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Subject: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 06:05:12 GMT

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Hello,

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Is there a way to stop such physical IF from disappearing from the HN? I do understand security implications of such setup, I need this to work.

Here's my setup:

on HN, debian's /etc/network/interfaces:

```
auto br107
iface br107 inet static
    bridge_ports eth0.107
    bridge_maxwait 3
    address 192.168.0.0
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    network 192.168.0.0
    broadcast 192.168.0.255
```

the same on VPS:

```
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static
    address 192.168.0.251
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    network 192.168.0.0
    broadcast 192.168.0.255
    gateway 192.168.0.254
```

vps.conf:

```
NETIF="ifname=eth0,mac=00:18:51:6F:E6:41,host_ifname=veth107.0,host_mac=00:18:51:1C:F7:1D"
```

```
firewallOne:/home/eyck# less /etc/vz/vznet.conf
```

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
EXTERNAL_SCRIPT="/etc/vz/add-bridges"  
firewallOne:/home/eyck# less /etc/vz/add-bridges
```

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
brctl addif br107 veth107.0  
ifconfig veth107.0 up
```

```
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```

```
Key fingerprint = 40D0 9FFB 9939 7320 8294 05E0 BCC7 02C4 75CC 50D9  
Total Existence Failure
```

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 11:27:08 GMT

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DHCP server should work fine with veth bridged to host eth0 interface.  
Can you reproduce your issue when server doesn't reply?

Delegating interface to the VE is always exclusive, though you can add 2nd network adapter connected to the same network.

Thanks,  
Kirill

Dariusz Pietrzak wrote:

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>   network 192.168.0.0
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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:14:29 GMT  
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it looks like this:

```
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08:16:21.154240 IP 0.0.0.0.68 > 255.255.255.255.67: BOOTP/DHCP, Request from
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and finally, from inside the vps:

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```

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08:16:21.187356 arp who-has 192.168.9.254 tell 192.168.9.97
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```
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I also tried doing something like this to verify the software inside VPS: I chroot to  
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and then launch the dhcpd against br107, and then it works as expected.

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [gblond](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:44:10 GMT

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On the Friday 28 September 2007 16:14 Dariush Pietrzak, wrote:

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Thanks,  
Vitaliy Gusev

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:49:32 GMT  
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I wonder why timestamp of Reply here is greater then timestamp in HN...  
Maybe... it was reply from someone else? This would make things logical - someone replies  
to DHCP requests and you see the reply only. Can you please check (if it is true - shutting down  
dhcp server inside VE won't affect tcpdump output)?

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:52:22 GMT

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On Fri, 28 Sep 2007, Vitaliy Gusev wrote:

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> Here is request.

Yes.

> > HN: tcpdump -n -i br107

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> Here is too.

Yes.

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 13:07:39 GMT

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is it possible to get an access to your node to check?

if so please send me crentials privately.

also, if I will provide you a patch for testing will you be able to rebuild the kernel and check?

Thanks,  
Kirill

Dariush Pietrzak wrote:

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 13:08:42 GMT

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if possible plz check with the patch attached.

Kirill Korotaev wrote:

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> Thanks,

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>

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```

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>

```

```

--- ./drivers/net/veth.c.ve8765 2007-09-28 14:21:33.000000000 +0400
+++ ./drivers/net/veth.c 2007-09-28 17:10:47.000000000 +0400
@@ -300,25 +300,6 @@ static int veth_xmit(struct sk_buff *skb

```

```

    if (unlikely(rcv->owner_env->disable_net))
        goto out;
- /* Filtering */
- if (ve_is_super(dev->owner_env) &&
-     !veth_from_netdev(rcv->allow_mac_change) {
- /* from VE0 to VEX */

```

```

- if (ve_is_super(rcv->owner_env))
- goto out;
- if (is_multicast_ether_addr(
- ((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest))
- goto out;
- if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest,
- rcv->dev_addr))
- goto outf;
- } else if (!ve_is_super(dev->owner_env) &&
- lentry->allow_mac_change) {
- /* from VE to VE0 */
- if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_source,
- dev->dev_addr))
- goto outf;
- }

```

```

out:
skb->owner_env = rcv->owner_env;

```

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and veth are joined together by a bridge:

```

```

br107      8000.0018511cf71d    no      eth0.107
              veth107.0

```

```

> and is 192.168.8.254 assigned to veth inside VE?
192.168.8.251 is assigned to veth, .254 is a ucarp-managed IP and it's
assigned to br107.

