

# FreeBSD Developers' Handbook

## 摘要

歡迎使用 Developers' Handbook！這份文件是由許多人不斷撰寫而成的，而且許多章節仍需更新或者內容還是一片空白，如果你想幫忙 FreeBSD 文件計劃，請寄信到 [FreeBSD documentation project](#) 郵遞論壇。

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# Part I: 基本概念

# Chapter 1. 簡介

## 1.1. 在 FreeBSD 開發程式

好了我們開始吧！我想你的 FreeBSD 已經安裝好了，而且已經準備好要用它寫點程式了吧？但是要从哪裡開始呢？有提供寫程式的程式或環境嗎？身為 programmer 的我可以做什麼呢？

本章試著回答你一些問題，當然，單就 programming 程度來說可分很多種層次，有的人只是單純當興趣，有的則是他的專業，本章主要內容是針對程式初學者，當然，對於那些不熟的程式開發者而言，本文件內容也是十分實用的。

## 1.2. The BSD Vision

為了讓你寫出來的程式在 like 系統上具有良好的使用性、效能和穩定性，我們必須跟你介紹一些程式概念(original software tools ideology)。

## 1.3. 程式架構指南

我們想介紹的概念如下

- 在整個程式還沒寫完前，不要增加新的功能。
- 另外一個重點就是，讓你自己選擇你的程式將會具有何種功能，而不是讓別人決定，不想要去滿足全世界的需求，除非你想讓你的程式具有擴充性或相容性。
- 千萬記住：在沒有相關經驗時，參考範例程式碼所寫出來的程式，會比自己憑空寫出來的好。
- 當你寫的程式沒辦法完全解決問題時，最好的方法就是不要試著要去解決它。
- 若用 10% 的心力就能輕鬆完成 90% 的工作份量，就用這個簡單法子吧。
- 盡可能地簡化問題的複雜。
- 提供機制(mechanism)，而非原則(policy)。比方說，把使用者介面選擇權交由使用者來決定。

以上摘自 Scheifler Gettys 的 "X Window System" 論文

## 1.4. /usr/src 的架構

完整的 FreeBSD 原始碼都在公開的 CVS repository 中。通常 FreeBSD 原始碼都會裝在 /usr/src，而且包含下列子目錄：

| Directory  | Description                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|
| bin/       | Source for files in /bin                    |
| contrib/   | Source for files from contributed software. |
| crypto/    | Cryptographical sources                     |
| etc/       | Source for files in /etc                    |
| games/     | Source for files in /usr/games              |
| gnu/       | Utilities covered by the GNU Public License |
| include/   | Source for files in /usr/include            |
| kerberos5/ | Source for Kerberos version 5               |
| lib/       | Source for files in /usr/lib                |
| libexec/   | Source for files in /usr/libexec            |
| release/   | Files required to produce a FreeBSD release |
| rescue/    | Build system for the /rescue utilities      |

| Directory | Description                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| sbin/     | Source for files in /sbin                         |
| secure/   | FreeSec sources                                   |
| share/    | Source for files in /usr/share                    |
| sys/      | Kernel source files                               |
| tools/    | Tools used for maintenance and testing of FreeBSD |
| usr.bin/  | Source for files in /usr/bin                      |
| usr.sbin/ | Source for files in /usr/sbin                     |

# Chapter 2. 程式開發工具

## 2.1. 概敘

本章將介紹如何使用一些 FreeBSD 所提供的程式開發工具(programing tools)，本章所介紹的工具程式在其他版本的上也可使用，在此並不會嘗試描述寫程式時的每個細節，本章大部分篇幅都是假設你以前沒有或只有少數的寫程式經驗，不過，還是希望大多數的程式開發人員都能從中重新得到一些啟發。

