

# meeting REPORT

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## PortsCamp

in Taipei/Taiwan

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**T**his, the first PortsCamp held in Taipei's HackerSpace, had 27 attendees, including five FreeBSD committers: araujo@, lwhsu@, sunpoet@, kevlo@, and ijiliao@. The event had one sponsor, Gandi, which generously provided the venue as well as drinks and pizza. I made FreeBSD stickers that were shared with everyone.

Our event featured two presentations: in the first, Thomas Kuiper, general manager of Gandi's Asian subsidiary introduced how Gandi is using FreeBSD in its cloud platform. He also provided trial accounts to anyone who would like to try the FreeBSD images in their IaaS environment (Gandi: <http://www.gandi.net>).

I gave the second presentation, which was an overview of the FreeBSD Project in which I explained how to contribute and become a FreeBSD committer. Slides from my presentation are at <http://www.slideshare.net/araujobsd/portscamp-taiwan>.

I also provided a server with `bhyve(8)` with the latest FreeBSD-HEAD, ports tree and `poudriere(8)`, which the attendees could access by ssh and then experiment with FreeBSD ports. Providing the server was a very good idea, as the environment was ready to be used, saving a lot of setup time. The server was an i7 with 16G of ram. It was hosting 25VMs, and the performance was pretty good.

We had 193 commits in our ports tree with the history log: Sponsored by: PortsCamp Taiwan.

The attendees spent most of their time understanding how to use `poudriere(8)`. Some were already working on projects. For example, one person was testing `glusterfs` patches. Another was a dentist working on translating documentation into Chinese. All committers were helpful and spent most of their time answering questions and chatting with everyone.

We had a very good gathering, and we are planning to have a second PortsCamp in another city in



Taiwan (Hsinchu). It will probably be held at National Taiwan University right after the AsiaBSDCon in March of this year. We may change the approach of PortsCamp to a working group format which we believe would be more productive.

I would like to give a special thanks to Mose for offering great support before and during the PortsCamp.

Here are some other blogs and posts about PortsCamp:

by kevlo: <http://wp.me/p1J5gU-2v>

by miwi: <http://miwi.cc/2016/01/aiwan-portscamp/>

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