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Subject: Re: Apache don't start Cannot allocate memory  
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The default Debian Apache2 install uses the worker MPM which seems to eat up memory at initialization.

I edited my /etc/apache2/apache2.conf to look like this:

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<IfModule mpm_worker_module>
  #Default is 2
  StartServers      1
  #Default is 150
  MaxClients       80
  #Default is 25
  MinSpareThreads   5
  MaxSpareThreads   75
  #Default is 25
  ThreadsPerChild   5
  MaxRequestsPerChild 0
</IfModule>
```

...

And apache2 starts up properly on a VE and uses MUCH less memory.

You can also install libapache2-mod-php5 and Debian will switch Apache2 to use the prefork MPM which needs less memory.

`apt-get install lib-apache2-mod-php5`

You can check which MPM apache2 is set to use by running `/usr/sbin/apache2 -l`

You'll see either prefork.c or worker.c? (I'm not currently using worker) in the output.

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