
Subject: vzctl set cpuunits and vzcpuchcheck strange behaviour

Posted by [Paparaciz](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2010 21:14:59 GMT

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I don't know if I missed something or is it just a bug....

kernel 2.6.18-164.2.1.el5.028stab066.10
vzctl-3.0.23-1

in each HN i have 1 CT runing (httpd, mysql with replication)

so there is a command sequence on HN

#vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 1000 --save

Setting CPU units: 1000

Saved parameters for CT 502

#vzcpuchcheck

Current CPU utilization: 2000

Power of the node: 160011

ok

#vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 10000 --save

Setting CPU units: 10000

#vzcpuchcheck

Current CPU utilization: 11000

Power of the node: 160011

emm ok

#vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 30000 --save

Setting CPU units: 30000

#vzcpuchcheck

Current CPU utilization: 32250

Power of the node: 160011

emmm why 32250 not 31000??

ok, let it be...

vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 120000 --save

..

Current CPU utilization: 126000

+6000

ok

vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 130000 --save

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Current CPU utilization: 167666  
Power of the node: 160011  
Warning: hardware node is overcommitted
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emm, what??  
# vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 124000 --save  
..  
Current CPU utilization: 126000  
  
# vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 125000 --save  
..  
Current CPU utilization: 126000  
  
final  
# vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 126000 --save  
# vzcpuchcheck  
Current CPU utilization: 167666  
Power of the node: 160011  
Warning: hardware node is overcommitted
```

so...

why some time vzctl set and vzcpuchckeck gives different expected result.
why setting cpuunits to 126000 gives hardware overcomitted while hardware node has power of 160011

Subject: Re: vzctl set cpuunits and vzcpuchcheck strange behaviour
Posted by [dedicados](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 03:03:17 GMT

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mmm i think this:

you do this
#vzctl set 502 --cpuunits 10000 --save
Setting CPU units: 10000
#vzcpuchcheck
Current CPU utilization: 11000
Power of the node: 160011

you are setting to the VE 502 the cpuunits and you are doing "vzcpuchcheck" but you dont specify the VE

so maybe vzcpuchcheck are checking the whole server so you get that values, your 10000 + 1000 of other VE ? or main SERVER ??

Subject: Re: vzctl set cpuunits and vzcpuchcheck strange behaviour

Posted by [Paparaciz](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 07:24:11 GMT

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yes, I know that CT0 takes 1000

easy to check:

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# vzcpuchcheck -v
```

my question is why setting cpuunits to 30000 it makes all cpu utilization not 31000 but 32250
and why while systems power is 160010, setting cpuunits to 130000 makes not 131000, but
167666 cpu utilization of the node

Subject: Re: vzctl set cpuunits and vzcpuchcheck strange behaviour

Posted by [davidh](#) on Wed, 20 Apr 2011 11:11:56 GMT

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The answer is simple. There is some magic number 500.000 in the code which is used to round numbers. I found the origin here: wiki.openvz.org/Fairsched_API#CPU_limit

So I found my vzcpuchcheck value of 479343 and I want every vz container to have 1/7 of the cpu time == 68477. When I enter this with vzctl I get 71428 as the value which is set.

Here is how the 500.000 number works: 500.000/71428 is an int! The next best lower number is 62500 cpuunits. When I enter that 7 times I get underbooking (which is what I want).