```

```

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> I wonder why timestamp of Reply here is greater then timestamp in HN...  
yes, it looks strange, especially since the next packet - arp req, has  
similarly delayed timestamp, like something in veth delayed packets after  
dhcp req/reply sequence.

This delay is visible here: .401880 on bridge and eth0.107, but .401886  
from veth. But this .000006 grows to .000014 and then shrinks to .000012  
after missing the packet.

> to DHCP requests and you see the reply only. Can you please check (if it is true - shutting down  
> dhcp server inside VE won't affect tcpdump output)?

This is true, but why do some packets visible on bridge and physical  
interface disappear on veth? When I disable the other dhcp server there is  
no reply at all. dhcpd doesn't see the packet.

> > as you can see, broadcast request from dhcp client is missing, but strangely enough, the  
reply

> > is clearly visible.

> Or it works, but only tcpdump is missing the packet?

That would be possible, but still puzzling, and that wouldn't explaining why  
both tcpdump and dhcpd are missing the packet.

Besides, this machine is very lightly loaded at the moment, and the  
traffic at hand is also abysmally small, not to mention that this happens quite regularly, almost  
all dhcp requests get lost and never arrive to my dhcpd.

thanks, Eyck

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```

by pair I mean that veth interface has 2 ends: one inside VE and another one in HN.  
then what is eth0.107? vlan?

```
> br107          8000.0018511cf71d    no          eth0.107
```

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>                                     veth107.0
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so, this means that your host system replies to DHCP request below.

cause this IP belongs to HN.

are you running DHCP server in HN as well?

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```

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```

```
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[Command], length 50
```

```
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```

300

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> all dhcp requests get lost and never arrive to my dhcpd.

Thanks,

Kirill

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 13:50:22 GMT

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Dariusz,

BTW, I forgot to ask yo to grab tcpdump output from veth107.0 in HN.  
Now from your tcpdumps we see that DHCP request is visible in eth0.107,  
bridge br107 interfaces, but we don't know whether bridge has broadcasted  
the request to veth107.0

Kirill

Kirill Korotaev wrote:

> Dariusz Pietrzak wrote:

>

>>>>HN: tcpdump -n -i eth0.107

>>>

>>>is it veth pair interface, right? ok...

>>

>> I might not exactly follow the term 'veth pair interface', but eth0.107

>>and veth are joined together by a bridge:

>

>

> by pair I mean that veth interface has 2 ends: one inside VE and another one in HN.

> then what is eth0.107? vlan?

>

>

>>br107           8000.0018511cf71d     no           eth0.107

>>                                                            veth107.0

>>

>>

>>

>>>>and is 192.168.8.254 assigned to veth inside VE?

>>

>> 192.168.8.251 is assigned to veth, .254 is a ucarp-managed IP and it's

>>assigned to br107.

>

>

> so, this means that your host system replies to DHCP request below.

> cause this IP belongs to HN.

> are you running DHCP server in HN as well?

>

>

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```
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>

>

>

> Thanks,

> Kirill

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 17:29:35 GMT

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> if possible plz check with the patch attached.

> with this patch in, my dhcp server started working...

> what should I do next?

--

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Sat, 29 Sep 2007 10:20:55 GMT

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Can you please revert previous patch and apply the one I attached?

Does it help?

Thanks,

Kirill

Dariusz Pietrzak wrote:

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>

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> what should I do next?

>



```
--- ./drivers/net/veth.c.ve45678 2007-09-29 14:07:21.000000000 +0400
+++ ./drivers/net/veth.c 2007-09-29 14:18:31.000000000 +0400
@@ -306,17 +306,14 @@ static int veth_xmit(struct sk_buff *skb
/* from VE0 to VEX */
if (ve_is_super(rcv->owner_env))
goto out;
- if (is_multicast_ether_addr(
- ((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest))
+ if (is_multicast_ether_addr(eth_hdr(skb)->h_dest))
goto out;
- if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest,
- rcv->dev_addr))
+ if (compare_ether_addr(eth_hdr(skb)->h_dest, rcv->dev_addr))
goto outf;
} else if (!ve_is_super(dev->owner_env) &&
!entry->allow_mac_change) {
/* from VE to VE0 */
- if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_source,
- dev->dev_addr))
+ if (compare_ether_addr(eth_hdr(skb)->h_source, dev->dev_addr))
goto outf;
}
```

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Sat, 29 Sep 2007 17:33:01 GMT  
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ok though).  
Screenshot attached

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### File Attachments

1) [veth.xmit.crash.png](#), downloaded 4279 times

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [dev](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 07:30:29 GMT  
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oh, sorry, wrong patch :/

I've attached new debug patch, please check it.  
It should print some information in /var/log/messages about what packets are dropped and due to which condition.

