

# Swap usage

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Hello!

I am running Kernel 2.4.21 on a unstable Debian box. I have included my IDE Chipset driver

I have just ONE game server on it and do not use that box very much, although, it uses its swap space for some reasons.

load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00

Mem: 249136k total, 153572k used, 95564k free, 23636k buffers

Swap: 512024k total, 143652k used, 368372k free, 24500k cached

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# hdparm -t /dev/hda
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/dev/hda:
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Timing buffered disk reads: 150 MB in 3.01 seconds = 49.83 MB/sec
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How can i find out why it is using so much swap, and how can i prevent it from doing so?

This swap usage makes my box very slow.

Cheers, Mario

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