond0  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MASTER MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:888940 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:150577 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:71916311 (68.5 MiB)  TX bytes:27093123 (25.8 MiB)
```

```
bv28   Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:4559 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
```

RX bytes:212782 (207.7 KiB) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)

eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2  
UP BROADCAST RUNNING SLAVE MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1  
RX packets:659778 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:150577 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000  
RX bytes:56333295 (53.7 MiB) TX bytes:27093123 (25.8 MiB)  
Base address:0xecc0 Memory:dfae0000-dfb00000

eth1 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2  
UP BROADCAST RUNNING NOARP SLAVE MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1  
RX packets:229162 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000  
RX bytes:15583016 (14.8 MiB) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)  
Base address:0xdcc0 Memory:df8e0000-df900000

lo Link encap:Local Loopback  
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0  
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:16436 Metric:1  
RX packets:4 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:4 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
RX bytes:352 (352.0 b) TX bytes:352 (352.0 b)

ve1028.0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr AA:00:04:56:04:04  
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1  
RX packets:225 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:4700 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
RX bytes:41399 (40.4 KiB) TX bytes:260688 (254.5 KiB)

venet0 Link encap:UNSPEC HWaddr  
00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00  
UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MTU:1500 Metric:1  
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)

vlan28 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2  
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MASTER MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1  
RX packets:190890 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
TX packets:32868 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
RX bytes:11008978 (10.4 MiB) TX bytes:4038500 (3.8 MiB)

```
vlan254  Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:18:8B:2F:5F:F2
        inet addr:172.31.1.26 Bcast:172.31.1.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MASTER MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
        RX packets:490936 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:77435 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:23453611 (22.3 MiB) TX bytes:10026463 (9.5 MiB)
```

VE1028# ifconfig

```
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr AA:00:04:57:04:04
        inet addr:10.1.28.12 Bcast:10.1.28.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
        RX packets:4887 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:231 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:271148 (264.7 KiB) TX bytes:43395 (42.3 KiB)
```

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        TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
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>From VE1028 I ping a router (10.1.28.4)

VE1028# ping 10.1.28.4

VE0# brctl showmacs bv28

port	no	mac addr	is local?	ageing timer
1		00:18:8b:2f:5f:f2	yes	0.00
1		02:e0:52:16:95:1c	no	0.00
2		aa:00:04:56:04:04	yes	0.00
2		aa:00:04:57:04:04	no	0.00

>From VE1028 I ping another router (10.1.28.101)

I don't get arp replies in VE1028

If I run tcpdump on VE0/bv28, I see the replies.

VE0# brctl showmacs bv28

port	no	mac addr	is local?	ageing timer
1		00:03:fa:0f:a3:a7	no	0.15
1		00:18:8b:2f:5f:f2	yes	0.00
1		02:e0:52:16:95:1c	no	0.79
2		aa:00:04:56:04:04	yes	0.00
1		aa:00:04:57:04:04	no	0.15

Now the bridge thinks VE1028/eth0 moved to port 1.  
aa:00:04:57:04:04 never gets the replies, as the bridge  
doesn't forward the frames, when src and dest are on same port.

I can even do this.

```
VE1028# ping 10.1.28.4 & ping 10.1.28.101
PING 10.1.28.4 (10.1.28.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
[1] 3472
PING 10.1.28.101 (10.1.28.101) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.284 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.207 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.130 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.175 ms
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>From 10.1.28.12 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.176 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.128 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.173 ms
>From 10.1.28.12 icmp_seq=5 Destination Host Unreachable
>From 10.1.28.12 icmp_seq=6 Destination Host Unreachable
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Why does the bridge forward some frames  
and block others to the same mac addr?

If I remove one physical interface from the bond, I have no problems  
VE0# ifenslave -d bond0 eth1

