Subject: Licensing Userland utils
Posted by shuveb on Sat, 31 Mar 2007 06:32:54 GMT
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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,
Shuveb Hussain.

Subject: Re: Licensing Userland utils
Posted by Enrico Weigelt on Fri, 13 Apr 2007 09:53:18 GMT
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* shuveb@binarykarma.com <shuveb@binarykarma.com> wrote:

Hi folks,

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> 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.

I'm not an author of ovz, so I don't take part in this decidion.
But IMHO this is one of the classical cases where some GPL'ed project developed some library which actually should be LGPL'ed.

So my (insignificant) vote is: yes

BTW: it seems it could make sense to split off these libs to an

own package. If the maintainers like to have that split, just
let me know - I love those jobs ;-)

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