## 2.2. 簡介

FreeBSD 提供一個非常棒的開發環境，比如說像是 C、C++、Fortran 和 assembler(組合語言)的編譯器(compiler)，在 FreeBSD 中都已經包含在基本的系統中了更別提 Perl 和其他標準工具，像是 **sed** 以及 **awk**，如果你還是覺得不夠，FreeBSD 在 Ports collection 中還提供其他的編譯器和直譯器(interpreter)，FreeBSD 相容許多標準，像是和 ANSI C，當然還有它所繼承的 BSD 傳統。所以在 FreeBSD 上寫的程式不需修改或頂多稍微修改，就可以在許多平台上編譯、執行。

無論如何，就算你從來沒在平台上寫過程式，也可以徹底感受到 FreeBSD 令人無法抗拒的迷人魔力。本章的目標就是協助你快速上手，而暫時不需深入太多進階主題，並且講解一些基礎概念，以讓你可以瞭解我們在講些什麼。

本章內容並不要求你得有程式開發經驗，或者你只有一點點的經驗而已。不過，我們假設你已經會系統的基本操作，而且更重要的是，請保持樂於學習的心態！

## 2.3. Programming 概念

簡單的說，程式只是一堆指令的集合體；而這些指令是用來告訴電腦應該要作那些事情。有時候，指令的執行取決於前一個指令的結果而定。本章將會告訴你有 2 個主要的方法，讓你可以對電腦下達這些指示(instruction) 或 "命令(commands)"。第一個方法就是直譯器(interpreter)，而第二個方法是編譯器(compiler)。由於對於電腦而言，人類語言的語意過於模糊而太難理解，因此命令(commands)就常會以一種(或多種)程式語言寫成，用來指示電腦所要執行的特定動作為何。

### 2.3.1. 直譯器

使用直譯器時，所使用的程式語言就像變成一個會和你互動的環境。當在命令提示列上打上命令時，直譯器會即時執行該命令。在比較複雜的程式中，可以把所有想下達的命令統統輸入到某檔案裡面去，然後呼叫直譯器去讀取該檔案，並且執行你寫在這個檔案中的指令。如果所下的指令有錯誤產生，大多數的直譯器會進入偵錯模式(debugger)，並且顯示相關錯誤訊息，以便對程式除錯。

這種方式好處在於：可以立刻看到指令的執行結果，以及錯誤也可迅速修正。相對的，最大的壞處便是當你想把你寫的程式分享給其他人時，這些人必須要有跟你一樣直譯器。而且別忘了，他們也要會使用直譯器直譯程式才行。當然使用者也不希望不小心按錯鍵，就進入偵錯模式而不知所措。就執行效率而言，直譯器會使用到很多的記憶體，而且這類直譯式程式，通常並不會比編譯器所編譯的程式的更有效率。

筆者個人認為，如果你之前沒有學過任何程式語言，最好先學學習直譯式語言(interpreted languages)，像是 Lisp，Smalltalk，Perl 和 Basic 都是，的 shell 像是 **sh** 和 **csh** 它們本身就是直譯器，事實上，很多人都在它們自己機器上撰寫各式的 shell "script"，來順利完成各項 "housekeeping(維護)" 任務。的使用哲學之一就是提供大量的小工具，並使用 shell script 來組合運用這些小工具，以便工作更有效率。

### 2.3.2. FreeBSD 提供的直譯器

下面這邊有份 Ports Collection 所提供的直譯器清單，還有討論一些比較受歡迎的直譯式語言

至於如何使用 Ports Collection 安裝的說明，可參閱 FreeBSD Handbook 中的 [Ports](#) 章節。

#### BASIC

BASIC 是 Beginner's ALL-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code 的縮寫。BASIC 於 1950 年代開始發展，最初開發這套語言的目的是為了教導當時的大學學生如何寫程式。到了 1980，BASIC 已經是很多 programmer 第一個學習的程式語言了。此外，BASIC 也是 Visual Basic 的基礎。

FreeBSD Ports Collection 也有收錄相關的 BASIC 直譯器。Bywater Basic 直譯器放在 [lang/bwbasic](#)。而 Phil Cockroft's Basic 直譯器(早期也叫 Rabbit Basic)放在 [lang/pbasic](#)。

