Subject: Re: 3ware 8506 - CentOS 4.5 or 5.0 - OpenVZ Stock Kernel - Unstable Posted by tchipman on Mon, 26 Nov 2007 16:09:34 GMT

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Hi, just to followup / clarify,

I cannot any longer change / reboot this machine for testing. It is in production, and any tests will (1) cause downtime, (2) likely corrupt and destroy all data on the HDDs, resulting a full-reinstall, something I don't cherish given the number of reinstalls done to get the machine operational.

Just to give you more concrete reference info from my notes,

- the problem happend for certain with the kernel available in the openvz yum repo ~1 month ago, which was:

ovzkernel-smp.i686

2.6.9-023stab044.11 openvz-kernel-rh

the type of error message logged in dmesg was,

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scsi0 (2:0): rejecting I/O to offline device

EXT3-fs error (device sdb1): ext3 find entry: reading directory #110313495 offset 0

scsi0 (2:0): rejecting I/O to offline device

EXT3-fs error (device sdb1): ext3_find_entry: reading directory #110313495 offset 0

scsi0 (2:0): rejecting I/O to offline device

EXT3-fs error (device sdb1): ext3_find_entry: reading directory #110313492 offset 0 --endpaste--

I don't have any further exact notes to provide, unfortunately.

I did get this same general type of problem with all of the following,

- * CentOS 5.0 default install 32 bit or OpenVZ yum repo kernel
- * CentOS 4.5 default install 32-bit or OpenvZ yum repo kernel

* the only current solid working setup I have on this hardware, is CentOS 4.5 32-bit default kernel, booted with "noapic" and "apci=off" kernel parameters passed via grub at boot time.

I haven't tested CentOS 5.0 with the kernel options being passed, as I had a decently working config for the machine, and I was sick and tired of re-re-re-installing this system... didn't feel like doing another pair of installs just to test "maybe if it works" for CentOS 5.

Sorry I cannot provide more info. Possibly / hopefully this is slightly of more use.

Most likely, if the problem is "common" then other folks with 3ware gear .. will report the problem soon enough .. and they can then provide "live and up to date" debug info. (?)

--Tim