
Subject: High Swap Load

Posted by [Sebastian Bachmann](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 07:56:56 GMT

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My theory is that a single VZ doesn't have set enough RAM to use and if it's full the complete VZ is swapped, this could be possible because we have 2 VZs which are allowed to use 2GB of Memory. The other theory is that both VZs (or some more) need some memory at the same time and then we don't have enough RAM free...

We set in /etc/sysctl.conf vm.swappiness=1 but still no change...

May someone had the same issue and can help us.

thanks and greetings!

sebastian

Subject: RE: High Swap Load

Posted by [CM \[Sprintserve.net\]](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 08:28:06 GMT

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From: users-bounces@openvz.org [mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org] On Behalf Of Sebastian Bachmann

Sent: Friday, 12 August, 2011 3:57 PM

To: Users@openvz.org

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regards
CM

Subject: Re: High Swap Load
Posted by [Einar S. Ids](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 08:30:33 GMT
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On Fri, Aug 12, 2011 at 9:56 AM, Sebastian Bachmann <me@free-minds.net> wrote:
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Hi Sebastian,

Is the host 32-bit? If yes, then perhaps this applies to you?
http://wiki.openvz.org/Different_kernel_flavors_%28UP,_SMP,_ENTERPRISE,_ENTNOSPLIT%29

Cheers,
Einar

Subject: RE: High Swap Load
Posted by [Sebastian Bachmann](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 08:34:40 GMT
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On Fri, 12 Aug 2011 16:28:06 +0800, "CM [Sprintserve.net]"
<silver@sprintserve.net> wrote:
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Subject: RE: High Swap Load
Posted by [Esm](#) on Tue, 01 May 2012 12:23:17 GMT
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Hi Sebastian,

I just have the same kind of situation over here. Did you find a solution and would you maybe so
kind to share it with us if you did?

Thank you very much!

Kind Regards,

E. de Wolf

-----Oorspronkelijk bericht-----

Van: users-bounces@openvz.org [mailto:users-bounces@openvz.org] Namens Sebastian
Bachmann

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