Thanks a lot for your help!

Kirill

P.S. you can use in production kernel with removed filtering in veth\_xmit() until it is resolved.

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> Screenshot attached

>

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>

> -----

>

```
--- ./drivers/net/veth.c.ve2346 2007-09-30 11:26:01.000000000 +0400
```

```
+++ ./drivers/net/veth.c 2007-09-30 11:30:45.000000000 +0400
```

```
@@ -282,22 +282,26 @@ static int veth_xmit(struct sk_buff *skb
```

```
    struct net_device *rcv = NULL;
```

```
    struct veth_struct *entry;
```

```
    int length;
```

```
+ int reason = 0;
```

```
    stats = veth_stats(dev, smp_processor_id());
```

```
    if (unlikely(get_exec_env()->disable_net))
```

```
        goto outf;
```

```
+ reason = 1;
```

```
    entry = veth_from_netdev(dev);
```

```
    rcv = entry->pair;
```

```
    if (!rcv)
```

```
        /* VE going down */
```

```
        goto outf;
```

```
+ reason = 2;
```

```
    if (!(rcv->flags & IFF_UP)) {
```

```
        /* Target VE does not want to receive packets */
```

```
        goto outf;
```

```
    }
```

```

+ reason = 3;
  if (unlikely(rcv->owner_env->disable_net))
    goto outf;
  /* Filtering */
@@ -309,12 +313,14 @@ static int veth_xmit(struct sk_buff *skb
  if (is_multicast_ether_addr(
    ((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest))
    goto outf;
+ reason = 4;
  if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest,
    rcv->dev_addr))
    goto outf;
  } else if (!ve_is_super(dev->owner_env) &&
    !entry->allow_mac_change) {
  /* from VE to VE0 */
+ reason = 5;
  if (compare_ether_addr(((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_source,
    dev->dev_addr))
    goto outf;
@@ -361,6 +367,23 @@ out:
  return 0;

outf:
+ {
+ unsigned char *addr;
+ int i;
+
+ printk("veth_xmit() dropped pkt reason %d:\n", reason);
+
+ addr = ((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_source;
+ printk(" src = ");
+ for (i = 0; i < ETH_ALEN; i++)
+   printk("%02x:", addr[i]);
+
+ addr = ((struct ethhdr *)skb->data)->h_dest;
+ printk(" dst = ");
+ for (i = 0; i < ETH_ALEN; i++)
+   printk("%02x:", addr[i]);
+ printk("\n");
+ }
  kfree_skb(skb);
  stats->tx_dropped++;
  return 0;

```

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
 Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 11:47:51 GMT

> It should print some information in /var/log/messages about what packets  
> are dropped and due to which condition.  
All the messages look like this:

```
Sep 30 13:31:11 dfw1 kernel: veth_xmit() dropped pkt reason 4:  
Sep 30 13:31:11 dfw1 kernel:  src = 00:1b:d5:84:90:d2:, dst = 00:08:02:ac:36:20:  
src mac seem to belong to the stations that my dhcpd is supposed to be  
serving, I don't recognize dst macs though... I'll investigate it if that's  
important.
```

To sum up - all the messages claim that drop is due to reason 4

```
> + reason = 4;  
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>   goto outf;
```

I don't recall if I've mentioned this, but I'm using both bridge, and ucarp on top of the bridge.

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 12:24:49 GMT

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Dariusz Pietrzak wrote:

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> src mac seem to belong to the stations that my dhcpd is supposed to be  
> serving, I don't recognize dst macs though... I'll investigate it if that's  
> important.
```

it should be broadcast MAC, not this one.

Can you please check whose MAC is it?

you can you arping for this.

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```
>
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> ucarp on top of the bridge.
```

Yes, most likely ucarp is the reason... I need some reading to understand what it is...  
So would be nice if we resolve this and fixed.

Thanks,  
Kirill

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [dev](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 08:08:05 GMT  
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Dariush,

can you please add -e option to tcpdump, so that we could check MAC in packets?  
and tell me plz MAC addresses of HN, veth inside VE and your DHCP client.

