Subject: *answered* Current kernel version Posted by goik on Wed, 19 Nov 2008 10:49:15 GMT

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We are using CentOS 5.2 (Aka Rhel 5.2) and are currently evaluation Virtuozzo.

The problem is that the current ovzkernel-2.6.18-92.1.13.el5.028stab059.3 is based on kernel-2.6.18-92.1.13.el5.src.rpm.

In the meantime Centos has released two newer kernel versions namely 2.6.18-92.1.17 and 2.6.18-92.1.18.

My problem is: These updated kernel packages may contain security relevant fixes. And using openvz may result in compromising all guest systems by running an outdated kernel.

Now I tried to apply the openvz patches myself. But even patching kernel-2.6.18-92.1.18's spec file itself with the context diff from kernel-2.6.18-92.1.13 to ovzkernel-2.6.18-92.1.13... yields 3 failed hunks. And I'm quite pessimistic regarding patching the kernel sources itself.

So my questions are:

- 1. Are there security considerations?
- 2. Do more recent kernel packages exist or is there a well defined path to create recent Centos/Rhel openvz kernel packages myself?

Regards, Martin