NAME

INSTALL – Installation procedure for NetBSD/next68k.

DESCRIPTION

About this Document

This document describes the installation procedure for NetBSD 1.5 on the *next68k* platform. It is available in four different formats titled `INSTALL.`*ext*, where *ext* is one of `.ps`, `.html`, `.more`, or `.txt`:

`.ps` PostScript.

`.html` Standard Internet HTML.

`.more` The enhanced text format used on UNIX-like systems by the `more`(1) and `less`(1) pager utility programs. This is the format in which the on-line *man* pages are generally presented.

`.txt` Plain old ASCII.

You are reading the *PostScript* version.

What is NetBSD?

The NetBSD Operating System is a fully functional Open Source UNIX-like operating system derived from the University of California, Berkeley Networking Release 2 (Net/2), 4.4BSD-Lite, and 4.4BSD-Lite2 sources. NetBSD runs on thirty-one different system architectures featuring twelve distinct families of CPUs, and is being ported to more. The NetBSD 1.5 release contains complete binary releases for fifteen different machine types. (The sixteen remaining are not fully supported at this time and are thus not part of the binary distribution. For information on them, please see the NetBSD web site at **http://www.netbsd.org/**)

NetBSD is a completely integrated system. In addition to its highly portable, high performance kernel, NetBSD features a complete set of user utilities, compilers for several languages, the X Window System, firewall software and numerous other tools, all accompanied by full source code.

NetBSD is a creation of the members of the Internet community. Without the unique cooperation and coordination the net makes possible, it's likely that NetBSD wouldn't exist.

Changes Since The Last Release

The NetBSD 1.5 release provides numerous significant functional enhancements, including support for many new devices, integration of hundreds of bug fixes, new and updated kernel subsystems, and many userland enhancements. The result of these improvements is a stable operating system fit for production use that rivals most commercially available systems.

It is impossible to completely summarize over one year of development that went into the NetBSD 1.5 release. Some highlights include:

Kernel

- Ports to new platforms including: arc, cobalt, hpcmips, news68k, sgimips, and sparc64.
- Improved performance and stability of the UVM virtual memory subsystem.
- Implementation of generic kernel locking code, as well as a restructure and re-tuning of the scheduler, to be used by the future symmetric multi-processing (SMP) implementation.
- Improved compatibility support for Linux, OSF1, and SVR4 programs.

- New compatibility support for Win32 programs.
- Support for dynamically loaded ELF kernel modules.
- Kernel process tracing using `ktruss`(1).
- Deletion of swap devices using `swapctl`(8).
- Easier hot-pluggability of keyboards and mice using a new wscons device - wsmux.
- Improved PCMCIA and Cardbus support, including support for detaching of devices and cards, resulting in better support for notebooks and PDA devices.
- Numerous hardware improvements, including areas such as: audio, UDMA/66 support for ATA drives, USB, and wireless networking.

Networking

- Addition of IP version 6 (IPv6) and IPsec to the networking stack, from the KAME project. This includes addition of kernel code for IPv6/IPsec, IPv4/v6 dual-stack user applications and supporting libraries. Due to this, the shlib major version for `pcap`(3) is incremented and you may need to recompile userland tools. The KAME IPv6 part includes results from the unified-ipv6 effort.

File system

- Significant Fast file system (FFS) performance enhancements via integration of Kirk McKusick's soft updates and trickle sync code.
- Support for the Windows NT 'NTFS' file system (read-only at this stage).
- Support for revision 1 of the Linux 'ext2fs' file system.
- Enhanced stability and usability of LFS (the BSD log-structured file system).
- Various RAIDframe enhancements including: auto-detection of RAID components and auto-configuration of RAID sets, and the ability to configure the root file system (`/`) on a RAID set.
- Support for Microsoft Joliet extensions to the ISO9660 CD file system.
- Improved file system vnode locking mechanisms, thus resolving a source of several panics in the past.
- Support for NFS and RPC over IPv6.
- Server part of NFS locking (implemented by `rpc.lockd`(8)) now works.

