

Emeralds on Low went down

11:45 Low lost communication with its emerald boards around 11:00.

Rebooted low and everything back up.

Information for Gordon:

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root@low root# irqs
Counting interrupts over 5 seconds ...
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IRQ	Interrupt Type	Total Int	Int/sec
24:	GPIO-I eth0:	2	0.4
36:	SC serial:	15	3
37:	SC serial:	102	20.4
42:	SC ost0:	508	101.6
114:	GPIO isp116x-hcd:usb1:	290	58
115:	GPIO serial:	226	45.2
116:	GPIO serial:	103	20.6

end of dmesg

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i2c i2c-0: i2c_pxa: timeout waiting for bus free
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Added by Gordon, Jun 26:

/var/log/isfs/kernel has those dmesg messages, with timetags

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Jun 23 16:49:50 low kernel: i2c i2c-0: i2c_pxa: timeout waiting for bus free
Jun 23 16:49:53 low last message repeated 5 times
Jun 25 09:27:58 low kernel: handle_IRQ_event called 4 times for IRQ 3
Jun 25 17:46:14 low kernel: handle_IRQ_event called 4 times for IRQ 3
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Those were the only messages before the reboot, and they occurred at least 23 hours earlier, which means the problem is not due to a kernel oops, or any other atypical event that the kernel could detect. It is just the good ol' situation where there seems to be a very small possibility that a PC104 interrupt can be missed, and not retrIGGERed, even though the PC104 IRQ interrupt line is high, such that the interrupt handler is never again called.

I believe restarting the dsm process with a ddn/dup, which closes and re-opens the serial ports, will bring it back too

I just updated the xml on the low DSM so that every sensor has a timeout. The dsm process should then close and reopen each port after detecting the timeout, which should also help to recover from this situation more quickly.

Seems that I need to install a PC104 interrupt watchdog module. There is some indication this has happened on the aircraft, also quite infrequently. A test is being setup out at RAF.

When the PC104 interrupts are being handled, the **irqs** listing looks like so, showing 275 interrupts/sec from the Emerald cards:

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root@low root# irqs
Counting interrupts over 5 seconds ...
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IRQ	Interrupt Type	Total Int	Int/sec
3:	ISA serial:	1376	275.2
24:	GPIO-1 eth0:	62	12.4
25:	GPIO-1 GPIO1-PC104:	1376	275.2
36:	SC serial:	15	3
37:	SC serial:	101	20.2
42:	SC ost0:	509	101.8
114:	GPIO ispl16x-hcd:usb1:	90	18
115:	GPIO serial:	228	45.6
116:	GPIO serial:	102	20.4