
Subject: iptables modules in VE
Posted by [crea](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 12:35:00 GMT
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My setup:

Debian (etch-lenny mixed kind) , kernel 2.6.18 with patch-ovz028stab053.14-combined
also addon modules installed (xtables-addons-1.5.5)

On VE:

```
vps:/# shorewall show capabilities | grep Not
Ipset Match: Not available
CONNMARK Target: Not available
Connmark Match: Not available
Raw Table: Not available
IPP2P Match: Not available
```

On HW Node:

```
node:~# shorewall show capabilities | grep Not
CONNMARK Target: Not available
Connmark Match: Not available
IPP2P Match: Not available
```

All stuff about ipset is listed in /etc/vz/vz.conf (IPTABLES=..).
Does it work in VE at all ?

Second question: what do I need IPTABLES="..." for in /etc/vz/vz.conf when vzctl manual clearly says "by default all iptables modules that are loaded in the host system are accessible inside a VE". Would it be enough to put modules I need in VE in node's /etc/modules and hope it works ?

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE
Posted by [khorenko](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 12:52:28 GMT
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Hello.

Quote:

Second question: what do I need IPTABLES="..." for in /etc/vz/vz.conf when vzctl manual clearly says "by default all iptables modules that are loaded in the host system are accessible inside a VE". Would it be enough to put modules I need in VE in node's /etc/modules and hope it works ?

That means, if you do not have IPTABLES variable in CT.conf, all iptables modules loaded before the Container start - will be available inside a Container.

Quote:Ipset Match: Not available

Raw Table: Not available

First of all - can you please check that Container restart does not help? i mean - corresponding modules could be loaded after the Container already started, then the modules will be available on the Host System, but not inside a Container.

Second - ok, probably that modules are simply not virtualized yet. Do you really need their functionality of just was curious in general?

Thank you.

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Konstantin

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE

Posted by [crea](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:21:59 GMT

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So am I right in understanding I can just use `IPTABLES=""` in `/etc/vz/vz.conf` since my iptables modules will be available at node startup (modules in `/etc/modules` will be loaded before any VE is started) ?

Yes I did 'vzctl restart 101' several times (101 is VE I experiment with).

Now I put `IPTABLES=""` in `/etc/vz/vz.conf`, did 'vzctl restart 101' and result is:

```
vps:/# shorewall show capabilities | grep Not
```

```
NAT: Not available
```

```
Ipset Match: Not available
```

```
CONNMARK Target: Not available
```

```
Connmark Match: Not available
```

```
Raw Table: Not available
```

```
IPP2P Match: Not available
```

Should I just comment `IPTABLES` line out completely ? Why NAT became unavailable ? And it didn't help to fix `Ipset` as you see anyway.

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE

Posted by [khorenko](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:46:42 GMT

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[crea](#) wrote on Fri, 22 August 2008 17:21 So am I right in understanding I can just use `IPTABLES=""` in `/etc/vz/vz.conf` since my iptables modules will be available at node startup (modules in `/etc/modules` will be loaded before any VE is started) ?

Well, not exactly.

You need leave `IPTABLES` as is in `/etc/vz/vz.conf` and comment out completely from `CT.conf` (for example `/etc/vz/conf/101.conf`).

Then all iptables modules loaded before CT start will be available inside a Container.

Quote:Should I just comment IPTABLES line out completely ? Why NAT became unavailable ?
Because you removed IPTABLES variable from global config /etc/vz/vz.conf.

Quote:And it didn't help to fix Ipset as you see anyway.
Well, and could you please tell me if you really need the functionality of Ipset module or just curious why it's not available?

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Konstantin

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE
Posted by [crea](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:53:05 GMT
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Ofcourse I can live without ipset, but it would be sad. I read that ipset makes matching very fast so you can have long matching rules, blacklists for example, without significant performance loss. If I can choose, I just use solution that wouldn't make me any headache in future, so I would use ipset and don't care that long iptables rules slow my server.
I can make my firewall reside completely in HW node but that is not proper design (everything about VE should be in VE)

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE
Posted by [khorenko](#) on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 14:35:06 GMT
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Ok, we'll check it.
http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show_bug.cgi?id=977

Subject: Re: iptables modules in VE
Posted by [maratrus](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:20:17 GMT
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Hi,

try the following way:

- make sure that ipset utility is installed inside VE
- make sure that iptables utility knows about "set" module for example:

```
#iptables -m set --help
```

- if the previous points are done try to do the following:

```
#ipset -N test iphash
#ipset -X iphash
```

if the first command fails, you have to give your VE net_admin capability:

```
#vzctl stop VE_ID
#vzctl set VE_ID --capability net_admin:on --save
#vzctl start VE_ID
```

where VE_ID - is an ID of your VE.

after that the previous ipset commands inside VE should work.

- make sure that you are able to use ipset module inside VE:

```
# ipset -N mytest iphash
# iptables -A FORWARD -m set --set mytest src -j ACCEPT
# iptables -D FORWARD -m set --set mytest src -j ACCEPT
# ipset -X mytest
```

if this test is success (it issues without errors) the command

```
# shorewall show capabilities
```

should show Ipset Match: Available inside VE.

P.S. But keep in mind that the group of ip_set modules are not virtualized, so all of yours VEs and HN use the same resources and this is the violation of encapsulation.

Also be careful with permitting various capabilities to your VE.

P.P.S. I'm afraid that these modules won't be virtualized right now, because ipset modules are not included in mainstream kernel and goes like the extensions.
