
Subject: RTNETLINK answers: File exists for veth interface
Posted by [danielcamara](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 15:18:16 GMT
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Ok I am doing something wrong but I don't know what.

My problem is that I need to run a multicast application, and the standard network interface (vnet) doesn't work. When I try to enable the virtual system using the veth interface the network doesn't work. I followed the how to from <http://wiki.openvz.org/Veth>,

Below I will list below all the steps, from the beginning even creating the image, I know it maybe overkill, but I really don't know if I made a mistake there also .

Two steps give me errors that I couldn't find any valuable reference on the Internet. The first one, that I think it is not the problem is when I try to say that the default device is the eth0 inside the virtual system.

```
virtual 104 #> /sbin/ip route add default dev eth0  
RTNETLINK answers: File exists
```

However, this error i think it is fine, because I use the route command to change the table. I still can't figure out what it means, but I think it is not the problem.

```
The problem I think it is when I attach the virtual interface to its IP at the server  
host #> ip route add 192.168.12.104 dev veth104.0  
RTNETLINK answers: No such device
```

I tried to find about this message on the Internet, but the references I found were not that useful , and after some one ask, yes the interface exists.

```
host #> ifconfig  
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0A:5E:52:B4:C8  
        inet addr:192.168.12.41  Bcast:192.168.12.255  Mask:255.255.255.0  
        inet6 addr: 2001:660:5502:12:20a:5eff:fe52:b4c8/64 Scope:Global  
        inet6 addr: fe80::20a:5eff:fe52:b4c8/64 Scope:Link  
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1  
        RX packets:6275718 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:2 frame:0  
        TX packets:12603 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
        collisions:1062 txqueuelen:1000  
        RX bytes:620831686 (592.0 MiB)  TX bytes:1931914 (1.8 MiB)  
        Interrupt:5  
  
lo      Link encap:Local Loopback  
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0  
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host  
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1  
        RX packets:383 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
```

```
TX packets:383 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:19580 (19.1 KiB) TX bytes:19580 (19.1 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:11 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:11 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:637 (637.0 b) TX bytes:1282 (1.2 KiB)
```

```
veth104.0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:12:34:56:71:04
inet6 addr: fe80::212:34ff:fe56:7104/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:72 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:2448 (2.3 KiB) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
```

When inside the virtual machine I ping other machine, I can't see anything. However, some messages appear at the virtual interface at the real machine because I can see something with the tcpdump

```
# even if I ping the default gateway
virtual 104 #> ping 192.168.12.100
PING 192.168.12.100 (192.168.12.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 192.168.12.104 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.12.104 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.12.104 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
```

```
--- 192.168.12.100 ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 0 received, +3 errors, 100% packet loss, time 4998ms
, pipe 3
```

```
# looking at the tcpdump output
# carne is the name of 192.168.12.100 machine
host #> tcpdump -v -i veth104.0
tcpdump: WARNING: veth104.0: no IPv4 address assigned
tcpdump: listening on veth104.0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 96 bytes
16:32:08.758121 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
16:32:09.757874 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
16:32:10.757664 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
16:32:13.758023 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
16:32:14.757816 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
16:32:15.757605 arp who-has carne tell 192.168.12.104
```

Below I am reproducing the WHOLE process I am doing. Please if any one have any idea... I am opened to suggestions .

Best regards...

Daniel Camara

The whole process step by step

Load module

```
host #> modprobe vzethdev
```

To create based on a template

```
host #> vzctl create 104 --ostemplate debian-4.0-i386-minimal
```

