

FreeBSD, the OS choice for many...

FreeBSD is a robust and scalable operating system, ideally suited for servers, embedded devices, security products, and desktops. Its high performance, stability, security, standards compliance, and trouble-free system administration make it the OS of choice for many ISPs, universities, network appliance vendors, and enterprise corporations. FreeBSD makes it easy to browse and install from its repository of over 22,000 no-cost applications. Customizing FreeBSD to your specific needs is a snap!

FreeBSD is Free.

That's right. Free. As in no license fees, no cost per seat, no upgrade cost, no development kit costs.

Unlike the GNU Public License (GPL), the BSD license allows you to make changes to the OS that remain your own intellectual property, a protectable asset. The FreeBSD Foundation can help you and your company engage with our extensive and active development community to improve the core operating system, while allowing you to return only the changes you wish. This freedom allows many companies to balance their use and contribution to open source with competitive business interests in the way that makes the most sense for them.

What if there was a non-profit foundation that supported the development of FreeBSD for the benefit of the entire FreeBSD community?

There is.

The FreeBSD Foundation is constantly working behind the scenes, supporting the FreeBSD Project and community in three major areas: promoting developer communication, handling legal issues, and funding development projects.

The Foundation helps to fund and coordinate developer summits, sponsor BSD related conferences, and promote FreeBSD at technical conferences. We promote the FreeBSD operating system and publish press releases in concert with the FreeBSD Project marketing team.

We represent the FreeBSD Project in the execution of legal contracts, license agreements, copyrights, trademarks, and other legal arrangements that require a recognized legal entity.

We also fund development projects to support emerging technologies such as solid state disks, USB 3.0, machine and network virtualization, highly parallel processors, clustering, and data replication.



The FreeBSD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is committed to supporting and building the FreeBSD Project and community worldwide. Founded in March 2000 to fill the need for an outside organization that could support the community's vision and growth, The FreeBSD Foundation exists to serve the FreeBSD community world wide.

The Foundation board is comprised primarily of volunteers that are actively involved in FreeBSD and are respected researchers in their areas of professional expertise.

The Foundation's fund-raising efforts are essential to keeping FreeBSD free.

The cost of keeping FreeBSD free is growing all the time. Private donations fund 100% of the FreeBSD Foundation's efforts.

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We have a history

We were founded in 2000 to fill the need for an outside organization that supports the community's vision and growth. We are separate from the FreeBSD Project, giving them the continued freedom to drive the direction of FreeBSD.

Over the years we have sponsored a broad range of community and development activities, including equipment procurement, project development, assisting with developer travel, BSD-related conference sponsorship, legal support, executing license agreements, and more.

FreeBSD Foundation Success Stories

"Hobnob chose FreeBSD because it is the only operating system that truly supports our mission: Delivering fast and reliable network service to our customers. Sponsoring and contributing non-Hobnob-core code not only strengthens the foundation for everyone including Hobnob, but also saves Hobnob time and money on maintenance and sustaining engineering. This relationship with FreeBSD creates the ideal conditions for rapid innovation and problem solving that are critical requirements for any company planning to survive in the current business environment."

—Aron Hall, CEO Hobnob, Inc.

"Juniper benefits from the powerful collaboration between leading universities, individuals, and commercial organizations developing FreeBSD to advance the operating system functionality. The FreeBSD release system provides Juniper with a roadmap for features and a stable code base. Its practical licensing enables Juniper to develop intellectual property for advancing high-performance networking."

—Naren Prabhu, Vice President Foundation Technologies,
Juniper Networks

"FreeBSD is the only choice for individuals or companies who need complete freedom as they innovate. Licenses such as the CDDL and GPL force innovators to be very careful about how and where they build their code, which restricts their design choices. Isilon's innovation is in the kernel and our intellectual property is liberally scattered throughout. This simply wouldn't have been possible using another open-source operating system – and licensing source code is a steep barrier to entry."

—Nicholas Kirsch, Director of Software Engineering,
Isilon Systems



Activities and initiatives sponsored by the Foundation include:

- *FreeBSD related conferences and developer summits like BSDCan, EuroBSDCon, AsiaBSDCon, meetBSD, and NYCBSDCon.*
- *Travel grants and funding to individuals to attend these conferences.*
- *Legal support for the project on issues like understanding the GPLv3 impact on FreeBSD, providing a privacy policy, executing license agreements, and protecting registered trademarks.*
- *Grants for projects that improve FreeBSD like:*
 - *network stack virtualization,*
 - *wireless mesh support,*
 - *new console driver,*
 - *safe disk device with mounted file systems removal,*
 - *flattened device tree,*
 - *high available storage, and*
 - *improving Userland DTrace support.*
- *Facilitate donations and purchase of hardware to improve FreeBSD. This includes the FreeBSD Netperf cluster, a 10gbps and multicore testbed which drives FreeBSD SMP scalability and network performance improvements. Hardware includes multiple 10gbps switches, 4, 8, 16, and 32-core/thread Intel, AMD, and embedded hardware, 10gbps NICs from multiple vendors, and a NetApp filer.*

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FreeBSD Foundation Board of Directors

Justin T. Gibbs, President.

Justin is a Senior Software Architect currently working on storage systems for Spectra Logic. His past experience ranges from office application development at Microsoft to embedded systems for general aviation aircraft at Avidyne. A member of the FreeBSD Development Team since 1993, Justin has contributed to many areas of the FreeBSD operating system, and is best known for his work on the SCSI subsystem. After serving on the FreeBSD Core Team from 1995-2000 he created the FreeBSD Foundation to provide a non-profit framework for funding FreeBSD development and community support.

Sam Leffler, Vice President.

