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FreeBSD Foundation October Update

As the ghosts and goblins get ready for the upcoming Halloween fun, the Foundation is pleased to say it's certainly been a month full of treats, not tricks. We announced a new partnership, continued to raise money for the Project, provided a new digital edition of the *FreeBSD Journal*, and even launched phase 1 of our new Foundation Web site design. In addition, we have a number of conference appearances on the horizon and we hope you'll be able to stop by and see us. If you see me, be sure to say hi and let me know how else the Foundation can help the FreeBSD community. In the meantime, please take a minute to check out highlights from the past few weeks.

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FreeBSD. Development Projects Update

For this month's Development Projects Update, we're showcasing the Foundation's sponsorship of a Master's research scholarship. The research is focusing on Multipath TCP for FreeBSD and we're excited to share the following report:

TCP Extensions for Multipath Operation with Multiple Addresses (MPTCP) allows a multi-homed host to utilize multiple network interfaces or paths on a single TCP session. The protocol is currently being standardized by the IETF [1].

The aim of this project is to design and implement a FreeBSD MPTCP stack that enables further MPTCP research activities. Key to this is implementing an extensible design that helps simplify experimentation with congestion control, scheduling and path management schemes. An experimental kernel patch has previously been released to the public [2]. The patch is being developed against the HEAD branch.

Earlier this year, The FreeBSD Foundation provided scholarship funding for the implementation to be completed as part of a Master's program. Starting from the existing implementation, the design of the stack is to be refined and additional features added with a goal of releasing a functional implementation by Mid 2015. Several incremental releases are also scheduled for 2014 and early 2015.

Currently features being worked on include extending single-path modular CC code to operate with MPTCP connections, and the addition of a modular packet scheduling framework. Part of this process involves refactoring much of the existing MPTCP session management code and the creation of new multipath-specific protocol hooks, steps that decrease the coupling between the MPTCP code and the existing TCP code.

[1] <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6824>

[2] <http://caia.swin.edu.au/urp/newtcp/mptcp/tools.html>

The Foundation is pleased to be able support university research using FreeBSD and to contribute to the enhancement of the Project through sponsorships like this, and we look forward to sharing further developments as they take place.

contributed by Ed Maste

Upcoming Events

[All Things Open](#)

October 22-23,
2014
Raleigh, NC

[Ohio LinuxFest 2014](#)

October 24-26,
2014
Columbus, OH

[MeetBSD California 2014](#)

November 1-2, 2014
San Jose, CA

[FreeBSD Developer and Vendor Summit](#)

November 3-4, 2014
San Jose, CA

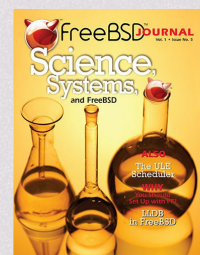
[USENIX LISA '14](#)

November 9-14,
2014
Seattle, WA

[OpenZFS Developer Summit 2014](#)

November 10-11,
2014
San Francisco, CA

FreeBSD Journal



The latest issue of the *FreeBSD Journal* will be available in just a few days! The September/October issue is all about Development tools. Articles include topics such as why



CAVIUM

New Partnership: Cavium to Sponsor FreeBSD ARMv8 Based Implementation

Earlier this month, the Foundation announced an upcoming collaboration with Cavium Inc. to develop and deliver the first ARMv8 reference design and implementation of the FreeBSD Operating System based on the ThunderX™ workload optimized processor family. As stated in the previously released joint press release, Cavium will contribute directly to the Foundation, supply engineering expertise and provide reference ThunderX hardware for the development community. This collaboration is expected to result in Tier 1 recognition of the ARMv8 architecture along with an optimized implementation for the Cavium ThunderX processor family. ThunderX delivers many unique and differentiated capabilities to the ARMv8 server market including support for 48 cores in a single SoC with GICV3, cache coherent dual socket support using Cavium Coherent Processor Interconnect (CCPI™), end to end virtualization through virtSoC™ technology and integrated hardware accelerators for security, storage, networking and virtualization applications.

Find out more about this exciting new partnership here!



The FreeBSD Foundation Goes to EuroBSDcon 2014

We were thrilled to be a Gold Sponsor and to attend EuroBSDCon 2014 held in Sofia, Bulgaria September 27-28. We were also a sponsor of the developer summit. The conference was well attended, with over 225 people there.

