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Subject: Re: 2.6.18 crash w/ kernel log :: oom-killer  
Posted by [rickb](#) on Tue, 22 May 2007 22:53:19 GMT  
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Pavel, thanks for your help so far. I attached the full kernel log of the "crash" in my previous message. Can you tell me if this oom killer action is normal/expected?

If the server is dangerously low on physical memory for kernel data (right on that ~800mb threshold), I would think the kernel would temporarily fail mallocs and start swapping user memory to the disk, rather than honoring the malloc and then invoking oomkiller. Or, as a last resort, honor mallocs using the swap.

Thanks!  
Rick

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