#### Lisp

LISP 是在 1950 年代開始發展的一個直譯式語言，而且 LISP 就是一種 "number-crunching" languages(迅速進行大量運算的程式語言)，在當時算是一個普遍的程式語言。LISP 的表達不是基於數字(numbers)，而是基於表(lists)。而最能表示出 LISP 特色的地方就在於：LISP 是 "List Processing" 的縮寫。在人工智慧(Artificial Intelligence, AI)領域上 LISP 的各式應用非常普遍。

LISP 是非常強悍且複雜的程式語言，但是缺點是程式碼會非常大而且難以操作。

絕大部分的 LISP 直譯器都可以在系統上運作，當然的 Ports Collection 也有收錄。GNU Common Lisp 收錄在 [lang/gcl](#)，Bruno Haible 和 Michael Stoll 的 CLISP 收錄在 [lang/clisp](#)，此外 CMUCL(包含一個已經最佳化的編譯器)，以及其他簡化版的 LISP 直譯器(比如以 C 語言寫的 SLisp，只用幾百行程式碼就實作大多數 Common Lisp 的功能)則是分別收錄在 [lang/cmucl](#) 以及 [lang/slisp](#)。

#### Perl

對系統管理者而言，最愛用 perl 來撰寫 scripts 以管理主機，同時也經常用來寫 WWW 主機上的 CGI Script 程式。

Perl 在 Ports Collection 內的 [lang/perl5](#)。而 4.X 則是把 Perl 裝在 [/usr/bin/perl](#)。

#### Scheme

Scheme 是 LISP 的另一分支，Scheme 的特點就是比 Common LISP 還要簡潔有力。由於 Scheme 簡單，所以很多大學拿來當作第一堂程式語言教學教材。而且對於研究人員來說也可以快速的開發他們所需要的程式。

Scheme 收錄在 [lang/elk](#)，Elk Scheme 直譯器(由麻省理工學院所發展的 Scheme 直譯器)收錄在 [lang/mit-scheme](#)，SCM Scheme Interpreter 收錄在 [lang/scm](#)。

#### Icon

Icon 屬高階程式語言，Icon 具有強大的字串(String)和結構(Structure)處理能力。Ports Collection 所收錄的 Icon 直譯器版本則是放在 [lang/icon](#)。

#### Logo

Logo 是種容易學習的程式語言，最常在一些教學課程中被拿來當作開頭範例。

如果要給小朋友開始上程式語言課的話，Logo 是相當不錯的選擇。因為，即使對小朋友來說，要用 Logo 來秀出複雜多邊形圖形是相當輕鬆容易的。

Logo 在 Ports Collection 的最新版則是放在 [lang/logo](#)。

#### Python

Python 是物件導向的直譯式語言，Python 的擁護者總是宣稱 Python 是最好入門的程式語言。雖然 Python 可以很簡單的開始，但是不代表它就會輸給其他直譯式語言(像是 Perl 和 Tcl)，事實證明 Python 也可以拿來開發大型、複雜的應用程式。

Ports Collection 收錄在 [lang/python](#)。

## Ruby

Ruby 是純物件導向的直譯式語言。Ruby 目前非常流行，原因在於他易懂的程式語法結構，在撰寫程式時的彈性，以及天生具有輕易的發展維護大型專案的能力。

Ports Collection 收錄在 [lang/ruby8](#)。

## Tcl and Tk

Tcl 是內嵌式的直譯式語言，讓 Tcl 可以如此廣泛運用的原因是 Tcl 的移植性。Tcl 也可以快速發展一個簡單但是具有雛型的程式或者具有完整功能的程式。

Tcl 許多的版本都可在上運作，而最新的 Tcl 版本為 Tcl 8.4，Ports Collection 收錄在 [lang/tcl84](#)。

### 2.3.3. 編譯器

編譯器和直譯器兩者相比的話，有些不同，首先就是必須先把程式碼統統寫入到檔案裡面，然後必須執行編譯器來試著編譯程式，如果編譯器不接受所寫的程式，那就必須一直修改程式，直到編譯器接受且把你的程式編譯成執行檔。此外，也可以在提示命令列，或在除錯器中執行你編譯好的程式看看它是否可以運作。

