
Subject: Re: But why is the RAM gone?!

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Thank you for your answer!

I can't believe that it should be normal behaviour when used memory in "free" is considerably more (say, twice, thrice the size) than what rss size in "ps" sums up to. I don't speak about buffers and cache here, which of course take up most of the available memory.

But indeed, there are messages from the IBM RAID management program "ipssend" in dmesg/syslog:

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sg_write: data in/out 4304/4304 bytes for SCSI command 0xd--guessing data in;  
program ipssend not setting count and/or reply_len properly
```

These messages have always been there, they appear every time the ipssend utility accesses the RAID hardware.

But together with the kernel update, I also installed nagios which calls the ipssend program regularly, 3 times every 5 minutes. Before, ipssend was only called manually a few times a day, might be possible that this creates the memory leak?

Silly me, didn't think about that.

I disabled the nagios check for now and I'll see if the leak's going to stop growing...

thank you very much for now,

Hubert
