Subject: Can I install OpenVZ *without Console access* ?
Posted by shadowdemon on Fri, 28 May 2010 18:02:02 GMT
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I'm just wondering if I can actually install OpenVZ on my rented server (dedicated hardware node), since they don't give me access to the Console; "they" install the distribution (of my choice) for me, and they would probably charge me a lot to build and install an "OpenVZ" kernel (as long as OpenVZ hasn't made it into the mainline).

The short version is: Can I change the kernel myself over SSH?

Subject: Re: Can I install OpenVZ *without Console access* ?
Posted by shadowdemon on Sat, 29 May 2010 07:45:17 GMT
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OK, looks like it should work. It might just be an issue if the change fails and the machine won't boot anymore.

Subject: Re: Can I install OpenVZ *without Console access* ?
Posted by januszzz on Thu, 01 Jul 2010 00:43:13 GMT
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Its possible of course, this can go like any other linux install in chroot or on separate partition, or you can only change your kernel.

I would suggest booting the kernel on the same machine you rent (check dmidecode output) or if you can't - test your kernel config and system config carefully. Mistake may need some "recovery console access" by means of php etc.

Subject: Re: Can I install OpenVZ *without Console access* ?
Posted by mperkel on Thu, 01 Jul 2010 05:19:43 GMT
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I've done it over ssh. Rarely do I ever visit the data center. It is definitely doable.