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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

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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](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.

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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

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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/.\*

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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