
Subject: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [beyondx](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 10:00:25 GMT
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Hi everyone,

I know that the following question is rather a linux-noob-one, but I just cant figure it out.

In fact I´m using vzdump to backup running VEs, which works without any problems. However I´m trying to exclude certain paths including their subdirectories. How can I exclude everything within /var/spool/clientmqueue?

I tried /var/spool/clientmqueue/.+ but that doesnt work.

Any help would be appreciated. I already tried myself on certain pages dealing with regex but still fail.

Regards

Norman

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [kir](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 11:27:28 GMT
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By reading http://wiki.openvz.org/Backup_of_a_running_VE_with_vzdump I was not able to find any arguments telling to excude a directory from backup. So I guess you have to contact vzdump guys (Proxmox) asking for that.

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [ugob](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 12:16:45 GMT
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Kir,

It is a new feature.

usage: /usr/bin/vzdump OPTIONS [--all | VPSID]

--exclude VPSID	exclude VPSID (assumes --all)
--exclude-path REGEX	exclude certain files/directories
--compress	compress dump file (gzip)
--dumpdir DIR	store resulting files in DIR
--xdelta	create differential backup using xdelta
--mailto EMAIL	send notification mail to EMAIL.
--stop	stop/start VPS if running
--suspend	suspend/resume VPS when running

--snapshot use LVM snapshot when running
--restore FILENAME restore FILENAME

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [ugob](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 13:20:33 GMT
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Have you tried

/var/spool/clientmqueue/

or

/var/spool/clientmqueue/.*

?

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [beyondx](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 15:12:51 GMT
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hi ugob,

thx for the hint!i will try your tips asap. i hope this will solve the problem....
I'll post the results.

Regards

norman

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [beyondx](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 18:30:11 GMT
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Unfortunately both ways dont work. The first one seems to have no effect and /. * is not accepted
:-/
Does anyone have another hint?

Regards

Norman

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [curx](#) on Sat, 08 Mar 2008 11:38:57 GMT
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Have you tried this:

CTID = VEID

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# vzdump <CTID> --exclude '/var/spool/clientmqueue/'
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Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [beyondx](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 12:37:58 GMT
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Thx for your reply but unfortunately your help didnt work either. It is getting weird or I´m just too dumb.

I need to exclude anything within /var/spool/clientmqueue (which can be folders or files). It cannot be that difficult, can it...

Regards

Norman

Subject: Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [lizard](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2008 09:17:06 GMT
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Try this --exclude-path '/var/spool/clientmqueue/.+' it's fine working for me

Subject: ***SOLVED*** Re: vzdump exclude folders
Posted by [beyondx](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 11:10:21 GMT
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Sorry...I´m just too dumb.

The /var/spool/mqueue/.+ syntax worked. I was just confused, because vzdump was complaining about vanishing files within the folder (however, they were excluded)...everything´s fine now.

Regards,

Norman
