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Welcome to *FreeBSD™ Journal* 2017!

The Editorial Board is excited about the selection of topics planned for our 2017 issues and, of course, the articles in this, the first, issue of the new year. First up is Sean Kelly's article on how FlightAware uses FreeBSD to provide accurate flight data. If you travel a lot, then you probably know about flightaware.com and their free app. When you use it to find out why you're delayed, yet again, you're using FreeBSD. Knowing that you're using FreeBSD may take a bit of the sting out of that two-hour ground delay!

This issue's other two feature articles relate to FreeBSD's use in various languages. Li, Xiao writes about FreeBSD and railway information signs in China, and Warren Block discusses the new slate of translation tools in use by the FreeBSD documentation and development teams. The international focus is rounded out by a piece from Anne Dickison of the FreeBSD Foundation, outlining how the Foundation is working to make sure FreeBSD is known and loved around the world.

As we're just beginning the year, we do not have a conference report for this issue, but in later issues we'll report on FOSDEM 2017, which just finished a couple of weeks ago, as well as AsiaBSDCon (<https://2017.asiabsdcon.org>) planned for Tokyo, Japan, in March; BSDCan (<http://www.bsdcn.org/2017/>) in Ottawa, Canada, in June; as well as BSDCam, VBSDCon, and EuroBSD, taking place in the months of August and September.

In this issue, you'll enjoy columns from Dru Lavigne, who profiles New Faces in the FreeBSD community, and Steven Kreuzer, who reviews *Grokking Algorithms: An illustrated guide for programmers and other curious people*, by Aditya Y. Bhargava, and also delivers a new installment of his svn update column.

2017 is shaping up to be a great year for the *FreeBSD Journal*. We are working on issues on security, configuration management, and resource control for the first half of this year. And for now, we'll just keep the rest of the year under our horns.

Hope to see everyone at a BSD event in 2017!

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