

Re: [fw-wiz] RE: Firewall Utilization

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On Wed, 16 Oct 2002, Zill, Greg wrote:

> *Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2002 09:55:42 -0500*
> *From: "Zill, Greg" <Greg.Zill@owh.com>*
> *To: firewall-wizards@honor.icsalabs.com*
> *Subject: [fw-wiz] RE: Firewall Utilization*
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> *Sun e250 with Solaris 2.7*
> *Raptor 6.5.3sp1*
> *dual 368 CPU, 512 RAM, 1024 swap, 18Gb SCSI*
> *two bonded t-1 lines*
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> *uptime common: 0.05 0.05 0.05*

.. these are usually load averages for user space processes. The load average can at best be an indicator that something is terribly wrong. You should never trust them.

All major firewall implementations work at kernel level, so these are not accounted for with the load level! If you want to see what the kernel is doing go for kernel optimisation tools..

Regards,
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