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Subject: Logging traffic stats for VEs

Posted by [pookey](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 15:44:45 GMT

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Thanks,

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Ian P. Christian ~ <http://pookey.co.uk>

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Subject: Re: Logging traffic stats for VEs

Posted by [Thorsten Schifferdeck](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 17:51:17 GMT

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Hi Ian,

a) use the /proc/net/dev of your VE:

```
# vzctl exec <VEID> grep venet0 /proc/net/dev | cut -d":" -f2 | awk  
'{print $1"\n"$9}'
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b) or, VE has enabled sysfs:

```
# vzctl exec <VEID> cat /sys/class/net/venet0/statistics/{r,t}x_bytes
```

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xxx

a) and b) prints netstats of VE-netdev venet0, in and out in bytes, so you can put these stats in a rrd or in a sql database, a old howto which use a) can be found at

<http://forum.openvz.org/index.php?t=msg&th=261&start=0&>

Hope this helps,  
Thorsten Schifferdecker

Ian P. Christian schrieb:

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Subject: Re: Logging traffic stats for VEs  
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yep. if you want non-resetable counters then add iptables rules

in VE0 for VE IP addresses. And then read these statistics via iptables -L -v

Thanks,

Kirill

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