

FAULT PROCESSING METHOD, RELATED APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] Embodiments of the present invention relate to computer technologies, and in particular,
5 to a fault processing method, a related apparatus, and a computer.

BACKGROUND

[0002] With the large-scale development of information technologies, computers are widely applied in various fields. Faults in a computer may generally include a software fault, a hardware fault, an operation (configuration) fault, and other faults. A hardware fault has characteristics such
10 as difficulty in reproduction, determining mainly depending on personnel experience, difficulty in locating a fault when an error occurs, the need for multiple times of insertion and removal/replacement, and the like. Therefore, a hardware fault, for example, a fault that occurs in memory, a processor, an input output (IO) device or the like, is usually the most difficult to process.

[0003] Generally, a hardware fault causes an uncorrectable error (Uncorrectable error) on a
15 computer. An uncorrectable error not only can cause a service interruption in the computer and reduce an operation time of the computer, but also can even cause a breakdown event. In the prior art, a fault in a computer is mainly processed using the following method: When an uncorrectable error occurs in a system, a processor records error data and sends a notification to an operating system (OS). After receiving the notification, the OS captures the error data recorded by the
20 processor and prints the error data, so that a user analyzes, locates a fault and makes a recovery from the fault.

[0004] In the prior art, an OS is needed to implement capturing of error data. However, once a severe uncorrectable error occurs in a computer and causes the computer to crash (in the present invention, a crash of a computer refers to that a black screen occurs in the computer, no input is
25 accepted using an input device such as a mouse or keyboard of the computer, and a processor of the computer cannot execute a computer instruction), the OS can no longer work and cannot capture error data in the computer, making it difficult to analyze, process a fault and make a recovery from the fault.

SUMMARY

[0005] Embodiments of the present invention propose a fault processing method, a related apparatus, and a computer, so that error data in a computer can be acquired after a severe uncorrectable error occurs in the computer and causes the computer to crash.

5 [0006] According to a first aspect, an embodiment of the present invention proposes a computer, including a processor and a baseboard management controller, where the baseboard management controller is configured to: when it is determined that the computer crashes, send a read request message to the processor, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor;

10 the processor is configured to receive the read request message, and send a read response message to the baseboard management controller; and

the baseboard management controller is configured to receive the read response message returned by the processor, and obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

15 [0007] With reference to the first aspect, in a first possible implementation manner, the processor is further configured to acquire the first error data, and record the first error data; and

that the baseboard management controller is configured to determine that the computer crashes is specifically: the baseboard management controller is configured to receive a severe fault event indication sent by the processor, where the severe fault event indication is sent by the processor when the processor acquires the first error data and the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type; and if at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, the baseboard management controller is configured to determine that the computer crashes.

25 [0008] With reference to the first aspect or the first possible implementation manner of the first aspect, in a second possible implementation manner, that the baseboard management controller is configured to obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor is specifically: when the read response message carries the first error data, the baseboard management controller is configured to obtain, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

30 [0009] With reference to the first aspect or the first possible implementation manner of the first aspect, in a third possible implementation manner, that the baseboard management controller is configured to obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor is specifically: when the read response message carries a read failure indication, the

fifth possible implementation manner, the method further includes: analyzing, by the baseboard management controller, the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion.

[0019] With reference to the fifth possible implementation manner of the second aspect, in a sixth possible implementation manner, before the determining, by the baseboard management controller, that the computer crashes, the method further includes: receiving, by the baseboard management controller, second error data sent by the processor, where the second error data is error data generated within a preset time before the computer generates the first error data; and

the analyzing, by the baseboard management controller, the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion includes:

parsing, by the baseboard management controller, the second error data according to the fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the second error data, and analyzing the fault parsing information of the second error data and the fault parsing information of the first error data according to the preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain the fault processing suggestion.

