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Subject: Re: Switch to new red hat 5 kernel  
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There are different options:

- for new servers I would suggest to use RHEL5 distro/RHEL5-OVZ kernel
- for old servers you can still continue to use RHEL4-OVZ kernel, as it will keep being updated for a long time yet.
- if you want some new features from RHEL5-OVZ kernel, but don't want to upgrade host OS itself, it should not be a big problem to install RHEL5-OVZ kernel only and update OVZ related tools. (you may need to create a correct initrd, but no major obstacles here)

> Hi, I'm subscribed to the OpenVZ news/blog in my rss reader. Today I  
> received a notice that the current stable kernel would be switched to the  
> red hat 5 kernel. Specifically this was the comment:

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> Our internal testing shows this RHEL5 kernel is pretty good, so it will  
> replace our current stable branch real soon.

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> How will this affect current RH 4 systems running OpenVZ. Will we simply be  
> able to install the new kernel while keeping all of the rest of the system  
> at the RH 4 level?

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> Or will we need to install RH 5 and use the Openvz kernel based off of RH 5  
> to keep our systems up to date with the stable kernel branch?

You don't need to install RH5 until you want some new specific features.

Thanks,  
Kirill

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