Security

- Strong cryptographic libraries and applications integrated, including the AES cipher Rijndael, the OpenSSL library, more complete Kerberos IV and Kerberos V support, and an SSH server and client.
- `sysctl`(3) interfaces to various elements of process and system information, allowing programs such as `ps`(1), `dmesg`(1) and the like to operate without recompilation after kernel upgrades, and remove the necessity to run setgid kmem (thus improving system security).
- Disable various services by default, and set the default options for disabled daemons to a higher level of logging.
- Several code audits were performed. One audit replaced string routines that were used without bound checking, and another one to identify and disable places where format strings were used in an unsafe way, allowing arbitrary data entered by (possibly) malicious users to overwrite application code, and leading from Denial of Service attacks to compromised system.

System administration and user tools

- Conversion of the `rc`(8) system startup and shutdown scripts to an 'rc.d' mechanism, with separate control scripts for each service, and appropriate dependency ordering provided by `rcorder`(8).
- `postfix`(1) provided as alternative mail transport agent to `sendmail`(8).
- User management tools `useradd`(8), `usermod`(8), `userdel`(8), `groupadd`(8), `groupmod`(8), and `groupdel`(8) added to the system.
- Incorporation of a login class capability database (`/etc/login.conf`) from BSD/OS.
- Improved support for usernames longer than eight characters in programs such as `at`(1) and `w`(1).
- Many enhancements to `ftpd`(8) providing features found in larger and less secure FTP daemons, such as user classes, connection limits, improved support for virtual hosting, transfer statistics, transfer rate throttling, and support for various IETF ftpext working group extensions.
- The `ftp`(1) client has been improved even further, including transfer rate throttling, improved URL support, command line uploads. See the man page for details.

Miscellaneous

- Updates to the NetBSD source code style code (located in `/usr/share/misc/style`) to use ANSI C only (instead of K&R) and reflect current (best) practice, and begin migrating the NetBSD source code to follow it.
- Implementation of many SUSv2 features to the `curses`(3) library, including support for color.
- Updates of most third party packages that are shipped in the base system, including `file`(1), `ipfilter`(4), `ppp`(4), and `sendmail`(8) to the latest stable release.
- Many new packages in the *pkgsrc* system, including standard desktops like KDE and GNOME as well as latest Tcl/Tk and perl and many of the components of the Java Enterprise platform. The package framework itself now has full wildcard dependency support.

As has been noted, there have also been innumerable bug fixes.

Kernel interfaces have continued to be refined, and more subsystems and device drivers are shared among the different ports. You can look for this trend to continue.

This is the second major release of NetBSD for the NeXT series of computers.

The Future of NetBSD

The NetBSD Foundation has been incorporated as a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to encourage, foster and promote the free exchange of computer software, namely the NetBSD Operating System. The foundation will allow for many things to be handled more smoothly than could be done with our previous informal organization. In particular, it provides the framework to deal with other parties that wish to become involved in the NetBSD Project.

The NetBSD Foundation will help improve the quality of NetBSD by:

- providing better organization to keep track of development efforts, including co-ordination with groups working in related fields.
- providing a framework to receive donations of goods and services and to own the resources necessary to run the NetBSD Project.

- providing a better position from which to undertake promotional activities.
- periodically organizing workshops for developers and other interested people to discuss ongoing work.

We intend to begin narrowing the time delay between releases. Our ambition is to provide a full release every six to eight months.

We hope to support even *more* hardware in the future, and we have a rather large number of other ideas about what can be done to improve NetBSD.

We intend to continue our current practice of making the NetBSD-current development source available on a daily basis.

We intend to integrate free, positive changes from whatever sources submit them, providing that they are well thought-out and increase the usability of the system.

Above all, we hope to create a stable and accessible system, and to be responsive to the needs and desires of NetBSD users, because it is for and because of them that NetBSD exists.

