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Subject: Re: 3ware 8506 - CentOS 4.5 or 5.0 - OpenVZ Stock Kernel - Unstable  
Posted by [tchipman](#) on Sun, 30 Mar 2008 08:44:39 GMT

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Hi Matt,

Just to reply to your question: I ended up deploying the system in question in a totally different config due to the stability problems.

It ended up being deployed thus,

- no hardware raid, used the 3ware card as JBOD (ugh) only
- CentOS stock install, no OpenVZ at all
- software raid config for OS (mirrors) and data (raid5) slices

In this setup, the systems has been 100% solid and working since deployment, which dates back to my previous post in the thread.

Since the requirements for virtualization on this machine were not strict ones (ie, non-virtualized config was tolerable) and the stability issues were a problem, that is how the machine ended up. Clearly not an optimal use of the resource. However, given the history of the hardware (acquired via ebay, absurd low price) and the (very basic) requirements of the project, investing further time in debugging, reinstalling, etc. was not merited.

Sorry I don't have better news for you on this. From the sound of other postings in this thread since your query, it seems maybe things have improved / that other options are now available, which is nice..

---Tim

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