continued output from VE1028...

```
64 bytes from 10.1.28.101: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=1.04 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.160 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.101: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=1.22 ms
64 bytes from 10.1.28.4: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.215 ms
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Regards,

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The target replies:

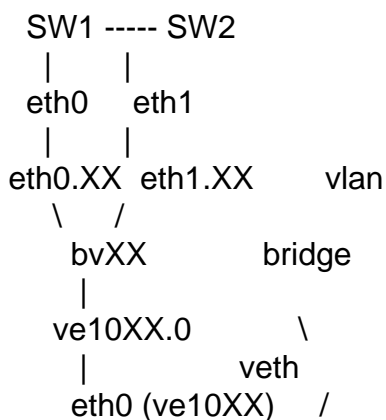
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Posted by [kfh](#) on Thu, 23 Nov 2006 11:43:13 GMT  
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Posted by [kir](#) on Thu, 23 Nov 2006 13:12:25 GMT

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>>>> Kernel 2.6.16 + openvz test020
>>>> VE0 Ubuntu dapper/6.06LTS, IP 172.31.1.26 on VLAN 254
>>>> VE1028 Debian stable/sarge/3.1, IP 10.1.28.12 on VLAN 28
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>>>> I have a server (vs5, VE0) using eth0 and eth1 in a bonding interface
>>>> bond0. bond0 is on tagged vlan.
>>>> I create a vlan device vlan254 on vlan 254. This is VE0 IP.
>>>> For each VE (XX) I do
>>>> create a vlan device vlanXX on vlan XX.
>>>> create a bridge bvXX and add vlanXX to it.
>>>> create a VE (VE10XX) using veth.
>>>> VETH="ve10XX.0,aa:00:04:56:YY:ZZ,eth0,aa:00:04:57:YY:ZZ"
>>>> add ve10XX.0 to the bridge.
>>>> YY and ZZ are calculated from VEID number (VLAN + 1000)
>>>>
>>>>   eth0   eth1
>>>>     \   /
>>>>      bond0
>>>>     /   \
>>>>         \       veth
>>>> vlan254   vlanXX   ve10XX.0 -- eth0 (ve10XX)
>>>>  VE0      \   /
>>>>              bvXX (bridge)
>>>>
>>> The drawing above is correct, but the part not drawn
>>> is the important one.
>>>
>>> eth0 and eth1 are each connected to a switch.
>>> These are connected by trunk ports 1 and 2.
>>> The bond interface (eth0 + eth1) is in active/backup mode.
>>>
>>> When I ping 10.1.28.101 in vlan28 from ve1028 (10.1.28.12),
>>> it sends the following arp request:
>>> aa:00:04:57:04:04 > ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff arp who-has 10.1.28.101 tell
>>> 10.1.28.12
>>>
>>> The request will go from eth0 (VE1028) to ve1028.0 -> bv28 -> vlan28 ->
>>> bond0 -> eth0 -> SW1port16 -> SW1 ALL ports but 16 -> including
>>> SW2port1/2 -> SW2 ALL ports but 1/2 -> including target and eth1 -> bond0
>>> -> vlan28 -> bv28 -> ve1028.0 -> eth0
>>>
>>> The target 10.28.1.101, receives the request through SW2 port 6.
>>> The switches/bridges gets updated as follows:
>>> bv28 know aa:00:04:57:04:04 is at port 2 (ve1028.0)

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>>> SW1 know aa:00:04:57:04:04 is at port 16
>>> SW2 know aa:00:04:57:04:04 is at port 1/2
>>> bv28 know aa:00:04:57:04:04 is at port 1 (vlan28)
>>> Note bv28 gets updated twice.
>>>
>>> The target replies:
>>> 00:03:fa:0f:a3:a7 > aa:00:04:57:04:04 arp reply 10.1.28.101 is-at
>>> ....0f:a3:a7
>>>
>>> The arp reply will go from SW2port6 -> SW2port1/2 -> SW1port1/2 ->
>>> SW1port16 -> eth0 -> bond0 -> vlan28 -> bv28 -> NULL
>>> As bv28 received the arp request from "aa:00:04:57:04:04" on port 1
>>> (vlan28) it will not forward the arp reply to port 2 (ve1028.0),
>>> therefore eth0 in VE1028 never receives the arp reply... No
>>> communication.
>>>
>>> So the problem is bridging over bonding.
>>> The backup interface receives broadcast frames and forwards them to the
>>> bridge which updates its mac table.
>>>
>>> I will test the following.
>>>
>>>
>>>   SW1 ----- SW2
>>>
>>>   eth0   eth1
>>>
>>>   eth0.XX eth1.XX   vlan
>>>   \   /
>>>   bvXX   bridge
>>>
>>>   ve10XX.0   \
>>>   |           veth
>>>
>>>   eth0 (ve10XX) /
>>>
>>> I just have to make sure to use spanning tree.
>>> The linux box should be in blocking mode.
>>>
>>> Comments?
>>>
>>> Regards,
>>> Kristian.
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Subject: Re: Problem with bonding, vlan, bridge, veth

Posted by [kfh](#) on Thu, 23 Nov 2006 14:03:42 GMT

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On Thursday den 23. November 2006 14:12, Kir Kolyshkin wrote:

> Have you tried OpenVZ 2.6.18-based kernel yet? Perhaps it has that patch  
> already...

No. Upstream does have it from 2.6.17, so I guess it's there.

I have applied the patch myself to "my" 2.6.16-openvz.

/Kristian.

<snip>

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