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Subject: Re: OpenVZ and Debian

Posted by [phlar](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 08:41:40 GMT

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kir wrote on Wed, 08 February 2006 08:18phlar,

The problem is if I execute the command you give on my Fedora Core 4 box, it will give me 'eth0:' i.e. with comma which should be stripped off. Looks like debian awk and fedora core awk do not agree on the syntax of substr.

Yes, i suspect that the debian-awk starts not at the index zero. The first position is 1 not 0. And it is possible to start at positions lower than zero.

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openvz:~# echo "test"|awk '{print substr($1,1,4)}'
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openvz:~# echo "test"|awk '{print substr($1,0,4)}'
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openvz:~# echo "test"|awk '{print substr($1,-1,4)}'
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