

# [SLE] memory management vs. 'top' utility – SuSE 8.0

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Folks,

I use Matlab quite a bit and the other day, I happened to do a top to see what was going on on my SuSE 8.0 machine and 'top' indicated all my 512MB of ram was used up and an additional 20MB of swap was being used.

I promptly quit my Matlab job and waited a few minutes till 'top' showed the machine was idling at 98.7 (or so) % with no real user process other than daemons and what have you running.

What concerned me was 'top' still showed 512BG of ram being used and some swap as well.

My question is is this a bug in 'top' or is memory management really that screwed up with PCs ?

Any insight?

Thanks,

Babu

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