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Posted by [misch](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 10:15:24 GMT

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Using veth device you can change the IP address inside the virtual machine. But you have to set up proxy arp on the host machine and also the host has to know about routing to that machine. If the IP address resource inside the virtual machine is moved away to an other virtual machine located on the same host or another one, the original host will still advertise its MAC address for the virtual IP address of the cluster and will route the packets to the virtual machine not serving the IP address any more.

Did I understand OpenVZ documentation right?

Is there any way out of this dilemma using heartbeat inside openvz virtual machines?

Greetings,

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Subject: Re: Networking problem inside a openvz virtual machine  
Posted by [kfh](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 10:49:19 GMT

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On Thursday den 12. June 2008 12:15:24 Michael Schwartzkopff wrote:

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I don't use HA nor venet, but anyway...

I setup bridge (br0) in VE0, and attach physical network adapter to it.

When I start a VE (ID: 1000), I create a veth pair.  
In VE0 called ve1000.0 and in VE1000 called eth0.

I attach ve1000.0 to br0 in script pointed to by EXTERNAL\_SCRIPT=  
in /etc/vz/vznet.conf

Then there is no need for proxy arp.

The VE itself configures the IP address on eth0.

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I assume you can create secondary IP address on eth0 in VE1000.

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Good luck,

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