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Subject: Re: forcedeth problems with 2.6.18-028stab045.1

Posted by [wulf](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 15:26:34 GMT

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Hi Konstantin,

Thanks for the reply. The machine I was building is for me - but it needs to be mission critical as it will be providing a service to customers. WRT the forcedeth driver, I have simply compiled it out and stuck in two el cheapo rhine cards, which work a treat.

I can't really see the point of backporting the latest forcedeth driver to 2.6.18 as one can always use another card. This is especially true as there have been quite a lot of under the bonnet changes since 2.6.18 to driver architecture WRT pci/irq handling, so making the changes isn't ten minutes work. I spent an hour or two on it and ended up with something which booted and recognised the card, and then died a very smelly death (or should I say deth? Aieeee!) taking the kernel with it.

I am looking forward to Linus changing his mind about including only kvm in the kernel, and opening the door to including OpenVZ (and dare I mention it, others too). OpenSource is also about choice, just having kvm is restrictive. The last time I suggested including OpenVZ on the kernel mailing list it didn't go down too well

Although I don't use online migration ATM, I think on balance I'll stick with 2.6.18 for the time being.

Best Regards, Paul.

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