Sources of NetBSD

Refer to **http://www.netbsd.org/Sites/net.html**.

NetBSD 1.5 Release Contents

The root directory of the NetBSD 1.5 release is organized as follows:

`.../NetBSD-1.5/`

`CHANGES` Changes since earlier NetBSD releases.

`LAST_MINUTE` Last minute changes.

`MIRRORS` A list of sites that mirror the NetBSD 1.5 distribution.

`README.files`
README describing the distribution's contents.

`TODO` NetBSD 's todo list (also somewhat incomplete and out of date).

`patches/` Post-release source code patches.

`source/` Source distribution sets; see below.

In addition to the files and directories listed above, there is one directory per architecture, for each of the architectures for which NetBSD 1.5 has a binary distribution. There are also `README.export-control` files sprinkled liberally throughout the distribution tree, which point out that there are some portions of the distribution that may be subject to export regulations of the United States, e.g. code under `src/crypto` and `src/sys/crypto`. It is your responsibility to determine whether or not it is legal for you to export these portions and to act accordingly.

The source distribution sets can be found in subdirectories of the `source` subdirectory of the distribution tree. They contain the complete sources to the system. The source distribution sets are as follows:

gnusrc This set contains the ''gnu'' sources, including the source for the compiler, assembler, groff, and the other GNU utilities in the binary distribution sets.
22.3 MB gzipped, 98.8 MB uncompressed

pkgsrc This set contains the ''pkgsrc'' sources, which contain the infrastructure to build third-party packages.
5.6 MB gzipped, 57.0 MB uncompressed

sharesrc This set contains the ''share'' sources, which include the sources for the man pages not associated with any particular program, the sources for the typesettable document set, the dictionaries, and more.
3.3 MB gzipped, 13.2 MB uncompressed

src This set contains all of the base NetBSD 1.5 sources which are not in **gnusrc**, **sharesrc**, or **syssrc**.
24.2 MB gzipped, 120.6 MB uncompressed

syssrc This set contains the sources to the NetBSD 1.5 kernel for all architectures, `config`(8), and `dbsym`(8).
17.6 MB gzipped, 88.6 MB uncompressed

xsrc This set contains the sources to the X Window System.
35.2 MB gzipped, 176.8 MB uncompressed

All the above source sets are located in the `source/sets` subdirectory of the distribution tree.

The source sets are distributed as compressed tar files. They may be unpacked into `/usr/src` with the command:

```
# ( cd / ; tar -zxpf - ) < set_name.tgz
```

The `sets/Split/` subdirectory contains split versions of the source sets for those users who need to load the source sets from floppy or otherwise need a split distribution. The split sets are named `set_name.`*xx* where `set_name` is the distribution set name, and *xx* is the sequence number of the file, starting with ''aa'' for the first file in the distribution set, then ''ab'' for the next, and so on. All of these files except the last one of each set should be exactly 240,640 bytes long. (The last file is just long enough to contain the remainder of the data for that distribution set.)

The split distributions may be reassembled and extracted with **cat** as follows:

```
# cat set_name.?? | ( cd / ; tar -zxpf - )
```

In each of the source distribution set directories, there are files which contain the checksums of the files in the directory:

`BSDSUM` Historic BSD checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command: **cksum -o 1** *file*

`CKSUM` POSIX checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command: **cksum** *file*.

`MD5` MD5 digests for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command: **cksum -m** *file*.

`SYSVSUM` Historic AT&T System V UNIX checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command: **cksum -o -2** *file*.

The MD5 digest is the safest checksum, followed by the POSIX checksum. The other two checksums are provided only to ensure that the widest possible range of system can check the integrity of the release files.

NetBSD/next68k subdirectory structure

The next68k-specific portion of the NetBSD 1.5 release is found in the `next68k` subdirectory of the distribution: `.../NetBSD-1.5/next68k/`
`INSTALL.html`

`INSTALL.ps`
`INSTALL.txt`
`INSTALL.more` Installation notes in various file formats, including this file. The `.more` file contains underlined text using the `more`(1) conventions for indicating italic and bold display.

