
Subject: Re: RHEL3 and other older distributions

Posted by [kir](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:23:39 GMT

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Bailey, Darragh wrote:

> Looking to get RHEL3 working as a VE, and I believe there are various things that would have to be done to accomplish this.

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- > 1) Take a rpm 4.2.* src rpm and modify it in the same way as vzrpm43 and vzrpm44.
 - > 2) Create a new OS template to match the differences in rpm names and services enabled.
 - > 3) Install the new packages and create a template cache
 - > 4) Continue as normal

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> Right now I'm working on part 1. I've noticed that in the vzrpm4x, for the sections that were added to handle building the python support there are references to a tool called alternatives. I suspect that this is used to setup how the different versions of python are used?

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> Any ideas on where to get this tool, if it is available? Or what exactly it does?

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I guess this is <http://alternatives.sourceforge.net/>. I am not a guru in it, but I know it creates symlinks for different software, such as, in this case, different python versions. That way vzrpm can be built with different python versions which makes it possible to use on different host systems.

If you do it just for yourself, you can remove this stuff from the .spec and just build your vzrpm with only one version of python.

> Also would the project be interested in having the results which should provide vzrpm42 packages?

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