[0020] According to a third aspect, an embodiment of the present invention proposes a baseboard management controller, including:

a sending unit, configured to: when it is determined that a computer crashes, send a read request message to a processor, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor; and

a receiving unit, configured to receive a read response message returned by the processor, and obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

[0021] With reference to the third aspect, in a first possible implementation manner, the baseboard management controller further includes: a determining unit, configured to receive a severe fault event indication sent by the processor, where the severe fault event indication is sent by the processor when the processor acquires the first error data and the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type; and if at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, determine that the computer crashes.

[0022] With reference to the third aspect or the first possible implementation manner of the third aspect, in a second possible implementation manner, that the receiving unit receives a read response message returned by the processor, and obtaining, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor includes: when the read response message carries the

[0034] FIG. 4 is a method flowchart of another fault processing method according to an embodiment of the present invention;

[0035] FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram of a baseboard management controller according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

5 [0036] FIG. 6 is a schematic structural diagram of the composition of another baseboard management controller according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0037] Embodiments of the present invention propose a fault processing method, a related apparatus, and a computer, so that error data in a computer can be acquired after a severe
10 uncorrectable error occurs in the computer and causes a crash of the computer.

[0038] It should be noted that, in the specification, claims, and accompanying drawings of the present invention, the terms "first" and "second" are intended to distinguish between similar objects but do not necessarily indicate a specific order or sequence. It should be understood that the numbers used in this way are interchangeable in appropriate cases. In the specification and the
15 claims and the accompanying drawings of the specification of the present invention, a crash of a computer refers to that a black screen occurs in the computer, a processor of the computer cannot execute a computer instruction, and no input is accepted using an input device such as a mouse or keyboard of the computer.

Embodiment 1

20 [0039] FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of a computer according to this embodiment of the present invention. The computer includes a processor 11 and a baseboard management controller 12 (BMC).

[0040] The baseboard management controller 12 is configured to: when it is determined that the computer crashes, send a read request message to the processor 11, where the read request message
25 is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor 11, where the first error data is error data generated in the computer, and may be all the error data generated in the computer, or may further be a part of the error data generated in the computer. For example, the first error data may be error data generated within 2 seconds before the computer crashes, which is not limited herein in this embodiment of the present invention.

30 [0041] The processor 11 is configured to receive the read request message, and send a read response message to the baseboard management controller 12. At this time, although the computer

has crashed and the processor cannot execute any computer instruction, the processor may receive and respond to the read request message.

[0042] The baseboard management controller 12 is configured to receive the read response message returned by the processor 11, and obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor 11.

[0043] For example, the processor 11 may record the first error data in a register of the processor 11. The baseboard management controller 12 may send a read request message to the processor 11 using an address of the register, to acquire the first error data from the register. Although the computer has crashed and cannot execute a computer instruction, the register of the processor 11 may respond to the read request message and return a read response message, for example, return the first error data, so that the baseboard management controller 12 may obtain the first error data according to the read response message. It should be noted that, in this embodiment of the present invention, the first error data may include one or more pieces of error data, which is not limited herein in this embodiment of the present invention.

[0044] In this embodiment of the present invention, when it is determined that the computer crashes, a baseboard management controller 12 may send a read request message to a processor 11, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor 11, receive a read response message returned by the processor 11, and obtain the first error data according to the read response message recorded by the processor 11. In this embodiment of the present invention, an operating system does not need to be used, only a baseboard management controller is needed to implement acquisition of error data in a computer after the computer crashes, and a problem in the prior art that error data in a computer cannot be acquired after a severe uncorrectable error occurring in the computer causes a system crash is resolved.

[0045] This embodiment of the present invention is introduced below in detail.

[0046] (1) About how to determine a crash of a computer

[0047] Generally, an uncorrectable error (Uncorrectable error) caused by a fault in a computer may be categorized into a catastrophic error (Catastrophic Error), a fatal error (Fatal Error), and a recoverable error (Recoverable Error). The catastrophic error and the fatal error are the severest, and may cause a blue screen, a purple screen or even a crash (for example, a black screen and a suspension) to occur in the computer. Therefore, a catastrophic error or a fatal error in the computer may be monitored. For example, an internal error (Internal Error, IERR, which belongs to a catastrophic error) or a machine check error (Machine Check Error, MCERR, which belongs to a fatal error) is monitored. When a catastrophic error or a fatal error occurs in the computer, if the computer cannot execute an instruction of a

BIOS or an instruction of an OS, it may be determined that the computer crashes.