很明顯的，使用編譯器並不像直譯器般可以馬上得到結果。不管如何，編譯器允許你作很多直譯器不可能或者是很難達到的事情。例如：撰寫和作業系統密切互動的程式，甚至是你自己寫的作業系統！當你想要寫出高效率的程式時，編譯器便派上用場了。編譯器可以在編譯時順便最佳化你的程式，但是直譯器卻不行。而編譯器與直譯器最大的差別在於：當你想把你寫好的程式拿到另外一台機器上跑時，你只要將編譯器編譯出來的可執行檔，拿到新機器上便可以執行，而直譯器則必須要求新機器上，必須要有跟另一台機器上相同的直譯器，才能組譯執行你的程式！

編譯式的程式語言包含 Pascal、C 和 c++，C 和 c++ 不是一個親和力十足的語言，但是很適合具有經驗的 Programmer。Pascal 其實是一個設計用來教學用的程式語言，而且也很適合用來入門，預設並沒有把 Pascal 整合進 base system 中，但是 GNU Pascal Compiler 和 Free Pascal Compiler 都可分別在 [lang/gpc](#) 和 [lang/fpc](#) 中找到。

如果你用不同的程式來寫編譯式程式，那麼不斷地編輯-編譯-執行-除錯的這個循環肯定會很煩人，為了更簡化、方便程式開發流程，很多商業編譯器廠商開始發展所謂的 IDE (Integrated Development Environments) 開發環境，FreeBSD 預設並沒有把 IDE 整合進 base system 中，但是你可透過 [devel/kdevelop](#) 安裝 kdevelop 或使用 Emacs 來體驗 IDE 開發環境。在後面的 [Using Emacs as a Development Environment](#) 專題將介紹，如何以 Emacs 來作為 IDE 開發環境。

## 2.4. 用 cc 來編譯程式

本章範例只有針對 GNU C compiler 和 GNU C++ compiler 作說明，這兩個在 FreeBSD base system 中就有了，直接打 **cc** 或 **gcc** 就可以執行。

至於，如何用直譯器產生程式的說明，通常可在直譯器的文件或線上文件找到說明，因此不再贅述。

當你寫完你的傑作後，接下來便是讓這個程式可以在 FreeBSD 上執行，通常這些要一些步驟才能完成，有些步驟則需要不同程式來完成。

1. 預先處理(Pre-process)你的程式碼，移除程式內的註解，和其他技巧，像是 expanding(擴大) C 的 marco。
2. 確認你的程式語法是否確實遵照 C/C++ 的規定，如果沒有符合的話，編譯器會出現警告。
3. 將原始碼轉成組合語言 它跟機器語言(machine code)非常相近，但仍在人類可理解的範圍內(據說應該是這樣)。
4. 把組合語言轉成機器語言 是的，這裡說的機器語言就是常提到的 bit 和 byte，也就是 1 和 0。
5. 確認程式中用到的函式呼叫、全域變數是否正確，舉例來說：如若呼叫了不存在的函式，編譯器會顯示警告。

6. 如果程式是由程式碼檔案來編譯，編譯器會整合起來。
7. 編譯器會負責產生東西，讓系統上的 run-time loader 可以把程式載入記憶體內執行。
8. 最後會把編譯完的執行檔存在硬碟上。

通常 編譯(compiling) 是指第 1 到第 4 個步驟。其他步驟則稱為 連結(linking)，有時候步驟 1 也可以是指 預先處理(pre-processing)，而步驟 3 到步驟 4 則是 組譯(assembling)。

幸運的是，你可以不用理會以上細節，編譯器都會自動完成。因為 **cc** 只是是個前端程式(front end)，它會依照正確的參數來呼叫相關程式幫你處理。只需打：

```
% cc foobar.c
```