`binary/`
`kernel/`
`netbsd.GENERIC.gz` A gzipped NetBSD kernel containing code for everything supported in this release.
`sets/` next68k binary distribution sets; see below.

`installation/`
`floppy/` next68k boot and installation floppies; see below.
`misc/` Miscellaneous next68k installation utilities; see installation section, below.

Binary distribution sets

The NetBSD next68k binary distribution sets contain the binaries which comprise the NetBSD 1.5 release for the next68k. There are eight binary distribution sets. The binary distribution sets can be found in the `next68k/binary/sets` subdirectory of the NetBSD 1.5 distribution tree, and are as follows:

base The NetBSD 1.5 next68k **base** binary distribution. You *must* install this distribution set. It contains the base NetBSD utilities that are necessary for the system to run and be minimally functional. It includes shared library support, and excludes everything described below.
15.1 MB gzipped, 46.0 MB uncompressed

comp Things needed for compiling programs. This set includes the system include files (`/usr/include`) and the various system libraries (except the shared libraries, which are included as part of the **base** set). This set also includes the manual pages for all of the utilities it contains, as well as the system call and library manual pages.
14.3 MB gzipped, 55.1 MB uncompressed

etc This distribution set contains the system configuration files that reside in `/etc` and in several other places. This set *must* be installed if you are installing the system from scratch, but should *not* be used if you are upgrading. (If you are upgrading, it's recommended that you get a copy of this set and *carefully* upgrade your configuration files by hand.)
0.1 MB gzipped, 0.6 MB uncompressed

games This set includes the games and their manual pages.
3.0 MB gzipped, 7.4 MB uncompressed

kern This set contains a NetBSD/next68k 1.5 `GENERIC` kernel, named `/netbsd`. You *must* install this distribution set.

man This set includes all of the manual pages for the binaries and other software contained in the **base** set. Note that it does not include any of the manual pages that are included in the other sets.
5.0 MB gzipped, 19.9 MB uncompressed

misc This set includes the (rather large) system dictionaries, the typesettable document set, and other files from `/usr/share`.
2.6 MB gzipped, 10.1 MB uncompressed

text This set includes NetBSD 's text processing tools, including `groff`(1), all related programs, and their manual pages.
1.3 MB gzipped, 4.7 MB uncompressed

NetBSD maintains its own set of sources for the X Window System in order to assure tight integration and compatibility. These sources are based on XFree86, and tightly track XFree86 releases. They are currently equivalent to XFree86 3.3.6. Binary sets for the X Window system are distributed with NetBSD. The sets are:

xbase The basic files needed for a complete X client environment. This does not include the X servers.
2.6 MB gzipped, 8.2 MB uncompressed

xcomp The extra libraries and include files needed to compile X source code.
1.7 MB gzipped, 7.2 MB uncompressed

xcontrib Programs that were contributed to X.
0.2 MB gzipped, 0.7 MB uncompressed

xfont Fonts needed by X.
6.2 MB gzipped, 7.5 MB uncompressed

The next68k binary distribution sets are distributed as gzipped tar files named with the extension **.tgz**, e.g. `base.tgz`.

The instructions given for extracting the source sets work equally well for the binary sets, but it is worth noting that if you use that method, the files are `/`-relative and therefore are extracted *below* the current directory. That is, if you want to extract the binaries into your system, i.e. replace the system binaries with them, you have to run the **`tar -xpf`** command from `/`.

Note: Each directory in the next68k binary distribution also has its own checksum files, just as the source distribution does.

NetBSD/next68k System Requirements and Supported Devices

NetBSD/next68k 1.5 will run on 68040-based non-turbo NeXT workstations. This include the NeXTstation and NeXTstation Color slabs, and the non-Turbo NeXT Cube. machines or Turbo (33 MHz) machines. NetBSD/next68k 1.5 does not have complete SCSI support, so installations must use a remote NFS file system.