[0048] Specifically, the processor 11 may be further configured to acquire the first error data, and record the first error data. For example, the processor 11 may generate or receive the first error data, and record the first error data in a cache of the computer or the register of the processor 11 or
5 another module having a storage capability. In one aspect, after the processor 11 acquires the first error data, if the computer does not crash, the processor 11 may send the first error data to the baseboard management controller, for example, configure an error collection instruction of the basic input output system in the computer in advance. If the computer does not crash, the processor 11 executes the error collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error
10 data to the baseboard management controller 12 according to the error collection instruction of the basic input output system. If the computer crashes, the processor 11 cannot execute any computer instruction. In another aspect, after the processor 11 acquires the first error data, if the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type, the processor 11 may further send a severe fault event indication, to notify the baseboard management controller 12 of that a catastrophic error or a fatal
15 error occurs in the computer and may cause a crash. That the first error data is of the severe uncorrectable error type refers to that the first error data belongs to a catastrophic error or a fatal error. Therefore, the baseboard management controller 12 may be configured to receive the severe fault event indication sent by the processor 11. If at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor 11 is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe
20 fault event indication is received, the baseboard management controller 12 may determine that the computer crashes.

[0049] In addition, the baseboard management controller 12 may further determine, according to a notification from a user, that the computer crashes. For example, when finding that the computer crashes, the user may notify the baseboard management controller 12, and the baseboard
25 management controller 12 may determine, according to the notification from the user, that the computer crashes, so as to start acquisition of the first error data.

[0050] (2) About acquisition of first error data

[0051] When receiving the read request message, the processor 11 may add the first error data to the read response message according to the read request message and return the read response
30 message to the baseboard management controller 12. At this time, the baseboard management controller 12 reads data successfully, and the baseboard management controller 12 may obtain, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor 11.

[0052] However, when some hardware faults cause an uncorrectable error and further result in a

crash of the computer, the baseboard management controller 12 may fail to read the first error data, and the read response message carries a read failure indication, where the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor 11. The baseboard management controller 12 may be configured to instruct a warm reboot module or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the processor 11 executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the baseboard management controller 12. The baseboard management controller 12 may receive the first error data sent by the processor 11, to complete acquisition of the first error data.

[0053] It should be noted that, a reboot of a computer may be categorized into a warm reboot and a cold reboot. During a cold reboot, the computer is powered off, the computer is initialized, and after the cold reboot, a loss of information may be caused. For example, after a cold reboot, information saved in a register of a processor is lost. A cold reboot is performed on the computer when a reboot power switch is pressed. Different from a cold reboot, during a warm reboot, the computer is not powered off, the computer is not initialized, and information saved in the register of the processor is not lost. A warm reboot refers to clicking "restart" at the start menu to shut down and start the computer according to a normal procedure. In this embodiment and subsequent embodiments of the present invention, a warm reboot performed on the computer has the same meaning as above.

[0054] In addition, the baseboard management controller 12 may be further configured to: after the first error data is acquired, send a clear data message to the processor 11, to instruct the processor to 11 to delete the first error data recorded by the processor 11, thereby avoiding a waste of a storage resource.

[0055] Optionally, the baseboard management controller 12 may be further configured to: after the severe fault event indication sent by the processor 11 is received, send an alarm message to a fault alarm module of the computer or perform a printing operation, so as to notify the user of the severe fault event to enable the user to acquire a fault in the computer in time.

[0056] (3) About analysis, location, and processing of a fault

[0057] In the prior art, generally, only error data in a case in which a computer does not crash can be printed, so there is no complete fault record, and a fault can be analyzed, located, and processed only in a manual manner. In this embodiment of the present invention, the baseboard management controller 12 may record a complete fault record, and further automatically locate a fault source and provide a fault processing suggestion, which provides help in processing a fault and making a recovery from the fault in time. A specific solution is as follows:

parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, locate a fault source, and provide a processing suggestion.

