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Welcome to a special edition celebrating 30 years of FreeBSD! FreeBSD began as a small group of volunteers building on a rich inheritance from UNIX and BSD. Thirty years later, FreeBSD has grown into a large, open source project with its own vibrant history. That history is full of individual stories with various twists and turns. There have been moments of worry and doubt (thanks AT&T), laughter (Christmas trees, who knew?), conflict, and triumph (13 major releases and counting). Each of us has played a part in FreeBSD's story to date and we, along with many new faces, will shape the next 30 years.

This issue contains a variety of articles reflecting on that long history. There are many personal anecdotes and hidden nuggets in these stories. This collection is by no means exhaustive, but it does give a glimpse into the breadth of work that many, many people have put into FreeBSD over the years. Join with us in celebrating not just the software FreeBSD has produced, but all the individuals who have contributed their time, talent, and treasure to FreeBSD's success.

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