NEW PORTS COMMITTERS

It is a long-standing joke that if you submit too many PRs, fix too many ports, and contribute on the mailing lists in a helpful manner, you get punished with a commit bit. So in recent months we have punished the following: John Marino (marino@), a contributor to many BSD projects, notably DragonflyBSD, in which he is responsible for DPorts; Rusmir Dusko (nemysis@), who has concurrently been working with both FreeBSD ports and PC-BSD PBIs; David Chisnall (theraven@), who has spent recent years as a src committer, and with his wealth of experience will be instrumental in getting ports working in the upcoming FreeBSD 10 release cycle; and Danilo Gondolfo, a long-time contributor to the ports tree.

TIPS FOR PERSPECTIVE PORTERS

If you are fortunate enough to maintain a port that just builds with little or no manipulation, then you are quite lucky. This is not the case with all ports. You will often need to patch snippets of code to make it run for FreeBSD. One of the most tedious aspects of this task is maintaining the list of patches in the files subfolder of your port. Instead of running the diff manually to generate your patches, run "make makepatch" from your port, which will assemble all the patches for you. Please also remember to share your patches with the developer of your port, as this will ensure ongoing compatibility and portabilityc ●

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Events Calendar

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● Happy New Year

The following BSD-related conferences are scheduled for the first quarter of 2014. More information about these events, as well as local user group meetings, can be found at bsdevents.org.

FOSDEM ● Feb. 1 & 2, 2014
Brussels, Belgium
https://fosdem.org/2014/
FOSDEM 2014 will take place February 1 & 2 at ULB Campus Solbosch. This annual event is free to attend and features a BSD developer room devoted to BSD presentations. The event will also host the BSDA certification exam.

NYCBSDCon ● Feb. 8, 2014
New York City, NY
http://www.nycbsdcon.org
The NYC BSD Users Group (NYCBUG) will once again hold a one day conference in NYC. The location will be at Suspenders Bar and Restaurant at 111 Broadway. The theme of this year's conference is "The BSDs in Production Environments." As with past NYCBSDCons, the cost will ensure the event is accessible and filled with an array of meetings and discussions reflecting the living, breathing world of the BSDs.

SCALE 12x ● Feb. 21–23, 2014
Los Angeles, CA
http://www.socallinuxexpo.org/scale12x
The 12th annual Southern California Linux Expo will take place February 21–23 at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel. This BSD-friendly event will include presentations on PC-BSD and FreeNAS and there will be a FreeBSD booth in the expo area. The event will also host the BSDA certification exam on February 23. Registration for the conference is $60.

AsiaBSDCon ● Mar. 13–16, 2014
Tokyo, Japan
http://2014.asiabsdcon.org/
AsiaBSDCon 2014 will take place March 13–16 at the Tokyo University of Science. This conference provides tutorials and presentations and publishes the conference proceedings. This event also hosts a FreeBSD Developer Summit and a Vendor Summit. The Japanese version of the BSDA certification exam will launch at this year's event.