上述指令會把 foobar.c 開始編譯，並完成上述動作。  
如果你有許多檔案需要編譯，那請打類似下列指令即可：

```
% cc foo.c bar.c
```

記住語法錯誤檢查就是 純粹檢查語法錯誤與否，  
而不會幫你檢測任何邏輯錯誤，比如：無限迴圈，或是排序方式想用 binary sort 卻弄成 bubble sort。

**cc** 有非常多的選項，都可透過線上手冊來查。下面只提一些必要且重要的選項，以作為例子。

#### **-o** 檔名

**-o** 編譯後的執行檔檔名，如果沒有使用這選項的話，編譯好的程式預設檔名將會是 a.out

```
% cc foobar.c      執行檔就是 a.out  
% cc -o foobar foobar.c  執行檔就是 foobar
```

#### **-c**

使用 **-c** 時，只會編譯原始碼，而不作連結(linking)。當只想確認語法是否正確或使用 Makefile 來編譯程式時，這個選項非常有用。

```
% cc -c foobar.c
```

這會產生叫做 foobar 的 object file(非執行檔)。這檔可以與其他的 object file 連結在一起，而成執行檔。

#### **-g**

**-g** 將會把一些給 gdb 用的除錯訊息包進去執行檔裡面，所謂的除錯訊息例如：程式在第幾行出錯、那個程式第幾行做什麼函式呼叫等等。除錯資訊非常好用。但缺點就是：對於程式來說，額外的除錯訊息會讓編譯出來的程式比較肥些。**-g** 的適用時機在於：當程式還在開發時使用就好，而當你要釋出你的 "發行版本(release version)" 或者確認程式可運作正常的話，就不必用 **-g** 這選項了。

```
% cc -g foobar.c
```

這動作會產生有含除錯訊息的執行檔。

## -O

**-O** 會產生最佳化的執行檔，編譯器會使用一些技巧，來讓程式可以跑的比未經最佳化的程式還快，可以在大寫 O 後面加上數字來指明想要的最佳化層級。但是最佳化還是會有一些錯誤，舉例來說在 FreeBSD 2.10 release 中用 **cc** 且指定 **-O2** 時，在某些情形下會產生錯誤的執行檔。

只有當要釋出發行版本、或者加速程式時，才需要使用最佳化選項。

```
% cc -O -o foobar foobar.c
```

這會產生 foobar 執行檔的最佳化版本。

以下三個參數將會強迫 **cc** 確認程式碼是否符合一些國際標準的規範，也就是通常說的 ANSI 標準，而 ANSI 嚴格來講屬 ISO 標準。

## -Wall

**-Wall** 顯示 **cc** 維護者所認為值得注意的所有警告訊息。

不過這名字可能會造成誤解，事實上它並未完全顯示 **cc** 所能注意到的各項警告訊息。

## -ansi

**-ansi** 關閉 **cc** 特有的某些特殊非 ANSI C 標準功能。

不過這名字可能會造成誤解，事實上它並不保證你的程式會完全符合 ANSI 標準。

## -pedantic

全面關閉 **cc** 所特有的非 ANSI C 標準功能。

除了這些參數，**cc** 還允許你使用一些額外的參數取代標準參數，有些額外參數非常有用，但是實際上並不是所有的編譯器都有提供這些參數。

照標準來寫程式的最主要目的就是，希望你寫出來的程式可以在所有編譯器上編譯、執行無誤，當程式可以達成上述目的時，就稱為 portable code(移植性良好的程式碼)。

一般來說，在撰寫程式時就應要注意『移植性』。

否則。當想把程式拿到另外一台機器上跑的時候，就可能得需要重寫程式。

```
% cc -Wall -ansi -pedantic -o foobar foobar.c
```

上述指令會確認 foobar.c 內的語法是否符合標準，並且產生名為 foobar 的執行檔。

## -l library

告訴 gcc 在連結(linking)程式時你需要用到的函式庫名稱。

最常見的情況就是，當你在程式中使用了 C 數學函式庫，跟其他作業平台不一樣的是，這函式庫都不在標準函式庫(library)中，因此編譯器並不知道這函式庫名稱，你必須告訴編譯器要加上它才行。

