

killing syslogd causes server panic

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I have a script that runs every night. It uses the `/etc/init.d/syslog` script to stop, then `pwait` to pause until the old `syslogd` dies, and then `/etc/init.d/syslog` to start a new `syslog` daemon.

For some reason, `syslogd` doesn't always actually end and I'll log in and find 15 `syslogd` processes running. When manually killing off the old processes, the server will occasionally panic and reboot.

This has happened on Solaris 8 and 9 servers. A coworker said he'd experienced a `syslog` reboot problem on older Solaris x86 installations but they didn't match these symptoms. I have contacted Sun and they have no idea why killing off a `syslogd` process would cause a system panic.

The server with 15 `syslogd` processes is Solaris 9 running on a V440 and at patch level 118558-39.

Any suggestions?

Thanks.

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