

Hey OpenVZ folks

I'm sure many of you have heard the CentOS Stream news.

Although I've seen people lamenting the division between Virtuozzo Linux and CentOS in the past, at this moment I would say it turned out to be a good thing that Virtuozzo devs created their own distro with Virtuozzo Linux. At least we don't have to be concerned about HW nodes during this period of uncertainty.

That said, those of us running containers with CentOS 8 will now be wondering what their best course of action is by the end of 2021 when CentOS 8 goes EOL prematurely. We all thought we were getting until 2028. This brings up some possibilities in terms of how existing CentOS 8 containers (as well as EZ Templates for new containers) will be supported. There's a few possibilities I can foresee at this time:

1. Support will be added for CentOS Stream 8, despite the potential for lesser stability (still unclear, but it does seem plausible)
2. Support could be added for CloudLinux's new RHEL8 fork rather than CentOS Stream <https://blog.cloudlinux.com/announcing-open-sourced-community-driven-rhel-fork-by-cloudlinux>
3. I've heard rumours of another community run RHEL8 fork from the original devs of CentOS. Support could then be added for this in place of CentOS Stream 8.

I imagine that the transition to any of these three options *should* be a relatively smooth process as the packages shouldn't differ significantly between them (particularly the latter two). I would also imagine that the transition from CentOS 8 to CentOS Stream would *seem* to be the simplest for Virtuozzo devs to support. However from a long-term support perspective the latter two projects might just result in a more stable OS as their updates would be downstream of RHEL. Of course more stable containers means less troubleshooting time for Virtuozzo devs -- so that could be an advantage here.

Most curious to see how this plays out.

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