規則很簡單，如果有個函式庫叫做 libsomething.a，就必須在編譯時加上參數 **-l something** 才行。舉例來說，數學函式庫叫做 libm.a，所以你必須給 **cc** 的參數就是 **-lm**。一般情況下，通常會把這參數必須放在指令的最後。

```
% cc -o foobar foobar.c -lm
```

上面這指令會讓 gcc 跟數學函式庫作連結，以便你的程式可以呼叫函式庫內含的數學函式。

如果你正在編譯的程式是 C++ 程式碼，你還必須額外指定 **-lg++** 或者是 **-lstdc++**。如果你的 FreeBSD 是 2.2(含)以後版本，你可以用指令 **c++** 來取代 **cc**。在 FreeBSD 上 **c++** 也可以用 **g++** 取代。

```
% cc -o foobar foobar.cc -lg++ 適用 FreeBSD 2.1.6 或更早期的版本
% cc -o foobar foobar.cc -lstdc++ 適用 FreeBSD 2.2 及之後的版本
% c++ -o foobar foobar.cc
```

上述指令都會從原始檔 foobar.cc 編譯產生名為 foobar 的執行檔。這邊要提醒的是在系統中 c++ 程式傳統都以 .C、.cxx 或者是 .cc 作為副檔名，而非那種以 .cpp 作為副檔名的命名方式(不過也越來越普遍了)。gcc 會依副檔名來決定用哪一種編譯器編譯，然而，現在已經不再限制副檔名了，所以可以自由的使用 .cpp 作為 c++ 程式碼的副檔名！

### 2.4.1. 常見的 cc 問題

我用 sin() 函式撰寫我的程式，但是有個錯誤訊息(如下)，這代表著？

```
/var/tmp/cc0143941.o: Undefined symbol `sin' referenced from text segment
```

當使用 sin() 這類的數學函式時，你必須告訴 cc 要和數學函式庫作連結(linking)，就像這樣：

```
% cc temp.c -lm
```

好吧，我試著寫些簡單的程式，來練習使用 -lm 選項(該程式會運算 2.1 的 6 次方)

當編譯器發現你呼叫一個函式時，它會確認該函式的回傳值類型(prototype)，如果沒有特別指明，則預設的回傳值類型為 int(整數)。很明顯的，你的程式所需要的並不是回傳值類別為 int。

那如何才可以修正剛所說的問題？

數學函式的回傳值類型(prototype)會定義在 math.h，如果你有 include 這檔，編譯器就會知道該函式的回傳值類型，如此一來該運算就會得到正確的結果！

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    float f;

    f = pow(2.1, 6);
    printf("2.1 ^ 6 = %f\n", f);
    return 0;
}
```

編譯後執行程式，得到下面這結果：

```
% cc temp.c -lm
```

加了上述內容之後，再重新編譯，最後執行：

```
% ./a.out
2.1 ^ 6 = 85.766121
```

如果有用到數學函式，請確定要有 `include math.h` 這檔，而且記得要和數學函式庫作連結。

已經編譯好 `foobar.c`，但是編譯後找不到 `foobar` 執行檔。該去哪邊找呢？

記得，除非有指定編譯結果的執行檔檔名，否則預設的執行檔檔名是 `a.out`。用 `-o filename` 參數，就可以達到所想要的結果，比如：

```
% cc -o foobar foobar.c
```

好，有個編譯好的程式叫做 `foobar`，用 `ls` 指令時可以看到，但執行時，訊息卻說沒有這檔案。為什麼？

與不同的是，除非有指定執行檔的路徑，否則系統並不會在目前的目錄下尋找你想執行的檔案。在指令列下打 `./foobar` 代表 "執行在這個目錄底下名為 `foobar` 的程式"，或者也可以更改 `PATH` 環境變數設定如下，以達成類似效果：