Embodiment 2

[0064] To better describe the present invention, various specific details are provided in specific implementation manners below. A person skilled in the art should understand that the present invention can also be implemented without some specific details. In this embodiment of the present invention, the structural composition and functions of the processor 11 and the baseboard management controller 12 in Embodiment 1 are introduced in detail with reference to FIG. 2.

[0065] FIG. 2 is a schematic structural diagram of the composition of a computer according to this embodiment of the present invention. The computer includes a processor 11 and a baseboard management controller 12. The processor 11 may include a recording module 21, a storage module 22, and an instruction execution module 23. The recording module 21 may be specifically a Hardware Fault Check Architecture (MCA) responsible for internal functional modules of the processor 11, and/or a Fault Reporting Mechanism (Advanced Error Reporting, AER) responsible for a PCIe standard of an input output device of the computer. Correspondingly, the storage module 22 may be a register of the MCA and/or a register of the AER. The register of the MCA and the register of the AER may be located inside the processor 11. The instruction execution module 23 may be a core of the processor 11 and is configured to execute an instruction of a basic input output system and an instruction of an operating system.

[0066] The recording module 21 may be configured to acquire error data in the computer, for example, produce error data generated as a fault occurs in internal functional modules of the processor 11, or for another example, receive error data generated as a fault occurs in the IO device. The error data in the computer includes, but is not limited to, the first error data and the second error data in this embodiment of the present invention. The recording module 21 may record, in the storage module 22, the acquired error data in the computer. Specifically, if error data in the computer is acquired by the MCA, the MCA may record, in the register of the MCA, the error data in the computer. If error data in the computer is acquired by the AER, the AER may record, in the register of the AER, the error data in the computer, where a range of the error data acquired by the MCA or the AER may be implemented by configuring the corresponding register using the BIOS. Optionally, when/after recording, in the corresponding register, the error data in the computer, the MCA or the AER may further save, in a first register, an address of a register that records the error data in the computer, so that subsequently the instruction execution module 23 may acquire the error data in the computer according to an error collection instruction of the basic input output

system and using the address recorded in the first register.

[0067] When acquiring the error data in the computer, the recording module 21 may further trigger a system management interrupt (SMI). The system management interrupt is configured to trigger the instruction execution module 23 to execute the error collection instruction of the basic input output system. If the computer does not crash, the instruction execution module 23 may acquire, from the storage module 22, error data in the computer according to the error collection instruction of the basic input output system, and send the error data to the baseboard management controller 12. If the computer crashes, the instruction execution module 23 cannot execute any computer instruction, where the error collection instruction of the basic input output system may be configured in advance in a memory that stores the instruction of the basic input output system.

[0068] In practice, it may be known according to Embodiment 1 that the second error data is error data generated within a preset time before the computer generates the first error data, and therefore, the recording module 21 first acquires the second error data and then acquires the first error data. Therefore, when acquiring the second error data, in one aspect, the recording module 21 may record the second error data in the storage module 22, and in another aspect, may trigger the system management interrupt. If the computer does not crash, the instruction execution module 23 may execute the error collection instruction of the basic input output system according to the system management interrupt, and acquire the second error data from the storage module 22 according to the error collection instruction of the basic input output system and send the second error data to the baseboard management controller 12. Optionally, the instruction execution module 23 may send the second error data to the baseboard management controller 12 using an intelligent platform management interface (IPMI) standard, and the baseboard management controller 12 may receive, using the IPMI standard, the second error data sent by the instruction execution module 23. It should be noted that, when the second error data includes multiple pieces of error data and the recording module 21 can only acquire the second error data after multiple times, the recording module 21 may trigger the system management interrupt each time when the recording module 21 acquires a part of the second error data. Correspondingly, the instruction execution module 23 may execute the error collection instruction of the basic input output system multiple times to perform sending multiple times to send the second error data to the baseboard management controller 12. Optionally, after sending the second error data to the baseboard management controller 12, the instruction execution module 23 may execute a delete instruction of the operating system to delete, according to the delete instruction of the operating system, the second error data saved in the recording module 21. In other words, the instruction

execution module 23 may delete, from the storage module 22, the error data that has been sent to the baseboard management controller 12, thereby avoiding repeated sending of error data to the baseboard management controller 12.

