

# XenSource, VMware Conflict Holds Back Linux Virtualization

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Don't expect to see a single virtualization technology baked into the Linux kernel in the near future.

That's because XenSource and VMware are butting heads instead of working together to come up with a joint solution, Greg Kroah-Hartman told attendees on July 26 here at the annual OSCON (O'Reilly Open Source Conference).

Kroah-Harman works for Novell's SUSE Labs and is also the Linux kernel maintainer for a number of subsystems and a maintainer of the stable Linux kernel team.

"Xen and VMware both supply huge patch-sets and are both trying to do the same thing, but their technologies don't work with one another, and we are telling them that we do not want to take one over the other, we want them to talk and work it out," he said.

Getting the two companies to talk to one another and work together has been requiring mediation by neutral parties, including people from the Linux distributions, the community and vendors, he said, adding that these mediators "are currently trying to kick them in the butt and get them to work together. So that solution is not coming anytime soon," he said.

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