Not only did we sponsor four FreeBSD contributors to attend the conference, but with help from Google providing women computer scientists scholarships, I saw more women attending this conference than I had ever seen before.

It really was a great opportunity to meet FreeBSD contributors from around the world. Attendees were mostly from Europe, including Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Russia, and Germany. There were also people from Japan, Canada, and the US. Every time I attend one of these BSD-related conferences, I'm blown away by the excitement and passion these people have and share. I'm full of admiration as I watch these dedicated people interact with each other, sharing information on their projects, helping each other with their work, and inspiring new people to get involved. I love watching the newbies interact with the more seasoned FreeBSD contributors (Rockstars!), as the latter instills a sense of pride, curiosity, and engagement in FreeBSD. It's a chance for people to work face-to-face, get inspired, and learn about areas to get involved with. So much work gets accomplished at these conferences.

We had 7 Foundation board and staff members attend the conference. Kirk McKusick gave a two day tutorial on the FreeBSD Kernel Internals based on the newly released 2nd edition of The Design and Implementation of the FreeBSD Operating System. He also gave a talk on the implementation of ZFS in FreeBSD. Erwin Lansing chaired the DNS and Ports sessions of the developer summit, while Ed Maste gave a presentation on the current state of the LLDB debugger in FreeBSD. On the FreeBSD Journal front, George Neville-Neil was able to recruit more material.

The Foundation also held a board meeting which focused on advocacy in Europe and how to approach more European companies to help facilitate collaboration with the Project, as well as seeking more donations from that part of the world.

Overall, it was another successful conference and we are looking forward to participating in next year's European conference in Stockholm, Sweden. For the full recap, please see the blog post.

researchers choose FreeBSD, setting up PF on your FreeBSD system, ULE, and more.

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Juniper benefits from the powerful collaboration between leading universities, individuals, and commercial organizations developing FreeBSD to advance the operating system functionality. The



Fundraising Update: It's Getting Exciting

I wanted to send a big thank you out to everyone who has made a financial donation to the Foundation this year. Your support is making us stronger and more relevant in helping FreeBSD become more widely accepted and universally known and loved.

We are getting close to kicking off our year-end fundraising efforts. It's always an exciting time of year, because we get most of our donations during this last quarter. Our constituents and donors are keeping their eyes on our fundraising meter, because they know the more we raise, the more we can support FreeBSD.

As of this writing, we have raised around \$628,000 towards our goal of \$1,000,000. We strongly believe that if we continue to work hard supporting the FreeBSD Project and community, with your help, we will get the needed funds.

Why do we need this money? We are currently funding three projects, plus the recently announced ARM64 project, that will begin shortly. Not only are we funding more BSD-related conferences and summits, but as costs go up, we're being asked to contribute more to each event. We are also sponsoring conferences and booths at other technology events, to promote FreeBSD for use in products, as well as, for education and scientific research. We are creating more handouts for FreeBSD advocates to use for promoting FreeBSD, while also working on new initiatives to help recruit more people to the Project. We are funding the informative and educational on-line magazine, the FreeBSD Journal. We continue to purchase new hardware to support FreeBSD infrastructure at the main co-location facilities. Lastly, we continue to provide legal support for the Project.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are involved in FreeBSD in some way. It may be a hobby or employment for you. You can help FreeBSD even more by making a donation today!

Here's how you can help:

- 1) You can make a [donation](#).
- 2) You can spread the word of the important work we are doing to support and improve FreeBSD
- 3) You can ask your employer to make a donation. Please let them know they can get their logo on our website with a donation of \$10,000 or more. For an even bigger incentive, these logos now rotate on our new homepage! Our goal is to add 10 new corporate logos on our website by end of next quarter.

Thank you for all your support. We couldn't do it without you!

contributed by Deb Goodkin

functionality. The FreeBSD release system provides

Juniper with a roadmap for features and a stable base for our code, while its practical licensing enables Juniper to develop intellectual property for advancing high-performance networking. Juniper employs many active FreeBSD developers that continually contribute to the FreeBSD project to further its development as a leading operating system."

– Naren Prabhu, Vice President
Foundation Technologies,
[Juniper Networks](#)