[0069] If the recording module 21 acquires the first error data after acquiring the second error data, the recording module 21 may also trigger the system management interrupt. Furthermore, if the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type, that is, the first error data belongs to a catastrophic error or a fatal error, the recording module 21 may further trigger a severe fault event indication, to notify the baseboard management controller 12 of that a catastrophic error or a fatal error occurs in the computer and may cause a crash. When the first error data is really of the severe uncorrectable error type and the computer does crash, the instruction execution module 23 cannot execute a computer instruction, and even though the recording module 21 has triggered the system management interrupt, the instruction execution module 23 still cannot execute the error collection instruction of the basic input output system and cannot acquire the first error data from the storage module 22 for the baseboard management controller 12. Therefore, if the baseboard management controller 12 does not receive at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor 11 within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, it may be determined that the computer crashes. Specifically, triggering of the severe fault event indication by the recording module 21 may be implemented by changing a level of a pin CATEER_N or ERROR_N, and the baseboard management controller 12 may receive the severe fault event indication by receiving a level signal from the pin CATEER_N or ERROR_N.

[0070] When it is determined that the computer crashes, the baseboard management controller 12 may send a read request message to the recording module 21, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of the first error data. After the computer crashes, the recording module 21 may still receive the read request message, and send a read response message to the baseboard management controller 12. Therefore, the baseboard management controller 12 may receive the read response message, and obtain the first error data according to the read response message recorded by the processor 11. Specifically, the baseboard management controller 12 may traverse the register of the MAC or the register of the AER using a platform environment control interface (PECI) bus, so as to read the first error data from the register of the MAC or the register of the AER. If the baseboard management controller 12 reads data successfully from the register of the MAC or the register of the AER, a read response message returned by the register of the MAC or the register of the AER carries the first error data, and the baseboard management controller 12 may acquire the first error data. If the baseboard management controller 12 fails to read data from the register of the MAC or the register of the AER, a read

response message returned by the register of the MAC or the register of the AER carries a read failure indication, for example, garbled characters. Therefore, the baseboard management controller 12 may instruct a warm reboot module or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the instruction execution module 23 executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, traverses the register of the MAC or the register of the AER according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, acquires the first error data, and sends the first error data to the baseboard management controller 12 using the IPMI standard, and the baseboard management controller 12 may receive the first error data sent by instruction execution module 23.

[0071] In this embodiment of the present invention, the baseboard management controller 12 cooperates with the processor 11 to implement acquisition of error data in a computer after the computer crashes, and a problem in the prior art that error data in a computer cannot be acquired after a severe uncorrectable error occurring in the computer causes a system crash is resolved.

Embodiment 3

[0072] This embodiment of the present invention provides a fault processing method, used in the computer shown in FIG. 1 or FIG. 2, the computer including a baseboard management controller and a processor, where the method includes:

[0073] S301: When it is determined that the computer crashes, a baseboard management controller sends a read request message to a processor, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor.

[0074] The processor may acquire the first error data, and record the first error data. When it is determined that the computer crashes, the baseboard management controller may send a read request message to the processor, to read the first error data recorded by the processor. At this time, although the computer has crashed and the processor cannot execute any computer instruction, the processor may receive and respond to the read request message, so that the baseboard management controller may acquire the first error data. For example, the processor may record the first error data in a register of the processor, and the baseboard management controller may send the read request message to the register of the processor. The register of the processor may receive the read request message, and return a read response message. In this embodiment of the present invention, the first error data may include one or more pieces of error data, which is not limited herein in this embodiment of the present invention.

[0075] The baseboard management controller determines that the computer crashes in multiple manners, and specifically, reference may be made to Embodiment 1 or Embodiment 2, and details

by a processor, where the severe fault event indication is sent by the processor when the processor acquires first error data and the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type.