```
bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin:.
```

上一行最後的 `."` 代表 "如果在前面寫的其他目錄找不到，就找目前的目錄"。

試著執行 `test` 執行檔，但是卻沒有任何事發生，到底是哪裡出錯了？

大多數的系統都會在路徑 `/usr/bin` 擺放執行檔。除非有指定使用在目前目錄內的 `test`，否則 shell 會優先選擇位在 `/usr/bin` 的 `test`，要指定檔名的話，作法類似：

```
% ./test
```

為了避免上述困擾，請為你的程式取更好的名稱吧！

當執行我寫的程式時剛開始正常，接下來卻出現 `core dumped` 錯誤訊息。這錯誤訊息到底代表什麼？

關於 `core dumped` 這個名稱的由來，可以追溯到早期的系統開始使用 `core memory` 對資料排序時。基本上當程式在很多情況下發生錯誤後，作業系統會把 `core memory` 中的資訊寫入 `core` 這檔案中，以便讓 `programmer` 知道程式到底是為何出錯。

真是太神奇了！程式居然發生 `core dumped` 了，該怎麼辦？

請用 `gdb` 來分析 `core` 結果(詳情請參考 [Debugging](#))。

當程式已經把 `core memory` 資料 dump 出來後，同時也出現另一個錯誤 `segmentation fault` 這意思是？

基本上，這個錯誤表示你的程式在記憶體中試著做一個嚴重的非法運作(`illegal operation`)，就是被設計來保護整個作業系統免於被惡質的程式破壞，所以才會告訴你這個訊息。

最常造成 "`segmentation fault`" 的原因通常為：

- 試著對一個 `NULL` 的指標(`pointer`)作寫入的動作，如

```
char *foo = NULL;
```

```
strcpy(foo, "bang!");
```

- 使用一個尚未初始化(initialized)的指標，如：

```
char *foo;  
strcpy(foo, "bang!");
```

尚未初始化的指標的初始值將會是隨機的，如果你夠幸運的話，這個指標的初始值會指向 kernel 已經用到的記憶體位置，kernel 會結束掉這個程式以確保系統運作正常。如果你不夠幸運，初始指到的記憶體位置是你程式必須要用到的資料結構(data structures)的位置，當這個情形發生時程式將會當的不知其所以然。

- 試著寫入超過陣列(array)元素個數，如：

```
int bar[20];  
bar[27] = 6;
```

- 試著讀寫在唯讀記憶體(read-only memory)中的資料，如：

```
char *foo = "My string";  
strcpy(foo, "bang!");
```

UNIX® compilers often put string literals like "My string" into read-only areas of memory.

- Doing naughty things with `malloc()` and `free()`, eg

```
char bar[80];  
free(bar);
```

or

```
char *foo = malloc(27);  
free(foo);  
free(foo);
```

Making one of these mistakes will not always lead to an error, but they are always bad practice. Some systems and compilers are more tolerant than others, which is why programs that ran well on one system can crash when you try them on another.

Sometimes when I get a core dump it says bus error. It says in my UNIX® book that this means a hardware problem, but the computer still seems to be working. Is this true?

No, fortunately not (unless of course you really do have a hardware problem...). This is usually another way of saying that you accessed memory in a way you should not have.

This dumping core business sounds as though it could be quite useful, if I can make it happen when I want to. Can I do this, or do I have to wait until there is an error?

Yes, just go to another console or xterm, do

```
% ps
```

to find out the process ID of your program, and do

```
% kill -ABRT pid
```

where **pid** is the process ID you looked up.

This is useful if your program has got stuck in an infinite loop, for instance. If your program happens to trap SIGABRT, there are several other signals which have a similar effect.

Alternatively, you can create a core dump from inside your program, by calling the **abort()** function. See the manual page of **abort(3)** to learn more.

If you want to create a core dump from outside your program, but do not want the process to terminate, you can use the **gcore** program. See the manual page of **gcore(1)** for more information.

## 2.5. Make

### 2.5.1. What is **make**?

When you are working on a simple program with only one or two source files, typing in

