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Subject: \*SOLVED\* "Sparse" VE like Solaris containers/zones?

Posted by [jonas](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 18:34:10 GMT

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Hi!

Is it possible to share common files between VEs to save disk space on the host?

I mean, if I have 10 different VEs all running same version of e.g. Debian Etch - do I need complete installations of each Debian-distro in /vz/private/### or could I share some system-files/directories? I guess it could both save disk space and also make it easier to update each VE

Any thoughts on the matter?

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Subject: Re: "Sparse" VE like Solaris containers/zones?

Posted by [rickb](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 18:53:21 GMT

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Hello. this ability is exclusive to Virtuozzo, which is a commercial version of openvz. It has many other features as well. you can read about it at <http://www.swsoft.com/en/products/virtuozzo/>

Rick

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Subject: Re: "Sparse" VE like Solaris containers/zones?

Posted by [Alexey Eremenko](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 21:04:00 GMT

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>Hello. this ability is exclusive to Virtuozzo, which is a commercial version of openvz.

Your idea is incorrect. UnionFS can provide such a feature. It's revolutionary virtual filesystem.

UnionFS is open-source technology. You must install UnionFS + openVZ.

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Subject: Re: "Sparse" VE like Solaris containers/zones?

Posted by [rickb](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 21:08:53 GMT

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I didn't say it was impossible. I configured openvz to run on my blender. does this mean openvz supports blenders?

Naturally, anything open source can be rewritten or reconfigured to support almost anything else. I believe when users ask "does X support Y", they are referring to- does project X have documentation and community support for Y? At this time, I would say openvz does not officially

support unionfs.

I said the openvz project does not support what he had asked, but the virtuoizzo project does. Most people are looking for business solutions and not summer coding projects.

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