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Posted by [Eric Sammons](#) on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 01:26:26 GMT

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Thanks!
eanxgeek

Subject: Re: OpenVZ + VPS +dhclient

Posted by [dev](#) on Sat, 19 Nov 2005 09:35:19 GMT

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Hello Eric,

you are the first who wants such configuration :), but I suppose it is possible to do it if better understand what you are doing and what are your goals.

Do you want your VPSs to be accessible outside from the network?

1. If the answer is "no", then you can setup any local IPs to VPSs and configure NAT in the host system. Thus your VPSs will have local IPs, will be able to connect to the network, but won't be accessible from outside (though you can map one specific port of the host system to VPS port, i.e. can make VPS http server to appear on some specific port of host system IP).

2. If the answer is "yes", then I suppose there is definitely something strange in your configuration, since DHCP can bring you arbitrary IP address and you will have to have some DNS tricks or otherwise you still won't be able to determine VPS IP easily from the outside.

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Posted by [Eric Sammons](#) on Sun, 20 Nov 2005 02:09:19 GMT
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My intent is to have my guests (VPS systems) be available to the network without using iptables, SNAT, or NAT to forward packets. I am using fedora so I have dhclient available to me and not dhcpd, at least not with my package base. Anyone know how to "grab" more than one IP address from a DHCP server using dhclient. There is no -T option.

Thanks!

>===== Original Message From Kirill Korotaev <dev@sw.ru> =====
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