Sam has been actively working with UNIX since 1975. His work for the Computer Systems Research Group (CSRG) at the University of California at Berkeley helped with the 4.1BSD release and the release of 4.2BSD. He has contributed to almost every aspect of BSD systems; most recently working (again) on the networking subsystem.

Deb Goodkin, Secretary/Treasurer.

Deb has been with the Foundation since August, 2006. She has spent 20+ years working in marketing, sales, and development of data storage devices. She earned an MSEE from the University of Santa Clara, and a BSCE from the University of California, San Diego.

Erwin Lansing, Director.

Erwin worked for a rapidly expanding webhosting startup and now holds the position of Network Systems Engineer at the Danish incumbent ISP, TDC. He joined the FreeBSD Ports Development Team in 2003 and has been a member of the Ports Management Team since 2005. He is working on the package building cluster, creating and distributing ready-to-install binary packages of 3rd party software for FreeBSD, in addition to regression testing the integration of FreeBSD with 3rd party software projects.

Dru Lavigne, Director.

Dru Lavigne is the Director of Community Development for the PC-BSD Project which provides a desktop operating system based on FreeBSD. She is the former Managing Editor of the Open Source Business Resource, a monthly publication that examines the business of open source. She is the current Chair of the BSD Certification Group which develops and maintains certification examinations for system administrators of BSD systems.

Paul Saab, Director.

Paul spent more than six years at Yahoo! as a member of and later leading their OS development group. His group was responsible for improving and scaling FreeBSD for Yahoo!'s needs, exposing him to many areas of FreeBSD. He is currently a software engineer at Facebook.

Hiroki Sato, Director

Director Hiroki joined the FreeBSD Development Team in 2000. He has been working as a member of the Core Team since 2006 and the Release Engineering and Documentation Engineering Teams since 2004. His focus is maintaining the project's documentation, text processing software, and IPv6 network functionality, while actively promoting FreeBSD in Asian countries by hosting BSD-related conferences there. His Ph.D is in Electrical Engineering from Tokyo University of Science. He now works as an assistant professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Robert N. M. Watson, Director.

Robert Watson is a researcher at the University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory investigating operating system and network security. Prior to joining the Computer Laboratory, he was a Senior Principal Scientist at McAfee Research, now SPARTA ISSO, a leading security research and development organization, directing government and commercial research contracts for customers like DARPA, the US Navy, and Apple Computer. His research interests include OS security, network stack structure and performance, and windowing system structure. He is a member of the FreeBSD Core Team.

The Foundation's board is comprised of software engineers, researchers, management professionals, core development team members — and actual users of FreeBSD. They are uniquely qualified and positioned to provide for the support and continued growth of FreeBSD.

These volunteers are actively involved in FreeBSD and are respected researchers in their areas of professional expertise. Some of our board members' accomplishments include:

- Using FreeBSD as a primary platform since 1997
- Extensive writing about FreeBSD (including 3 books) since 2000
- Member of the FreeBSD Documentation Engineering, Release Engineering and the Core Teams, including a Japanese translation of a book about FreeBSD.
- Membership in the Port Manager Team and a Ports Developer since 2002
- An original member of the Core Team. Professional background includes work for DARPA as a principal investigator in OS Security.
- Designed the TrustedBSD MAC Framework used by McAfee, Mac OS X and Apple's iOS.

Are you using FreeBSD? Then you're already part of the team...

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The Financial Picture

As a 501(c)3 charity, all of our work is funded by donations. We believe strongly that the community we serve, and those who trust us with their donations, deserve insight into how we manage our finances. For this reason, our books are published quarterly and can be reviewed in the financial section of our website.

Over the past five years, spending on the FreeBSD project has totaled over \$385,000. The Foundation funds conferences, projects that improve FreeBSD, developer travel, legal support, equipment, shipping, developer teleconferences, and more.

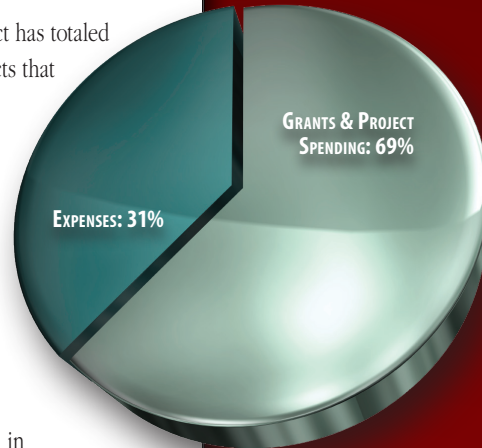
Since our founding 10 years ago, we have steadily increased our fund-raising goals and project spending and support. We've raised nearly \$1,000,000 over the last three years. And, we are very pleased to announce that we ended 2009 with \$680,000 in investments.

Because of the economic climate, we were conservative in our spending last year. The challenges facing FreeBSD are undiminished by recessions and the technological landscape continues to change at a rampant pace. That is why the Foundation decided to nearly double our 2009 budget for 2010.

If you benefit from FreeBSD, please donate.

Your contribution helps insure:

- Development projects are funded to support emerging technologies such as solid state disks, USB 3.0, machine and network virtualization, highly parallel processors, clustering, and data replication.
- BSD conferences continue around the globe.
- Students and contributors have the opportunity to attend conferences and developer summits.
- The infrastructure of computers and equipment supporting our community can be maintained.
- The FreeBSD community is grown through marketing and outreach to users and businesses.
- FreeBSD trademarks are protected and the project has access to legal counsel.
- FreeBSD continues to serve as the core for research and enterprise leading to essential products and solutions.



As a percentage of total donations, the FreeBSD Foundation has historically contributed more than two-thirds of its total budget to developer and development-related projects.

Some of our plans for 2010 include spending \$100,000 on FreeBSD projects and \$50,000 on equipment to build up FreeBSD facilities in three locations.

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