Subject: Re: More on making an OpenVZ template Posted by samiam on Sun, 21 Aug 2011 21:13:57 GMT

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> I am using the one of debian squeeze:

As a side note, one of my long-standing annoyance with Debian's software policies is that, once a given release is frozen, Debian will not update a software package unless there is a CVE-worth security bug in it. Other bugs will not get fixed. Not even if the fix is minor. They certainly will not keep current with a release in any bugfix-only branch of the software provided upstream.

I can understand this software policy; open-source development is, by nature, undisciplined and a lot of developers are not very good at only fixing bugs without adding other potential bug-inducing features.

Debian's policies wouldn't be a big deal, except that some Debian users have this really annoying habit of bugging upstream about a bug which has already been fixed upstream, just not applied to the appropriate Debian software repository. There is a Debian bug tracking system to file bug reports or feature requests, and Debian users are probably best using this system; if the package maintainer says it's an upstream issue, then it is time to contact upstream about the issue.

- Sam