Subject: veth and IPv6
Posted by Benoit Branciard on Thu, 24 Jan 2008 10:38:13 GMT

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Yes, it is supported.

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Using veth with bridge is preferable. If you don't want use veth + bridge try
to play with venet . You can setup IPv4, IPv6 in any order.

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veth allows passing network broadcast traffic to VPS, also don't mind about IP
address in VPS. veth was designed for with cases.

Please read with article:
http://wiki.openvz.org/Differences_between_venet_and_veth

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Thanks,
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