[0081] S402: The baseboard management controller sends an alarm message to a fault alarm module of the computer or performs a printing operation, to notify a user of the severe fault event.

5 [0082] After receiving the severe fault event indication sent by the processor, the baseboard management controller may trigger a fault alarm sensor using the alarm message or perform the printing operation, to notify the user of that a severe fault occurs in the computer and may cause a crash. In this embodiment of the present invention, S402 is an optional step.

10 [0083] S403: If the baseboard management controller does not receive at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, determine that the computer crashes, and perform step S404.

15 [0084] After the processor acquires the first error data, if the computer does not crash, the processor may execute an error collection instruction of a basic input output system, and send the first error data to the baseboard management controller according to the error collection instruction of the basic input output system. If the computer crashes, the processor cannot execute any computer instruction. Therefore, if the baseboard management controller does not receive at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor within the preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, it may be determined that the computer
20 crashes.

[0085] S404: The baseboard management controller sends a read request message to the processor, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of the first error data recorded by the processor.

25 [0086] After it is determined that the computer crashes, the baseboard management controller may acquire the first error data from the processor, to implement acquisition of error data in the computer after the computer crashes.

[0087] S405: The baseboard management controller receives a read response message returned by the processor, and obtains, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

30 [0088] The baseboard management controller obtains, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor, and specifically, the manner in S405a may be used, or the manner in S405a may be used.

[0089] S405a: If the read response message carries the first error data, the baseboard

management controller obtains, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

[0090] If the read response message carries the first error data, it indicates that the baseboard management controller reads the first error data successfully from the processor, and the baseboard management controller may obtain, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

[0091] S405b: If the read response message carries a read failure indication, where the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor, the baseboard management controller instructs a warm reboot module or the user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the processor executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the baseboard management controller; and the baseboard management controller receives the first error data sent by the processor.

[0092] The fault collection instruction of the basic input output system may be configured in advance in the computer. When the baseboard management controller fails to read the first error data from the processor, the read response message carries the read failure indication, and the baseboard management controller instructs the warm reboot module or the user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the processor executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends to the baseboard management controller.

[0093] S406: The baseboard management controller parses the first error data according to a fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the first error data.

[0094] After acquiring the first error data, the baseboard management controller parses the first error data according to the fault parsing mechanism, to obtain the fault parsing information of the first error data, where the fault parsing information of the first error data may include: the time at which each piece of error data in the first error data is generated, who collects the error data, which processor the error data comes from, which core (Core), what error the error data belongs, and the like. The fault parsing information not only may be provided to a maintenance personnel or the user to understand a case of a fault, but also may be further used for subsequent location, analysis, and processing of the fault.

[0095] S407: The baseboard management controller analyzes the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing

analyze the fault parsing information of the second error data and the fault parsing information of the first error data, to obtain the fault processing suggestion, so as to improve the accuracy of locating and analyzing a fault.

5 [0105] Optionally, after step S405, the baseboard management controller may further save at least one of the fault parsing information of the first error data, the fault parsing information of the second error data, the first error data, and the second error data in a fault information base of the computer. For example, the fault parsing information of the first error data and the fault parsing information of the second error data are saved in the fault information base, or the first error data and the second error data are saved in the fault information base, so as to record a complete fault
10 record in the fault record base.

[0106] Optionally, after step S405, the baseboard management controller may further send a clear data message to the processor, to instruct the processor to delete the first error data recorded by the processor, thereby avoiding a waste of a storage resource.

15 [0107] For the baseboard management controller in Embodiment 3 or Embodiment 4 of the present invention, specifically, reference may be made to the interaction and fault processing of the baseboard management controller in Embodiment 1 or Embodiment 2 of the present invention and a processor.

Embodiment 5

20 [0108] This embodiment of the present invention provides a baseboard management controller, used in a computer including the baseboard management controller and a processor, for example, used in the computer shown in FIG. 1 or 2. As shown in FIG. 5, the baseboard management controller may include a sending unit and a receiving unit.

