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Subject: /etc/hosts

Posted by [Farkas Levente](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2006 11:53:14 GMT

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Levente

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Posted by [dev](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2006 13:34:49 GMT

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Kirill

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Subject: Re: /etc/hosts

Posted by [Farkas Levente](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2006 14:43:13 GMT

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tcp    0    0 1.2.3.4:smtp          *.*  LISTEN  
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Ah, I see...

There are 2 easy choices here:

- change your VE /etc/hosts and add a "real-IP hostname" line to it.  
vzctl will notice it and will stop changing it.  
actually one manage hostnames itself from VE this way.
- fix vzctl to add such lines, however, it is harder,  
since will require /etc/hosts modification on each ipadd/ipdel/hostname-change  
etc. and it is not clear how to leave the ability to manage /etc/hosts from inside VE.

Thanks,  
Kirill

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