To verify if it was created

```
host #> vzlist -a
```

VEID	NPROC	STATUS	IP_ADDR	HOSTNAME
104	-	stopped	-	

Configuring network

```
host #> vzctl set 104 --ipadd 192.168.12.104 --save
```

```
  Saved parameters for VE 104
```

```
host #> rvzctl set 104 --nameserver 192.168.12.100 --save
```

```
  Saved parameters for VE 104
```

```
host #> vzctl set 104 --netif_add eth0,00:12:34:56:74:01,veth104.0,00:12:34:56:71:04 --save
```

```
  Saved parameters for VE 104
```

```
host #> vzctl start 104
```

```
  Starting VE ...
```

```
  VE is mounted
```

```
  Adding IP address(es): 192.168.12.104
```

```
  Setting CPU units: 1000
```

```
  File resolv.conf was modified
```

```
  Configure veth devices: veth104.0
```

```
  VE start in progress...
```

```
host #> ifconfig veth104.0 0
```

```
host #> echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/veth104.0/forwarding
```

```
host #> echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/veth104.0/proxy_arp
```

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host #> echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/forwarding
```

```
host #> echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/proxy_arp
```

```
host #> vzctl enter 104
```

```

virtual 104 #> ifconfig
lo    Link encap:Local Loopback
      inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
      inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
      UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:16436 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)

venet0 Link encap:UNSPEC HWaddr 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
      inet addr:127.0.0.1 P-t-P:127.0.0.1 Bcast:0.0.0.0 Mask:255.255.255.255
      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)

virtual 104 #> /sbin/ifconfig eth0 0
virtual 104 #> /sbin/ip addr add 192.168.12.104 dev eth0

## HERE the first error occur!!! I have no Idea, I tried to find about
## but none of the answers I found fit in my case
virtual 104 #> /sbin/ip route add default dev eth0
RTNETLINK answers: File exists

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eth0  Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:12:34:56:74:01
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      inet6 addr: fe80::212:34ff:fe56:7401/64 Scope:Link
      UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
      RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
      TX packets:6 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
      collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
      RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:384 (384.0 b)

lo    Link encap:Local Loopback
      inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
      inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
      UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:16436 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)

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      inet addr:127.0.0.1 P-t-P:127.0.0.1 Bcast:0.0.0.0 Mask:255.255.255.255
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```

```
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)
```

```
# on the host than gives me the second error
host #> ip route add 192.168.12.104 dev veth104.0
RTNETLINK answers: No such device
```

```
virtual 104 #> route
Kernel IP routing table
Destination Gateway Genmask Flags Metric Ref Use Iface
192.0.2.1 * 255.255.255.255 UH 0 0 0 venet0
default 192.0.2.1 0.0.0.0 UG 0 0 0 venet0
```

```
# Changing the route configuration, it is not in the how to, but it is needed
```

```
virtual 104 #> route del default gw 192.0.2.1
virtual 104 #> route del -host 192.0.2.1
virtual 104 #> route
Kernel IP routing table
Destination Gateway Genmask Flags Metric Ref Use Iface
192.168.12.0 * 255.255.255.0 U 0 0 0 eth0
default 192.168.12.100 0.0.0.0 UG 0 0 0 eth0
```

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Posted by [danielcamara](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 16:54:16 GMT

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Well Nevermind, it worked, and believe you or not, the problem was using the ip command.

DON'T do these steps:

```
virtual 104 #> /sbin/ip addr add 192.168.12.104 dev eth0
```

```
virtual 104 #> /sbin/ip route add default dev eth0
```

Instead of that use simply :

```
virtual 104 #> ifconfig eth0 192.168.12.104
```

```
virtual 104 #> route add default gw 192.168.12.100
```

and remove any thing not needed from the routing table, in my case

```
virtual 104 #> route del default gw 192.0.2.1
```

That is it!!!

Regards....

Daniel Camara

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Subject: Re: RTNETLINK answers: File exists for veth interface

Posted by [danielcamara](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 21:29:13 GMT

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Sorry, but what means "tc"?

I put a guide and the scripts I am using here at:

<http://www.eurecom.fr/~camara/virtualization/OpenVz.html>

I hope it helps

Best regards...

Daniel Camara

Subject: Re: RTNETLINK answers: File exists for veth interface

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danielcamara:

thank you so much for sharing this information. If not for you, I wouldn't be able to get the veth thing working. Does this mean that the wiki is wrong? We should just change the information in the wiki.

Did you make your solution persistent? meaning the config stays the same even after hardware node reboot.

And I am very interest in how you find the correct answer on this one?
