

Crontab Strangeness

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Last night I created a crontab entry to check yum for available updates, and instead of it running once at the given time, it ran once a minute for an hour.

Here's the entry:

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* 5 * * * yum check-update > /home/salvatore/yum.log; mail -s "yum
check-update results" salvatore@palmisanonet.com < /home/salvatore/yum.log
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I thought the 5 in the second position meant to run once at 5am? I have other similar crontab entries which run as expected once an hour; what's wrong with that one?

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