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Subject: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [Eric Sammons](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2005 19:14:02 GMT  
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Trying to install Oracle into a VPS, Oracle for testing requires at least 1024 MB of SWAP defined. I have had no luck figuring out how to create a SWAP device within my RHEL VPS. Anyone have any ideas how I can create a SWAP within my VPS?

I have attempted the following,  
# MAKDEV zero (/dev/zero didn't exist)  
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/tmp/swapfile bs=1024 count=1000000  
# mkswap /tmp/swapfile  
# swapon -a /tmp/swapfile  
swapon: /tmp/swapfile: Operation not permitted  
# swapon -s  
swapon: /proc/swaps: No such file or directory

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [Eric Sammons](#) on Mon, 28 Nov 2005 19:51:24 GMT  
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OK was able to resolve this, turns out my VPS was not defined to have enough resources, this has been resolved.

Now; however, Oracle is install and I am running the dbca command. During the execution of this command the following occurs:

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/bin/cat: /proc/swaps: No such file or directory
```

```
ACK: Altstack failed errno 12 astart 0x4ad08000 size 0xa000
```

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Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM warning: cannot allocate alternate signal stack
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Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM warning: Attempt to allocate stack guard pages failed.
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Anyone know how I might get by this?

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [kir](#) on Mon, 28 Nov 2005 21:00:16 GMT

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First, check that your VPS' /proc/user\_beancounters does not have any bean counters with failcnt (last column) more than zero. If there are some, try to run application which gives an error once again and check if failcnt is increasing. If they do, then your application requires more resources and you need to tune up some UBC parameters.

Please keep up updated about your progress with Oracle, we will try to help you.

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [Eric Sammons](#) on Wed, 30 Nov 2005 19:27:51 GMT

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I have looked at user\_beancounters and sure enough several counters were increasing. I have bumped the sizes and applied the config. We may be there...

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [vali.dragnuta](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2005 16:50:21 GMT

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I managed to install oracle on a openvz PVS. (centos 4.2)  
Swap is a non problem, it just complains about it but it does not matter.  
I had bigger problems setting the right limits, as oracle is pretty greedy. Only creating the database requires a lot of kmemory (about 12 megs).  
/proc/user\_beancounters should be anybody's friend when trying to install oracle.  
Anyway, I managed to get it working.

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition  
Posted by [dim](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2005 17:03:06 GMT

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Default values should be changed at least for numfiles, shmempages, kmemsize and privvmpages params. The best choice, if possible, is to set unlimited values to ubc and see params max values during expected oracle load.

Here is my `cat /proc/user\_beancounters` output:

```
[root@opteron ~]# cat /proc/user_beancounters
```

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Version: 2.5
```

uid resource	held	maxheld	barrier	limit	failcnt
1719: kmemsize	7069027	16971400	2147483647	2147483647	0
lockedpages	0	0	2147483647	2147483647	0
privvmpages	457725	811903	2147483647	2147483647	0
shmpages	299675	300331	2147483647	2147483647	0

dummy	0	0	2147483647	2147483647	0
numproc	63	93	2147483647	2147483647	0
physpages	71041	319160	2147483647	2147483647	0
vmguarpages	0	0	2147483647	2147483647	0
oomguarpages	71041	319160	2147483647	2147483647	0
numtcpsock	10	50	2147483647	2147483647	0
numflock	23	25	2147483647	2147483647	0
numpty	1	2	2147483647	2147483647	0
numsiginfo	0	31	2147483647	2147483647	0
tcpsndbuf	2228	120380	2147483647	2147483647	0
tcprcvbuf	692	171328	2147483647	2147483647	0
othersockbuf	8912	31780	2147483647	2147483647	0
dgramrcvbuf	0	8372	2147483647	2147483647	0
numothersock	12	25	2147483647	2147483647	0
dcachesize	489048	566538	2147483647	2147483647	0
numfile	1836	2805	2147483647	2147483647	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
numiptent	10	16	2147483647	2147483647	0

Messages about absence of /proc/swaps and /proc/partitions are just warnings, oracle instance may exist without these files.

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition

Posted by [chexov](#) on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 02:25:22 GMT

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i got same error "swapon: swap: Operation not permitted"  
can you tell how fix it?

Already check UBC. seemd no fails:

104: kmemsize	4388616	7029610	2147483647	2147483647	0
lockedpages	0	8	2147483647	2147483647	0
privvmpages	55318	89453	2147483647	2147483647	0
shmpages	722	2034	2147483647	2147483647	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
numproc	76	120	2645	2645	0
physpages	5113	45350	2147483647	2147483647	0
vmguarpages	0	0	2147483647	2147483647	0
oomguarpages	24784	51353	2147483647	2147483647	0
numtcpsock	16	33	2645	2645	0
numflock	6	11	1000	1100	0
numpty	1	3	264	264	0
numsiginfo	0	31	1024	1024	0

tcpsndbuf	2216	90856	532207	11366127	0
tcprcvbuf	0	332400	532207	11366127	0
othersockbuf	93072	258432	6771200	6771200	0
dgramrcvbuf	0	11080	2147483647	2147483647	0
numothersock	84	150	2645	2645	0
dcachesize	189728	270072	2147483647	2147483647	0
numfile	1711	4309	13312	13312	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
dummy	0	0	0	0	0
numiptent	4	4	200	200	0

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition

Posted by [dim](#) on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 09:39:04 GMT

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You don't need to do swapon inside VE. VEs use swap, enabled on the HN.

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Subject: Re: VPS for Oracle, requires SWAP partition

Posted by [brauliobo](#) on Sat, 08 Mar 2008 02:24:12 GMT

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Hello,

I have VPSlink site and I really need a swap space, like you, for my plone site. I've got the same errors you had (operation not permitted and /proc/swaps: No such file or directory). You said that you fixed but not how you fixed. Could you explain it for me??

Thanks,  
bráulio

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