Subject: Re: Virtuozzo and OpenVZ kernel differences
Posted by mikov on Wed, 07 Feb 2007 00:38:54 GMT
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Thank you for your reply. Please, do not take this as trolling or flaming. I am trying to clarify some issues with respect to Virtuozzo and OpenVZ for a client. I have been told that Virtuozzo probably violates the GPL, and from your reply it appears to be true (in case I misunderstood, I apologize).

dim wrote on Tue, 06 February 2007 11:471) Kernel modules are not necessarily available under GPL, there are a number of binary modules for Linux - see ati drivers, for example. As I know, Linus doesn't prohibit them.

To the best of my knowledge this is not true. The consensus is that only kernel modules which have been developed for another OS and thus cannot be said to "derived" from the kernel _may be_ acceptable. Virtuozzo's kernel code however is obviously derived from the kernel.

Quote:2) Open-source licensees and GPL in particular require, that source code should be available with binaries. So, if you are Virtuozzo customer, ask your contact person for sources of these modules.

I am sorry but this is clearly wrong. The GPL requires that the source be made available to everybody, not only customers.