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# Increasing the number of threads available on Linux

## Introduction

If FAS/MB fails with `java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: unable to create new native thread` errors seen in the server.log then you may need to increase the number of threads available to the FAS/MB user at the OS level.

## Checking the max user processes (thread) limit

You can check the current number by logging in as the fas\_user and running the command `ulimit -u`

```
[myfasuser@cs-cafex ~]$ ulimit -u
4096
```

## Checking the current number of threads used

The following command will output the number of processes for the myfasuser (example) user. Note: Threads are counted as processes in linux

```
top -b -H -u myfasuser -n 1 | wc -l
```

If the number is less than 200 try without the -H flag as the Thread toggle may have already been set in top

```
top -b -u myfasuser -n 1 | wc -l
```

The highest of these 2 outputs indicates the number of myfasuser processes

A base line Cafex installation will typically use around 700 threads in a quiescent state and this figure will rise over time with traffic and the full product set deployed.

## Increasing the max user processes (thread) limit

To create extra process capacity on your system edit the `/etc/security/limits.conf` file to add/modify the lines for nproc...

```
myfasuser      soft  nproc 4096
myfasuser      hard  nproc 4096
```

For these values to take effect

1. Stop the all services run by the myfasuser: fas, mb, etc..
2. Exit your all your session windows
3. ssh back onto the box and restart the myfasuser user services

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