25 [0109] The sending unit is configured to: when it is determined that the computer crashes, send a read request message to the processor, where the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor. Although the computer has crashed and the processor cannot execute any computer instruction, the processor may receive and respond to the read request message.

30 [0110] The receiving unit is configured to receive a read response message returned by the processor, and obtain, according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor. For example, when the read response message carries the first error data, the receiving unit may obtain, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor. For another example, when the read response message carries a read failure indication, the receiving unit may instruct a warm reboot unit or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the

computer, so that the processor executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the receiving unit, where the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor; and the receiving unit receives the first error data sent by the processor. Optionally, after the first error data is acquired, the receiving unit may further send a clear data message to the processor, to instruct the processor to delete the first error data recorded by the processor, thereby avoiding a waste of a storage resource.

[0111] Optionally, the baseboard management controller may further include a determining unit, configured to receive a severe fault event indication sent by the processor, where the severe fault event indication is sent by the processor when the processor acquires the first error data and the first error data is of a severe uncorrectable error type; and if at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the severe fault event indication is received, determine that the computer crashes.

[0112] Optionally, the baseboard management controller may further include a fault alarm unit, configured to: after the determining unit receives the severe fault event indication sent by the processor, send an alarm message to the fault alarm unit of the computer or perform a printing operation, to notify the user of the severe fault event.

[0113] Optionally, the baseboard management controller may further include a fault processing unit, configured to parse the first error data according to a fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the first error data. The fault parsing information of the first error data may include: the time at which each piece of error data in the first error data is generated, who collects the error data, which processor the error data comes from, which core (Core), what error the error data belongs, and the like. The fault parsing information not only may be provided to a maintenance personnel or the user to understand a case of a fault, but also may be further used for subsequent location, analysis, and processing of the fault.

[0114] In addition, the fault processing unit may be further configured to analyze the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion. The preset fault processing mechanism may be a fault mechanism or fault processing experience for X86. The fault processing suggestion may be fault location information or processing suggestion information, so that the user or fault rectification personnel may perform processing on the computer according to the fault processing suggestion, to recover the computer.

[0115] Because the fault processing unit analyzes the fault parsing information of only the first

computer executable instruction, the computer may execute the fault processing method in Embodiment 3 or Embodiment 4.

[0121] FIG. 6 shows a baseboard management controller provided in an embodiment of the present invention, where the baseboard management controller may include:

5 a processor 601, a memory 602, a system bus 604, and a communications interface 605, where the processor 601, the memory 602, and the communications interface 605 are connected and accomplish mutual communication using the system bus 604.

[0122] The processor 601 may be a single-core or multi-core central processing unit, or may be a specific integrated circuit, or may be configured as one or more integrated circuits for
10 implementing this embodiment of the present invention.

[0123] The memory 602 may be a high-speed RAM memory, or may be a non-volatile memory (non-volatile memory), for example, at least one disk memory.

[0124] The memory 602 is configured to store a computer executable instruction 603. Specifically, the computer executable instruction 603 may include program code.

15 [0125] When the baseboard management controller runs, the processor 601 executes the computer executable instruction 603, to perform a method procedure of the fault processing method in Embodiment 3 or Embodiment 4.

[0126] A person of ordinary skill in the art may understand that, each aspect of the present invention or a possible implementation manner of each aspect may be specifically implemented as a
20 system, a method, or a computer program product. Therefore, each aspect of the present invention or a possible implementation manner of each aspect may use forms of hardware only embodiments, software only embodiments (including firmware, resident software, and the like), or embodiments with a combination of software and hardware, which are uniformly referred to as "circuit", "module", or "system" herein. In addition, each aspect of the present invention or the possible
25 implementation manner of each aspect may take a form of a computer program product, where the computer program product refers to computer-readable program code stored in a computer-readable medium.