Supported hardware

- CPUs
  - 68030-based: none.
  - 68040-based: NeXTstation, NeXTstation color, NeXT Cube.
- RS232 interfaces
  - built in A and B serial ports (*zsc*).
- Network interfaces:
  - built in ethernet (*xe*).
- Displays
  - NeXT monochrome display (*nextdisplay*).
  - NeXT 12-bit color display (*nextdisplay*).
- Input devices
  - NeXT non-adb keyboard (*nextkbd*).
- Miscellaneous
  - Battery-backed real-time clock.

If it's not on this list, there is no official support for it in this release.

Getting the NetBSD System on to Useful Media

Because NetBSD/next68k must run diskless, the distribution must be installed to a remote machine that NFS exports to the NeXT machine. As a result, there is no automated install procedure. Begin by retrieving the NetBSD set files onto the serving machine. These can be found at ftp.netbsd.org. You may want to keep the following information handy:

```
IP Address: ftp.netbsd.org
Login: anonymous
Password: <your e-mail address>
Server path: /pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-1.5/next68k/binary/sets
```

Preparing your System for NetBSD installation

No preparation is necessary, since the NetBSD/next68k sets must be installed on a server.

Installing the NetBSD System

Begin by creating an area in the server's file system for the NetBSD/next68k image. This area must be exported read-write to the NeXT workstation. In the simplest form of installation, the entire image is exported as a single partition, mounted on / (by the target. This corresponds to a local disk install with just one partition. It is also possible to export `/usr or other partitions separately. /usr` can be exported read-only, and multiple machines can all share the same `/usr` partition.

To extract the sets into the exported area:

```
# cd /path/to/exported/file-system
# pax -zrvpe -f /path/to/base.tgz
```

and repeat for any other sets you wish to install. You'll almost certainly need the etc.tgz set.

Edit the files in the etc directory to reflect reality. rc.conf and fstab will certainly need to be edited.

cd into the dev directory in the exported area and run

```
# sh ./MAKEDEV all
```

to create the various device nodes.

Create an empty swap file, and place it somewhere where it can also be exported to the target.

Edit the server's `/etc/exports` file to export the root (`/`) and swap partitions to the target. Both must be read-write, and allow full root privileges.

You'll also need to set up a tftp server and bootp server to enable netbooting. These services don't have to run on the same machine that exports the target image, but it is often convenient to do so. More information on configuring these services can be found at

http://www.netbsd.org/Documentation/network/netboot/

Note that your bootptab requires the tag '`vm=auto`' for **bootpd** to work with the NeXT.

Post installation steps

Once you've got the operating system running, there are a few things you need to do in order to bring the system into a properly configured state, with the most important ones described below.

1. Configuring `/etc/rc.conf`

   If you or the installation software haven't done any configuration of `/etc/rc.conf`, the system will drop you into single user mode on first reboot with the message

```
/etc/rc.conf is not configured. Multiuser boot aborted.
```

and with the root file system (/) mounted read-write. When the system asks you to choose a shell, simply press RETURN to get to a prompt. If you are asked for a terminal type, respond with **vt220** (or whatever is appropriate for your terminal type) and press RETURN. At this point, you need to configure at least one file in the /etc directory. Change to the /etc directory and take a look at the /etc/rc.conf file. Modify it to your tastes, making sure that you set rc_configured=YES so that your changes will be enabled and a multi-user boot can proceed. Default values for the various programs can be found in /etc/defaults/rc.conf, where some in-line documentation may be found. More complete documentation can be found in rc.conf(5).

If your /usr directory is on a separate partition and you do not know how to use **ed**, you will have to mount your /usr partition to gain access to **ex** or **vi**. Do the following:

```
# mount /usr
# export TERM=vt220
```

If you have /var on a separate partition, you need to repeat that step for it. After that, you can edit /etc/rc.conf with vi(1). When you have finished, type **exit** at the prompt to leave the single-user shell and continue with the multi-user boot.

