John,

What you say makes sense, because a VPS has no /boot for a kernel file to reside in and no kernel components under /usr. Still, I saw what happened to us, and I am a bit uneasy about upgrades or patches to parts of /lib or /lib64 or /usr/lib or /etc.

For a Suse 9.3 VPS I discovered that Yast2 keeps very good records (logs) of what it does (including a list of all RPMs applied) in /var/log/. Unfortunately, we destroyed all this trail of information when we got rid of the bad VPSs.

I am considering setting up another host that already has a VZ OS installed and attempting to duplicate the behavior we had with yast previously. It depends on whether our people consider it a high priority.

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