Subject: Re: high system cputime % Posted by dev on Wed, 19 Dec 2007 19:30:12 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

if the kernel was loaded with oprofile=2 (I don't remember this exactly), then you can use oprofile tool to collect some statistics about where CPU is spent most.

also plz check softirq time reported by top.

but generally there is nothing bad is usually in system time.

For example, when you do lots of networking it takes lots of cpu system time as well. Another example: simple application, calling some syscall with wrong arguments in a loop will result in 99% CPU system time (as well as app doing good syscalls, but non-blocking and spending most of the time in kernel)

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