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Subject: vldump with timestamps

Posted by [vader897](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 05:24:30 GMT

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I am trying to edit vldump so that it will append the date and maybe time to the filename of the outputted tar file.

for example vldump-VEID-%Y-%m-%d-%H-%M-%s.tar.gz

It seems fairly straight foward

On a side note, I think a nifty upgrade for vldump would be for it to allow users to append a label. For example, vldump 101 -L my\_special\_backup would spit out a file called vldump-101-my\_special\_backup.tar.gz

Dont get sidetracked by my feature request, the real question is how can I edit the vldump code jus to get a timestamp for now. The line that needs to be changed is 1287.

```
my $basename = "vldump-${vpsid}";
```

basically, i have never coded in perl before so I have just been guessing at code to no avail. Can anyone lend me a hand?

Any ideas?

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Subject: Re: vldump with timestamps

Posted by [vader897](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2009 23:59:52 GMT

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Figured it out myself.

I changed

```
my $basename = "vldump-${vpsid}";
```

to this

```
(my $sec,my $min,my $hour,my $mday,my $mon,my $year,my $wday,my $yday,my  
$isdst)=localtime(time);  
$year += 1900;  
$mon += 1;
```

```
my $basename = "vldump-${vpsid}-${year}-${mon}-${mday}-${hour}-${min}-${sec}";
```

Maybe thats helpful to someone else. The reason why I wanted to do this was so that vldump wouldnt overwrite files, I thought appending the date to the filenames would be more useful than just a number.

What I will do next is write a script to set as a cronjob which will do a few things.

1. dump all VE's every night
2. delete all VE's older than 2 weeks except for ones dumped on sunday.
3. delete all VE's older than 1 month except for the ones dumped on the first sunday of the month

you get the idea...

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