Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/9] namespaces: Introduction Posted by John Kelly on Fri, 19 May 2006 19:45:43 GMT

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On Fri, 19 May 2006 11:28:08 -0700, "Hua Zhong" <hzhong@gmail.com>wrote:

- > how many virtualization technologies Linux should support?
- > Particularly, does it need to support both OS-level virtualization

If users want it. I do.

- > It seems at least the VM approach is much less risky. It might be helpful
- > if someone could explain why we need both.

A better question is, why can't we have both?

I don't have unlimited memory and disk. I need to conserve my resources as much as possible.

The one-kernel approach saves memory, leaving more for applications. That's important to me. I don't need to run multiple kernels, and I don't want to. I only want multiple secure operating environments.

The one-kernel approach also makes it easy to have all VPS in one disk partition, without the performance penalty of file backed I/O.

If the VM approach is truly less risky, seems to me the Xen/VMware developers should be able to succeed independently, despite changes made for in-kernel virtualization.

I'm glad someone asked a question I could answer. :-)