[0127] The computer-readable medium may be a computer-readable signal medium or a computer-readable storage medium. The computer-readable storage medium includes but is not
30 limited to an electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, infrared, or semi-conductive system, device, or apparatus, or any appropriate combination thereof, such as a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), an erasable programmable read only memory (EPROM or flash memory), an optical fiber, and a compact disc read only memory (CD-ROM).

[0128] A processor in a computer reads computer-readable program code stored in a

Claims

1. A computer, comprising a processor (11) and a baseboard management controller (12), wherein the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to:

when it is determined that the computer crashes, send a read request message to the processor (11), wherein the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor (11);

the processor (11) is configured to receive the read request message, and send a read response message to the baseboard management controller (12); and

the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to receive the read response message returned by the processor (11); when the read response message carries a read failure indication, the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to instruct a warm reboot module or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, wherein the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor (11), so that the processor (11) executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the baseboard management controller (12); and the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to receive the first error data sent by the processor (11).

2. The computer according to claim 1, wherein the processor (11) is further configured to acquire the first error data, and record the first error data; and

that the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to determine that the computer crashes is specifically:

the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to receive a fault event indication sent by the processor (11), wherein the fault event indication is sent by the processor (11) when the processor (11) acquires the first error data and the first error data is of an uncorrectable error type; and

if at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor (11) is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the fault event indication is received, the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to determine that the computer crashes.

3. The computer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein:

when the read response message carries the first error data, the baseboard management controller (12) is configured to obtain, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor (11).

4. The computer according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the baseboard management controller (12) is further configured to parse the first error data according to a fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the first error data; and

analyze the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion.

5. A fault processing method, applied to a computer comprising a baseboard management controller and a processor, and the method comprises:

when it is determined that the computer crashes, sending, by the baseboard management controller, a read request message to the processor, wherein the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor; and \

receiving, by the baseboard management controller, a read response message returned by the processor;

when the read response message carries a read failure indication, instructing, by the baseboard management controller, a warm reboot module or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the processor executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of the basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the baseboard management controller, wherein the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor; and

receiving, by the baseboard management controller, the first error data sent by the processor.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving, by the baseboard management controller, a fault event indication sent by the processor, wherein the fault event indication is sent by the processor when the processor acquires the first error data and the first error data is of a uncorrectable error type; and if at least one part of the first error data sent by the processor is not received within a preset waiting time starting from the time at which the fault event indication is received, determining that the computer crashes.

7. The method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein:

when the read response message carries the first error data, obtaining, by the baseboard management controller from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

8. The method according to any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein after the obtaining, by the baseboard management controller according to the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor, the method further comprises: parsing, by the baseboard management controller, the first error data according to a fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the first error data; and

analyzing, by the baseboard management controller, the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion.

9. A baseboard management controller (50), comprising:

a sending unit (501), configured to: when it is determined that a computer crashes, send a read request message to a processor, wherein the read request message is used for requesting reading of first error data recorded by the processor; and

a receiving unit (502), configured to receive a read response message returned by the processor;

when the read response message carries a read failure indication, the receiving unit (502) instructs a warm reboot unit or a user of the computer to perform a warm reboot on the computer, so that the processor executes, during the warm reboot of the computer, a fault collection instruction of a basic input output system of the computer, acquires the first error data according to the fault collection instruction of basic input output system, and sends the first error data to the receiving unit (502),

wherein the read failure indication is used for indicating that the first error data fails to be read from the processor; and

the receiving unit (502) receives the first error data sent by the processor.

10. The baseboard management controller (50) according to claim 9, wherein: when the read response message carries the first error data, the receiving unit (502) obtains, from the read response message, the first error data recorded by the processor.

11. The baseboard management controller (50) according to any one of claims 9 to 10, further comprising:

a fault processing unit (505), configured to parse the first error data according to a fault parsing mechanism, to obtain fault parsing information of the first error data; and analyze the fault parsing information of the first error data according to a preset fault processing mechanism, to obtain a fault processing suggestion.

12. A computer readable medium, comprising computer executable instructions, so that when a processor of a computer executes the computer executable instructions, the computer performs the fault processing method according to any one of claims 5 to 8.