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OpenVZ Virtual Machine (VPS) Management

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Now, my VPS is up and running. How do I manage my hardware node and VPS? How do I see a list of all running VPSes? How do I see memory usage and other stuff?

This FAQ covers various containers utilities which may be used to solve many problems and tune overall hardware as per your setup.



How Do I List All Running VPSs?

The command vzlist is used for listing containers and their parameters. The -a option list all containers:

```
# vzlist -a
```

Outputs:

CTID	NPROC STATUS IP_ADDR	HOSTNAME
10	12 running 123.xx.yyy.zz	vps.nixcraft.in

The -o option can display only parameters specified by names, for e.g. just display hostname, disk and memory info:

```
# vzlist -o ctid, hostname, kmemsize, kmemsize.1, diskspace
```

See vzlist man page for more information.

How Do I Calculate The Container's Resources Usage?

The vzcalc utility displays the share of the host system resources a particular container is using. If the container is running, the current usage is displayed. High utilization values (>100%) mean the system is overloaded (or the container has an invalid configuration).

```
# vzcalc -v 10
```

Sample Outputs:

Resource	Current(%)	Promised(%)	Max(%)
Low Mem	0.30	5.23	5.23
Total RAM	0.43	n/a	n/a
Mem + Swap	0.21	2.95	n/a
Alloc. Mem	0.34	3.69	7.13
Num. Proc	0.04	n/a	0.73
	0.40		
Memory	0.43	5.23	7.13

How Do I Shows Information About The CPU Power and Utilization?

Use vzcpucheck command:

```
# vzcpucheck -v
```

Outputs:

```
VEID CPUUNITS

0 1000
10 1000
Current CPU utilization: 2000
Power of the node: 299281
```

Further readings:

- 1. Read man pages vzctl, vzcpucheck, vzcalc, and vzlist
- 2. The official OpenVZ [8] wiki.
- 3. The official CentOS [9] Linux project.

Summary:

In this series, you learned how to work with OpenVZ virtualization under CentOS / RHEL Linux environment. OpenVZ has a completely different approach to virtualization, it almost works like $\underline{\text{FreeBSD jails}}^{[10]}$ or Solaris zones. I highly recommend the official OpenVZ wiki for further details.

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