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Posted by [shule ney](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 19:58:39 GMT

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Posted by [Steven Crothers](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 20:03:48 GMT

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Subject: Re: HELP:How can one VM interrupt another running VM ??

Posted by [shule ney](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 20:08:51 GMT

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I can't quite understand you, why you mean it's "malicious"?

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Subject: Re: HELP:How can one VM interrupt another running VM ??
Posted by [Daniel Pittman](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 20:12:06 GMT
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Which means that if you set your higher priority stuff to a high nice level, or real-time priority, it will take precedence over another VE that runs lower priority stuff.

Finally, if you assign appropriate CPU shares to the VEs you can ensure that they will get all the time divided appropriately at a high level.

Regards,
Daniel

PS: Native Linux doesn't support this either. :)

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Subject: Re: HELP:How can one VM interrupt another running VM ??
Posted by [shule ney](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 20:27:06 GMT
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Posted by [dowdle](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 21:27:56 GMT
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No, that is NOT a built in feature of OpenVZ... and one would argue that it should not be a feature.

Having said that though, assuming you have root access to the host node running the containers,

you could setup some type of monitoring of the process in the container that communicates to the host node, and when the host node sees a condition, you could chkcpnt the container, pass a message to the second container, start up some process there, monitor it, and when done, restore from chkpoint the first container.

That would take some work. The easiest way for monitoring would be checking for the presence or absence of a file... and that should be easy since the host node can see the container's filesystems.

I don't know if that is what you want or not but if I had to have that feature, that's what I'd do.

TYL,

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Subject: Re: HELP:How can one VM interrupt another running VM ??

Posted by [Daniel Pittman](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 21:41:18 GMT

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No, that is absolutely impossible. The only mechanism for that Linux provides for this is using RT scheduling and IPC, and those are not really available to you. What you are describing sounds very much like cooperative multitasking, which Linux doesn't do at this level.

Are you sure you don't want, for example, a TCP socket passing data to the "switch to" process, and then to block until the response comes back?

Daniel

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