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Subject: VPS are EATING RAM!! WHY?

Posted by [dedicados](#) on Sun, 15 Mar 2009 16:04:12 GMT

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Hi guys, i have a

AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 250 with 6 GB Ram, on centos 5.2 i install openvz, and like panel i use VTONF.

i have only running 5 vps and are using 5GB ram, why? if each vps have max 512 ram.

what can be the problem?

EDIT\*\* i kill 2 VPS and here is my ram info

Type	Value
Total RAM	5956.84 MB
Free RAM	2996.852 MB
Used RAM	2959.988 MB
SWAP	1983.992 MB
Free SWAP	1983.992 MB
Used SWAP	0 MB
Buffers	447.469 MB
Cached	2134.977 MB
Cached SWAP	0 MB

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Subject: Re: VPS are EATING RAM!! WHY?

Posted by [maratrus](#) on Mon, 16 Mar 2009 11:50:55 GMT

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Hello,

there may be no problem here.

Your behavior looks like a pure Linux behavior.

The kernel might use free memory for saving temporary objects.

If somebody asks for memory it'll free them and satisfy a request.

Do you have any problems with this behavior?

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Posted by [dedicados](#) on Tue, 17 Mar 2009 01:12:07 GMT

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actually no, but i just get surprised how my ram was eaten, load is good, never up of 0.15

good to know that isnt a big problem.

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Posted by [dedicados](#) on Sat, 21 Mar 2009 05:08:43 GMT  
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only 2 VE online and my 6GB server had only 256mb free of ram.

one of my VE is only using 700mb ram

where is all !?!?!?

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Posted by [kir](#) on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 11:38:23 GMT  
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Note the «buffers» and «cached» columns in 'free' output. Linux is actually using free memory for buffers and caches. Then more memory is needed it will shrink those buffers and caches. It is just way more efficient to use the memory for caches than to do nothing.

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Posted by [dedicados](#) on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 04:37:23 GMT  
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so its ok?? because VPS load are 0.1 0.05 loads are very low

if not, how to fix it?

thanks kir

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Posted by [dedicados](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 15:18:36 GMT  
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Today's RAM

Total RAM 5956.84 MB  
Free RAM 169.313 MB  
Used RAM 5787.527 MB  
SWAP 1983.992 MB  
Free SWAP 1983.918 MB

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Used SWAP 0.074 MB  
Buffers 92.156 MB  
Cached 5093.875 MB  
Cached SWAP 0 MB  
Active 1069.402

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