Thanks,  
Kirill

Dariush Pietrzak wrote:

```
>>DHCP server should work fine with veth bridged to host eth0 interface.
>>Can you reproduce your issue when server doesn't reply?
>
> it looks like this:
>
> HN: tcpdump -n -i eth0.107
> 08:16:19.401880 00:1b:d4:7e:76:2a > 01:00:0c:cc:cc:cd SNAP Unnumbered, ui, Flags
[Command], length 50
> 08:16:21.154240 IP 0.0.0.0.68 > 255.255.255.255.67: BOOTP/DHCP, Request from
00:1b:d5:2c:bf:38, length 308
> 08:16:21.185096 IP 192.168.8.254.67 > 255.255.255.255.68: BOOTP/DHCP, Reply, length 300
> 08:16:21.187344 arp who-has 192.168.9.254 tell 192.168.9.97
>
>
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>  
> as you can see, broadcast request from dhcp client is missing, but strangely enough, the reply  
> is clearly visible.  
>  
> I also tried doing something like this to verify the software inside VPS: I chroot to  
.../vz/private/107/  
> and then launch the dhcpd against br107, and then it works as expected.  
>

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )  
Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 09:46:57 GMT  
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Hello Kirill,

> can you please add -e option to tcpdump, so that we could check MAC in packets?  
> and tell me plz MAC addresses of HN, veth inside VE and your DHCP client.  
Here's the tcpdump on HN:

```
11:38:39.651963 00:1b:d5:2c:bf:38 > ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff, ethertype IPv4  
(0x0800), length 350: 0.0.0.0.68 > 255.255.255.255.67: BOOTP/DHCP, Request  
from 00:1b:d5:2c:bf:38, length 308
```

```
11:38:39.669960 00:08:02:ac:36:20 > ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff, ethertype IPv4  
(0x0800), length 342: 172.17.8.254.67 > 255.255.255.255.68: BOOTP/DHCP,  
Reply, length 300
```

and on VPS it's visible as:

```
11:38:39.669971 00:08:02:ac:36:20 > ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff, ethertype IPv4  
(0x0800), length 342: 172.17.8.254.67 > 255.255.255.255.68: BOOTP/DHCP,  
Reply, length 300
```

can't find any sign of this packet in /var/log/messages, it looks like everything in /var/log/messages is completely unrelated to dhcp, some of those are vrrp heartbeat, others - SNAP,

it looks like this:

```
grep -i 00:08:02:ac:36:20 /var/log/messages
```

```
Oct 1 10:48:09 dfw1 kernel: src = 00:1b:d5:84:90:92:, dst = 00:08:02:ac:36:20:
```

```
Oct 1 10:59:42 dfw1 kernel: src = 00:1b:d5:84:7a:1f:, dst = 00:08:02:ac:36:20:
```

no sign of similiar packet on 11:38:39,

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Key fingerprint = 40D0 9FFB 9939 7320 8294 05E0 BCC7 02C4 75CC 50D9  
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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 10:00:09 GMT

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> serving, I don't recognize dst macs though... I'll inwestigatue it if that's

> important.

dst MAC is MAC of your host node according to tcpdump you've sent a few minutes ago.  
So pkt was dropped correctly.

> To sum up - all the messages claim that drop is due to reason 4

>

>

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>> rcv->dev\_addr))

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>

>

> I don't recall if I've mentioned this, but I'm using both bridge, and

> ucarp on top of the bridge.

can you check w/o ucarp please?

We setup vlan+bridge+veth to check, but it works fine on our side.

Or maybe you can give me an access to check?

Thanks,  
Kirill

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. )

Posted by [dev](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 11:18:21 GMT

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configuration issue. details:

[http://wiki.openvz.org/Bridge\\_doesn%27t\\_forward\\_packets](http://wiki.openvz.org/Bridge_doesn%27t_forward_packets)

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Subject: Re: Running DHCP on VPS, ( on a router.. ) [ Summary/Solved ]

Posted by [ml-openvz-eyck](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 11:58:01 GMT

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....summary:

it looks like the problem was caused by bridge handing over packets to iptables firewall, so it was enough to add:

```
iptables -I FORWARD -i br101 -d 255.255.255.255 -j ACCEPT
```

(br101 is the bridge on which I joined physical device with veth101.0)

such behaviour is caused by CONFIG\_BRIDGE\_NETFILTER=y in kernel config.

Many thanks for much patience and help in resolving this annoying issue.

regards, eyck

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