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Subject: Strange mount problem

Posted by [Marc Peiser](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 12:26:31 GMT

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[root@va-box /]#
```

Has anyone seen this before?

Regards,  
Marc

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Subject: Re: Strange mount problem

Posted by [kir](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:27:04 GMT

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On 06/20/2011 04:26 PM, Marc Peiser wrote:

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Please provide the output of the following commands (in a container):

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ls -l /etc/mtab
ls -l /proc/mounts
cat /proc/mounts
cat /etc/mtab
```

And on the host system:

```
uname -a  
rpm -q vzctl
```

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Subject: Re: Strange mount problem

Posted by [dowdle](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:26:26 GMT

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TYL,

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Subject: Re: Strange mount problem

Posted by [Marc Peiser](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 10:42:19 GMT

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Hi Kir,

Here's the output you requested:

Container:

```
[root@va-apache /]# ls -l /etc/mtab  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 77 Jun 17 15:53 /etc/mtab  
[root@va-apache /]# ls -l /proc/mounts  
lr-xr-xr-x 1 root root 11 Jun 27 12:32 /proc/mounts -> self/mounts  
[root@va-apache /]# cat /proc/mounts  
/dev/simfs / simfs rw,relatime 0 0
```

```
/dev/root /opt/apps-shared1 ext3 rw,relatime,data=ordered 0 0
/dev/root /opt/apps-shared2 ext3 rw,relatime,data=ordered 0 0
//172.20.40.10/F$ /opt/dataserver cifs
rw,mand,nodev,noexec,relatime,unc=\\172.20.40.10\F$,username
=fileshare,uid=500,forceuid,gid=0,noforcegid,addr=172.20.40.
10,file_mode=02767,dir_mode=0777,rsiz=16384,wsiz=57344
0 0
proc /proc proc rw,relatime 0 0
sysfs /sys sysfs rw,relatime 0 0
none /dev tmpfs rw,relatime 0 0
none /dev/pts devpts rw,relatime 0 0
none /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc binfmt_misc rw,relatime 0 0
[root@va-apache /]# cat /etc/mtab
none /dev/pts devpts rw 0 0
none /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc binfmt_misc rw 0 0
```

Host:

```
[root@lnxsvr2 ~]# uname -a
Linux lnxsvr2.valuead.com 2.6.18-238.12.1.el5.028stab091.1 #1 SMP Wed
Jun 1 13:20:25 MSD 2011 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
[root@lnxsvr2 ~]# rpm -q vzctl
vzctl-3.0.28.3-1
```

Regards,  
Marc

On Wed, Jun 22, 2011 at 2:27 PM, Kir Kolyshkin <kir@openvz.org> wrote:

> On 06/20/2011 04:26 PM, Marc Peiser wrote:

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Subject: Re: Strange mount problem  
Posted by [Marc Peiser](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 10:45:49 GMT  
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Hi Scott,

You are correct, /etc/mtab was not a symlink. I deleted it and created a symlink but when I restart the container it's back to a normal file again:

```
[root@va-webdav /]# rm -rf /etc/mtab
[root@va-webdav /]# ln -s /proc/mounts /etc/mtab
[root@va-webdav /]# ls -l /etc/mtab
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 12 Jun 27 12:37 /etc/mtab -> /proc/mounts
[root@va-webdav /]# init 6
[root@va-webdav /]# got signal 15
                        exited from CT 233
[root@lnxsvr2 ~]# vzenter 233
entered into CT 233
[root@va-webdav /]# df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
[root@va-webdav /]# ls -l /etc/mtab
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 77 Jun 27 12:38 /etc/mtab
```

Thanks,  
Marc

On Wed, Jun 22, 2011 at 5:26 PM, Scott Dowdle <dowdle@montanalinux.org> wrote:  
> Marc,  
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Subject: Re: Strange mount problem

Posted by [Marc Peiser](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 14:44:57 GMT

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Anatoly,

I'm using one of the precreated centos 5 templates from about a year ago, not 100% sure which one. Is there a easy way to tell?

The only bit I can see is this from /etc/init.d/network

```
rootopts=$(awk '{ if ($1 !~ /^[ \t]*#/ && $2 == "/" ) { print $4; } }' /etc/mtab)
```

Not sure if that writes to mtab or not?

On Mon, Jun 27, 2011 at 1:44 PM, Anatoly Pugachev <matorola@gmail.com> wrote:

> Marc,

>

> what Linux/OS template was used to create this container?

> You can probably grep start scripts of this Linux, to see is there's

> anything which could change /etc/mtab file?

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> On Mon, Jun 27, 2011 at 2:45 PM, Marc Peiser <marc@itmatter.co.za> wrote:

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