Other values that need to be set in /etc/rc.conf for a networked environment are *hostname* and possibly *defaultroute*, furthermore add an *ifconfig_int* for your interface <int>, along the lines of

```
ifconfig_de0="inet 123.45.67.89 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

or, if you have *myname.my.dom* in /etc/hosts:

```
ifconfig_de0="inet myname.my.dom netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

To enable proper hostname resolution, you will also want to add an /etc/resolv.conf file or (if you are feeling a little more adventurous) run named(8). See resolv.conf(5) or named(8) for more information.

Other files in /etc that may require modification or setting up include /etc/mailer.conf, /etc/nsswitch.conf, and /etc/wscons.conf.

2. Logging in

   After reboot, you can log in as root at the login prompt. There is no initial password, but if you're using the machine in a networked environment, you should create an account for yourself (see below) and protect it and the "root" account with good passwords. Unless you have connected an unusual terminal device as the console you can just press RETURN when it prompts for Terminal type? [...]

3. Adding accounts

   Use the useradd(8) command to add accounts to your system, *do not* edit /etc/passwd directly. See useradd(8) for more information on how to add a new user to the system.

4. The X Window System

   If you have installed the X window system, look at the files in /usr/X11R6/lib/X11/doc for information.

   Don't forget to add /usr/X11R6/bin to your path in your shell's dot file so that you have access to the X binaries.

5. Installing third party packages

If you wish to install any of the software freely available for UNIX-like systems you are strongly advised to first check the NetBSD package system. This automatically handles any changes necessary to make the software run on NetBSD, retrieval and installation of any other packages on which the software may depend, and simplifies installation (and deinstallation), both from source and precompiled binaries.

- More information on the package system is at
  http://www.netbsd.org/Documentation/software/packages.html
- A browsable listing of available packages is at
  ftp://ftp.netbsd.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/pkgsrc/README.html
- Precompiled binaries can be found at
  ftp://ftp.netbsd.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/
- Package sources for compiling packages can be obtained by retrieving the file
  ftp://ftp.netbsd.org/pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-current/tar_files/pkgsrc.tar.gz
  They are typically extracted into `/usr/pkgsrc` (though other locations work fine), as with the command:

  ```
  # mkdir /usr/pkgsrc; tar -C /usr/pkgsrc -zxpf pkgsrc.tar.gz
  ```

  After extracting, then see the `README` file in the extraction directory (e.g. `/usr/pkgsrc/README`) for more information.

6. Misc
   - Edit `/etc/mail/aliases` to forward root mail to the right place (run `newaliases`(1) afterwards.)
   - The `/etc/mail/sendmail.cf` file will almost definitely need to be adjusted; files aiding in this can be found in `/usr/share/sendmail`. See the README file there for more information.
   - Edit `/etc/rc.local` to run any local daemons you use.
   - Many of the `/etc` files are documented in section 5 of the manual; so just invoking

     ```
     # man 5 filename
     ```

     is likely to give you more information on these files.

Upgrading a previously-installed NetBSD System

NetBSD/next68k does not currently support an upgrade procedure.

Compatibility Issues With Previous NetBSD Releases

Users upgrading from previous versions of NetBSD may wish to bear the following problems and compatibility issues in mind when upgrading to NetBSD 1.5.

General issues

- `/etc/rc` modified to use `/etc/rc.d/*`

  In previous releases of NetBSD, `/etc/rc` was a traditional BSD style monolithic file. As of NetBSD 1.5, each discrete program or substem from `/etc/rc` and `/etc/netstart` has been moved into separate scripts in `/etc/rc.d/`.

  At system startup, `/etc/rc` uses `rcorder`(8) to build a dependency list of the files in `/etc/rc.d` and then executes each script in turn with an argument of 'start'. Many `rc.d` scripts won't start unless the appropriate `rc.conf`(5) entry in `/etc/rc.conf` is set to 'YES.'

