Subject: Licensing Userland utils
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Hi,

Virtualization is going mainstream and there are several tools being developed by many 3rd parties that deal with various virtual machine technologies. Several of these tools are licensed under the GPL. One promising library, LibVirt (http://libvirt.org) is licensed under the LGPL. As of today, Libvirt supports KVM, Xen and QEMU. If it needs to support OpenVZ quickly, it would be great if the userland control code is available in a library format under the LGPL, whereas the utilities can still be GPL. Re-inventing the wheel is a waste of time for everyone involved since it will take considerable time to include freshly writen code to control OpenVZ based VMs into LibVirt.

Will OpenVZ(SWSoft) be willing to release the userland control code (most of it in the "lib" directory of the vzctl distribution) under the LGPL so that other tools can use it efficiently?

Thanks and Regards,
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