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Subject: Re: FC3 p2v migration  
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OK, it's fixed now. Of course, by dev.. not me ))

After this, I would like to say 2 things to consider in order to migrate a physical server to a VPS (p2v), again, these are recommendations dev gave me.

1.- Removing all daemons which works directly to hardware, since there is no hardware involved directly with VPSs.

2.- Remove al unnecesary daemons to increase performance (things that unexpert admins do, like me) and in my case, I had dev mounted as tmpfs, which is not recommended because of its excesive consumption

so, this is what I did, mixed with what dev did:

Create a new VPS (in my case was FC3), and the only purpose to create a new VPS will be to have the configuration file made by vzctl, instead of manually. Lets assume the use of VPS 103, in which will be copy the entire physical box OS:

create the vps:

```
vzctl create 103 --ostemplate fedora-core-3 --config vps.basic]
```

set it to boot on HW start:

```
vzctl set 103 --onboot yes --save
```

set up a hostname:

```
vzctl set 103 --hostname host.yourdomain.com --save
```

set up an ip address:

```
vzctl set 103 --ipadd 10.10.10.100 --save
```

In case your Physical OS doesn't fee any cached template, you can do just the 103 directory, and generate the configuration file fot the vps /etc/sysconfig/vz-scrips/103.conf.

rsync the physical box into the vps

from the HOST or Hardware-Node:

```
rsync -avz root@ip-of-box-to-migrate:/ /vz/private/103/
```

NOTE: In my case, when I tried to start the vps after syncing the physical box, it started, but I wasn't able to connect to it throu ssh or "vzctl enter 103" command. The problem was that as I used the basic.vps, the vps was little in resources to start, so incresing values fixed that.

now I have the VPS which id is 103 with my physical FC3 box OS in it.

customization:

use the fol command to turn off kudzu (in case you have it):

```
vzctl exec 103 /sbin/chkconfig kudzu off
```

increase memory parameters (if you need more; I needed):

```
vzctl set 103 --kmemsize 6000000:6500000 --save
```

remove daemons which speak directly to hardware:

```
rpm -e --nodeps acpid apmd irqbalance pcmcia messagebug haldaemon nfslock rpcsvcgssdged  
netfs rpcidmapd most likely autofs isdn gpm cups cpuspeed smartd mdmonitor
```

also if don't need NFS and such, better disable

I cound't use the "vzctl enter 103" command at this point, which was fixed issuing this command in thr HN to increase dcachesize:

```
vzctl set 103 --dcachesize 2000000:2000000 --save
```

About the issue of having /dev mounted as tmpfs:

\*<swdev]> I fixed it, by removing udev and installing vzdev-\*rpm

\*<kir> Toerkeium, basically what you need to do before you start a VPS migrated from the physical server is:

\*<kir> (1) chroot into /vz/private/NNN

\*<kir> (2) rpm -e --nodeps udev

\*<kir> (3) rpm -ihv vzdev\*.rpm

\*<kir> vzdev rpm is available from /vz/template/fedora-core/N/i386/vz-addons

so, lets do what people who knows tell us:

```
cp /vz/template/fedora-core/3/i386/vz-addons/* /vz/root/103/
```

now lets enter the VPS:

```
vzctl enter 103
```

```
rpm -e --nodeps udev
```

```
rpm -ihv vzdev*.rpm
```

```
rpm -ihv dummy-fedora-core-3-1.0-3.swsoft.i386.rpm
```

Disable SELinux (inside the vps):

```
/etc/selinux/config: SELINUX=disabled
```

make mtab a symlink of /proc/mounts:

```
rm -f /etc/mtab
```

```
ln -s /proc/mounts /etc/mtab
```

Now lets exit from the VPS:  
exit

I didn't have /dev/tty entries, so to create them:

```
vzctl exec 103 MAKEDEV tty  
vzctl exec 103 MAKEDEV pty
```

End.

that should be all. It's working for me. Thanks so much to dev for his help!

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