At system shutdown, `/etc/rc.shutdown` uses `rcorder`(8) to build a dependency list of the files in `/etc/rc.d` that have a ''KEYWORD: shutdown'' line, reverses the resulting list, and then executes each script in turn with an argument of 'stop'. The following scripts support a specific shutdown method: `cron`, `inetd`, `local`, and `xdm`.

Local and third-party scripts may be installed into `/etc/rc.d` as necessary. Refer to the other scripts in that directory and `rc`(8) for more information on implementing `rc.d` scripts.

Issues affecting an upgrading from NetBSD 1.4 or later

- `named`(8) leaks version information

  Previous releases of NetBSD disabled a feature of `named`(8) where the version number of the server could be determined by remote clients. This feature has not been disabled in NetBSD 1.5, because there is a `named.conf`(5) option to change the version string:

```
option {
        version "newstring";
};
```

- `sysctl`(8) pathname changed

  `sysctl`(8) is moved from `/usr/sbin/sysctl` to `/sbin/sysctl`. If you have hardcoded references to the full pathname (in shell scripts, for example) please be sure to update those.

- `sendmail`(8) configuration file pathname changed

  Due to `sendmail`(8) upgrade from 8.9.x to 8.10.x, `/etc/sendmail.cf` is moved to `/etc/mail/sendmail.cf`. Also, the default `sendmail.cf`(5) refers different pathnames than before. For example, `/etc/aliases` is now located at `/etc/mail/aliases`, `/etc/sendmail.cw` is now called `/etc/mail/local-host-names`, and so forth. If you have customized `sendmail.cf`(5) and friends, you will need to move the files to the new locations. See `/usr/share/sendmail/README` for more information.

Using online NetBSD documentation

Documentation is available if you first install the manual distribution set. Traditionally, the ''man pages'' (documentation) are denoted by '`name(section)`'. Some examples of this are

- `intro`(1),
- `man`(1),
- `apropos`(1),
- `passwd`(1), and
- `passwd`(5).

The section numbers group the topics into several categories, but three are of primary interest: user commands are in section 1, file formats are in section 5, and administrative information is in section 8.

The *man* command is used to view the documentation on a topic, and is started by entering **man** [*section*] *topic*. The brackets [] around the section should not be entered, but rather indicate that the section is optional. If you don't ask for a particular section, the topic with the lowest numbered section name will be displayed. For instance, after logging in, enter

```
# man passwd
```

to read the documentation for `passwd`(1). To view the documentation for `passwd`(5), enter

```
# man 5 passwd
```

instead.

If you are unsure of what man page you are looking for, enter **apropos** *subject-word*

where *subject-word* is your topic of interest; a list of possibly related man pages will be displayed.

Administrivia

If you've got something to say, do so! We'd like your input. There are various mailing lists available via the mailing list server at majordomo@netbsd.org. To get help on using the mailing list server, send mail to that address with an empty body, and it will reply with instructions.

There are various mailing lists set up to deal with comments and questions about this release. Please send comments to: netbsd-comments@netbsd.org.

To report bugs, use the send-pr(1) command shipped with NetBSD, and fill in as much information about the problem as you can. Good bug reports include lots of details. Additionally, bug reports can be sent by mail to: netbsd-bugs@netbsd.org.

Use of send-pr(1) is encouraged, however, because bugs reported with it are entered into the NetBSD bugs database, and thus can't slip through the cracks.

There are also port-specific mailing lists, to discuss aspects of each port of NetBSD. Use majordomo to find their addresses, or visit **http://www.netbsd.org/MailingLists/**. If you're interested in doing a serious amount of work on a specific port, you probably should contact the 'owner' of that port (listed below).

If you'd like to help with this effort, and have an idea as to how you could be useful, send us mail or subscribe to: netbsd-help@netbsd.org.

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