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LETTER from the Foundation

Welcome to the January/February issue of the *FreeBSD Journal*. A new year brings new opportunities for users and developers alike.

One source of new opportunities this year is FreeBSD's ports collection. The collection is ever-changing as it tracks changes in both third party software and the base system. Mateusz Piotrowski walks through the process of contributing a new port, while Joseph Mingrone describes some of the best practices for contributing changes to ports after the migration from Subversion to Git.

CBSD provides a framework for managing both jails and bhyve virtual machines on FreeBSD. Oleg Ginzburg provides the first installment in a series of articles introducing users to the CBSD framework and how it can be used. In a similar vein, Tom Jones introduces a new tool for creating jails.

Kristoff Provost describes yet another episode in his ongoing work maintaining FreeBSD's port of the pf packet filter.

This issue also features two conference reports from EuroBSDCon. We hope to feature more conference reports in future issues this year both from "established" BSD conferences and new venues.

As always, we love to hear from our readers. If you have feedback on any of our articles, suggestions for topics for a future article, or are interested in writing an article, please email us at info@freebsdjournal.com.

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