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Subject: Suggestion for VZDUMP

Posted by [jarcher](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 20:00:16 GMT

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Just a thought, thank you for your hard work and contributions!

Jim

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Posted by [Dietmar Maurer](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 03:56:13 GMT

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Posted by [jarcher](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 06:17:28 GMT  
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Thanks Dietmar, I had an older version of VZDUMP installed. It's upgraded now.

Jim

--On Friday, December 07, 2007 4:56 AM +0100 Dietmar Maurer  
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