Subject: Aptitude FATAL -> Failed to fork.
Posted by AmokPaule on Wed, 11 Nov 2009 14:52:26 GMT

Hello,
i have a debian lenny guest on a lenny host.
When i type aptitude update install or something i get FATAL -> Failed to fork.
When i start just aptitude i get that message. Uncaught exception: Not enough resources to create thread.
apt-get seems to work.

Subject: Re: Aptitude FATAL -> Failed to fork.
Posted by kir on Wed, 11 Nov 2009 15:55:21 GMT

See http://wiki.openvz.org/Resource_shortage

Subject: Re: Aptitude FATAL -> Failed to fork.
Posted by AmokPaule on Wed, 11 Nov 2009 18:49:57 GMT

Hello,
im still in understaning all that stuff
I did :
vzctl set 102 --privvmpages 400m:500M --save
vzctl set 102 --vmguarpages 400m:500M --save
Did i make anything here that can cause heavy trouble.

Subject: Re: Aptitude FATAL -> Failed to fork.
Posted by maratrus on Fri, 13 Nov 2009 16:00:26 GMT

Hi,

Quote:
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nothing fatal.

You have just bump into resource shortage. To know what resource have to be increased explore /proc/user_beancounters and read the provided link.

Posted by slrslr on Sun, 04 Dec 2016 15:40:52 GMT

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My OVZ VPS had 120MB free (free -mt), but apt-get returned same error. Just wanted to share workaround that was not yet mentioned.

do "top -c" to see the process eating most of the VIRT/RES/SHR (memory), in my case it was mysql. Stop it temporarily.
i did: service mysql stop
then apt-get worked
then started mysql again: service mysql start