

Odd anomaly with system times

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We have two Sarge boxes, each showing uptimes over a year both running 2.6.8 kernels and each displaying the correct time when date is run, however crons are not starting at the correct time and running this rather silly line gives the following results:-

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ali:~# hwclock && date && ps waxu |grep grep
Tue 29 Nov 2005 21:23:48 GMT -0.605668 seconds
Tue Nov 29 21:23:48 GMT 2005
root 4043 0.0 0.0 1836 600 pts/7 S+ 21:09 0:00 grep grep
```

As you can see the grep appears to be running 20 minutes into the future on the other box the results are

```
edrich:~# hwclock && date && ps waxu |grep grep
Tue 29 Nov 2005 21:23:01 GMT -0.907145 seconds
Tue Nov 29 21:25:20 GMT 2005
root 21354 0.0 0.0 1832 584 pts/1 S+ 21:58 0:00 grep grep
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Two questions arise, anyone know how this can happen and anyone know how to resynchronise my boxes with reality?
running ntp ntpdate rdate resetting the hwclock etc have no effect.

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