

BSD UNIX

An introduction to 4.4 BSD

A brief history of BSD

- Ken Thompson, AT&T UNIX
- First BSD release in 1978
- Berkeley adds TCP/IP to BSD for DoD in 80's
- AT&T-free release with 4.3BSD
- Jolitz ports BSD to BSD386
- USL (AT&T) sues BSDi, Berkeley
- 4.4BSD-Lite released unencumbered

Characteristics

- Good documentation (man pages)
- By developers, for developers
- Excellent TCP/IP stack
- Strict adherence to open standards
- BSD license

Flavors

- FreeBSD
- NetBSD
- OpenBSD
- Darwin
- BSDi

FreeBSD

- No strings attached
- High performing TCP/IP stack
- Used by Yahoo!
- Used by Hotmail



NetBSD

- Extremely portable
 - 386
 - Sparc
 - Alpha
 - MIPS
 - M68k
 - Many, many more
- Large amounts of code shared with FreeBSD/OpenBSD, and vice versa
- KAME



OpenBSD

- Secure by default
- Emphasis on correctness and peer review
- Regular license audits
- Released twice yearly



Ports and Packages

- Ports - Framework for building packages, similar to Gentoo's emerge
- Packages - Binary packages built for specific version, similar to RPM
- Not compatible across the BSD flavors, although similar in design

Links

- **The BSD Family Tree** -
http://www.daemonnews.org/200104/bsd_family.html
- **Voices from the Open Source Revolution** -
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/opensources/book/kirkmck.html>
- **DaemonNews** - <http://www.daemonnews.org>
- **FreeBSD** - <http://www.freebsd.org/>
- **NetBSD** - <http://www.netbsd.org/>
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