Subject: vzdump -exclude-path
Posted by votsalo on Fri, 20 Sep 2013 11:16:29 GMT
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When I used the -exclude-path option with vzdump to exclude a directory that uses a lot of space, I noticed that the excluded directory is copied in the intermediate .tmp dir where vzdump does a temporary rsync and is only dropped later when creating the archive. So it ends up copying a lot of unwanted files, which takes time and space. In my case, the files I wanted to exclude are in the order of 100GB while the final archive is only 300MB.

This is what I tried to use: vzdump -exclude-path '/var/opt/.+'

As a workaround, I could stop the container and do the tar myself.

Subject: Versions
Posted by votsalo on Sat, 21 Sep 2013 09:30:30 GMT
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I used these tool versions:
vzctl version 4.0-4.git.162dded
Kernel 2.6.32-22-pve

Subject: Re: vzdump -exclude-path
Posted by Paparaciz on Sat, 21 Sep 2013 14:45:38 GMT
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vzdump is a product of proxmox, so better look for their support

Subject: Re: vzdump -exclude-path
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Thank you. I had no idea.

Subject: Re: vzdump -exclude-path
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I'm just making a note that vzdump is described in the openvz wiki and is available for download from openvz.org:
http://wiki.openvz.org/Backup_of_a_running_container_with_vz dump
http://download.openvz.org/contrib/utils/vzdump/