
Subject: crash + dmesg shows: unregister_netdevice: waiting for lo to become free
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Hi, I had a server crash badly on me, the dmesg was totally full of exactly this:

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unregister_netdevice: waiting for lo to become free. Usage count = 3
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I found another post on the forum from last year about this but it doesn't sound like my problem. I had to physically reboot this server, and the load spiked from 4 to 1000 within a few minutes of hitting the problem.

HW: 2x quad core xeon 5345
32GB mem
2.6.18 + patch-ovz028stab039.1-combined
32bit kernel

I am going to set up netconsole in case there is more info the next time it crashes. Can anyone tell me if this error message means anything specific to the crash?

crash/errors in dmesg started at 10:10 below:

09:30:01 AM	runq-sz	plist-sz	ldavg-1	ldavg-5	ldavg-15
09:40:01 AM	10	2738	3.47	3.65	3.72
09:50:01 AM	29	2707	3.94	4.20	4.03
10:00:01 AM	19	2818	4.04	3.92	3.95
10:10:01 AM	6	2711	163.93	81.95	35.53
10:20:01 AM	14	3055	428.87	319.18	175.23
10:30:01 AM	37	3284	701.79	590.49	380.14
10:40:01 AM	6	3556	947.43	850.56	612.12
10:50:01 AM	9	3769	973.66	504.74	844.07
11:00:01 AM	11	3991	109.53	765.49	138.86

09:30:01 AM	CPU	%user	%nice	%system	%iowait	%idle
09:40:01 AM	all	7.80	3.10	22.83	2.00	64.28
09:50:01 AM	all	8.76	3.08	22.87	1.60	63.69
10:00:01 AM	all	8.33	3.15	23.10	1.78	63.65
10:10:01 AM	all	8.38	3.06	23.29	4.06	61.21
10:20:01 AM	all	7.99	1.70	10.82	4.19	75.30
10:30:01 AM	all	6.00	0.93	2.23	2.17	88.67
10:40:01 AM	all	5.62	1.01	2.13	1.88	89.36
10:50:01 AM	all	5.96	1.43	2.13	3.40	87.08
11:00:01 AM	all	6.02	1.12	1.90	2.11	88.85

Thanks!
Rick
