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Subject: \*SOLVED\* vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [jonasb](#) on Tue, 03 Jul 2007 12:58:22 GMT  
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Im trying to restart a VE from crontab. But I get "operation timed out" everytime.

```
*/2 * * * * /usr/sbin/vzctl restart 666 >>/tmp/log 2>&1
```

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cat /tmp/log
```

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Restarting VE  
Stopping VE ...  
Unable to stop VE: operation timed out
```

I have tried "vzctl stop" with the same results. But "vzctl start" works.  
If I run it from normal shell it works.

Any ideas?

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [boredbadger](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 06:13:34 GMT  
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Try forking the script into the background rather than making crond wait for the command to finish by adding a &.

```
*/2 * * * * /usr/sbin/vzctl restart 666 & >>/tmp/log 2>&1
```

That should force it to work in the background so you shouldn't get a time out.

Neil

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [jonasb](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 06:36:25 GMT  
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I didn't help.

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [boredbadger](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 06:44:58 GMT  
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What about putting the command into a bash script and running a that as a cron?

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [jonasb](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 06:52:31 GMT  
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That didnt help either.

```
# cat /root/restart.sh
#!/bin/bash
/usr/sbin/vzctl restart 666 >>/tmp/ll 2>&1
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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [rickb](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 12:37:51 GMT  
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is your \$PATH env variable the same when running under cron vs sshd bash shell?

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Posted by [jonasb](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 13:54:49 GMT  
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No, the \$PATH was not the same.  
After I set the same \$PATH it worked. Thanks!

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 08:48:44 GMT  
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Rick or Jonas, can you please create a small article at <http://wiki.openvz.org> in Troubleshooting section?

Thanks in advance,  
Vasily.

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Subject: Re: vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [rickb](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 12:25:01 GMT  
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Hi Jonas, did you modify the crond PATH in the past on your server?  
What distro are you using?

I have never seen the exact problem you described, I offered that idea out of exeperience from

when things don't work in cron yet work under a sshd bash shell- usually the path differs and causes the problem when the cron script/app uses relative links.

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Subject: Re: \*SOLVED\* vzctl restart from crontab  
Posted by [jonasb](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 04:17:09 GMT  
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I have not changed the PATH.  
Im running CentOS5.

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