

Re: Mysterious RHEL 4 crash

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Wow! Thanks a lot for your help!!!

Meantime, after several reboot, we have hard disk failure...

I wonder if it was the cause of our problem. If not... we have one disk less and the problem unsolved! ;-|

G.

2007/8/31, m.roth2006@xxxxxxxx <m.roth2006@xxxxxxxx>:

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From: "Grazyna Rymaszewska" <grazar@xxxxxxxx>

Could you explain what is 'memtest86', please!!!

I have the same trouble: rebooting server with nothing in message log.

And I don't know how to find 'memtest86' in my RedHat4.

Try googling on it? You might find, oh, about 641,000 hits.... It tests system memory (but *not* the video card!). You cannot run anything else while it's running: you boot from the floppy or cd (the Knoppix live cd comes with it as a boot option), and you let it run. Overnight is a good time, though if you're really in a hurry, maybe two hours. It will let you know if there's hardware errors in your memory.

You *should* have it in your toolbox as a sysadmin.

BUT IT WON'T DIAGNOSE THE VIDEO CARD!

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