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Posted by [Benjamin Henrion](#) on Mon, 09 May 2011 08:13:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: How to identify the physical machine when you are inside the container?

Posted by [Aleksandar Ivanisevic](#) on Tue, 10 May 2011 09:09:42 GMT

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dont forget to set up the dns properly or change the dig above to a hosts or other table lookup.

Subject: Re: Re: How to identify the physical machine when you are inside the container?

Posted by [mercy](#) on Tue, 10 May 2011 14:43:41 GMT

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i.e. 1111.ovz1.domain.ru, 2222.ovz2.domain.ru, 3333.ovz3.domain.ru and
VEID is uniq for ALL HN's

Or we can use traceroute utility from outside
i.e. traceroute ve-domain.com
traceroute to ve-domain.com (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets

1
2
3

HW name --> 4 hwnodename.domain.com (yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy.) 2.775 ms
2.762 ms 2.741 ms
5 ve-domain.com (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx) 2.727 ms 2.702 ms
2.687 ms

If VE and HN has real IP and HN's , you can use traceroute inside VE
i.e. traceroute ya.ru
traceroute to ya.ru (87.250.251.3), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
HW name --> 1 hwhonename (yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy) 0.090 ms 0.015 ms 0.015 ms
2 ...
3 ...
4 ...
5 ...
6 www.yandex.ru (87.250.251.3) 1.510 ms 1.907 ms 2.116 ms

On 05/10/2011 01:09 PM, Aleksandar Ivanisevic wrote:

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Subject: Re: How to identify the physical machine when you are inside the container?

Posted by [Aleksandar Ivanisevic](#) on Wed, 11 May 2011 08:50:10 GMT

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"Ekaterina.epifanova" <nixma@yandex.ru>
writes:

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Posted by [mercy](#) on Wed, 11 May 2011 10:10:13 GMT

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11.05.2011, 12:50, "Aleksandar Ivanisevic" <aleksandar@ivanisevic.de>:

> "Ekaterina.epifanova" <nixma@yandex.ru>;

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In our enviroment (~100HNs and ~7000VEs) veid.hwnodename.domain.com - it's service name and it never use for http, smtp or other VEs needs.

After migrating VE it's service name must be changed to correct

Mirgating VE - it's not everyday job. In this case VE's service name may be created and changed by hand or, in large scale, with automated scripts.

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Posted by [Aleksandar Ivanisevic](#) on Wed, 11 May 2011 13:06:37 GMT

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Epifanova Ekaterina <nixma@yandex.ru>

writes:

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thats exactly what I do, but that only works for venet, I hoped you have something that will work for veth.

Subject: Re: How to identify the physical machine when you are inside the container?

Posted by [Thorsten Schifferdeck](#) on Wed, 11 May 2011 20:08:12 GMT

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Hi,

you can use action scripts mount, see OpenVZ User Guide, p. 89 (-> <http://download.openvz.org/doc/OpenVZ-Users-Guide.pdf>) or man page vzctl (8)

on ct mount, a ct0 hostname info is written inside the ct, like:

```
---8<... ...( file: /etc/vz/conf/vps.mount )...  
#!/bin/bash
```

```
# global vps.mount script  
# write hostname ct0 info from ct0 to ctX
```

```
# include the ct config  
. $VE_CONFFILE
```

```
hostname > $VE_PRIVATE/_to/any/place/where/you/like/it_
```

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exit 0  
---8<...
```

Bye,
Thorsten

Am 09.05.2011 10:13, schrieb Benjamin Henrion:

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