```
% cc file1.c file2.c
```

is not too bad, but it quickly becomes very tedious when there are several files-and it can take a while to compile, too.

One way to get around this is to use object files and only recompile the source file if the source code has changed. So we could have something like:

```
% cc file1.o file2.o ... file37.c ...
```

if we had changed **file37.c**, but not any of the others, since the last time we compiled. This may speed up the compilation quite a bit, but does not solve the typing problem.

Or we could write a shell script to solve the typing problem, but it would have to re-compile everything, making it very inefficient on a large project.

What happens if we have hundreds of source files lying about? What if we are working in a team with other people who forget to tell us when they have changed one of their source files that we use?

Perhaps we could put the two solutions together and write something like a shell script that would contain some kind of magic rule saying when a source file needs compiling. Now all we need now is a program that can understand these rules, as it is a bit too complicated for the shell.

This program is called **make**. It reads in a file, called a makefile, that tells it how different files depend on each other, and works out which files need to be re-compiled and which ones do not. For example, a rule could say something like "if **fromboz.o** is older than **fromboz.c**, that means someone must have changed **fromboz.c**, so it needs to be re-compiled." The makefile also has rules telling **make** how to re-compile the source file, making it a much more powerful tool.

Makefiles are typically kept in the same directory as the source they apply to, and can be called

makefile, Makefile or MAKEFILE. Most programmers use the name Makefile, as this puts it near the top of a directory listing, where it can easily be seen.<sup>[1]</sup>

### 2.5.2. Example of Using **make**

Here is a very simple make file:

```
foo: foo.c
    cc -o foo foo.c
```

It consists of two lines, a dependency line and a creation line.

The dependency line here consists of the name of the program (known as the target), followed by a colon, then whitespace, then the name of the source file. When **make** reads this line, it looks to see if foo exists; if it exists, it compares the time foo was last modified to the time foo.c was last modified. If foo does not exist, or is older than foo.c, it then looks at the creation line to find out what to do. In other words, this is the rule for working out when foo.c needs to be re-compiled.

The creation line starts with a tab (press `tab`) and then the command you would type to create foo if you were doing it at a command prompt. If foo is out of date, or does not exist, **make** then executes this command to create it. In other words, this is the rule which tells make how to re-compile foo.c.

So, when you type **make**, it will make sure that foo is up to date with respect to your latest changes to foo.c. This principle can be extended to Makefile's with hundreds of targets-in fact, on FreeBSD, it is possible to compile the entire operating system just by typing **make world** in the appropriate directory!

Another useful property of makefiles is that the targets do not have to be programs. For instance, we could have a make file that looks like this:

```
foo: foo.c
    cc -o foo foo.c

install:
    cp foo /home/me
```

We can tell make which target we want to make by typing:

```
% make target
```

**make** will then only look at that target and ignore any others. For example, if we type **make foo** with the makefile above, make will ignore the **install** target.

If we just type **make** on its own, make will always look at the first target and then stop without looking at any others. So if we typed **make** here, it will just go to the **foo** target, re-compile foo if necessary, and then stop without going on to the **install** target.

Notice that the **install** target does not actually depend on anything! This means that the command on the following line is always executed when we try to make that target by typing **make install**. In this case, it will copy foo into the user's home directory. This is often used by application makefiles, so that the application can be installed in the correct directory when it has been correctly compiled.

This is a slightly confusing subject to try to explain. If you do not quite understand how **make**

works, the best thing to do is to write a simple program like "hello world" and a make file like the one above and experiment. Then progress to using more than one source file, or having the source file include a header file. **touch** is very useful here-it changes the date on a file without you having to edit it.

### 2.5.3. Make and include-files

C code often starts with a list of files to include, for example `stdio.h`. Some of these files are system-include files, some of them are from the project you are now working on:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "foo.h"

int main(...
```

To make sure that this file is recompiled the moment `foo.h` is changed, you have to add it in your Makefile:

```
foo: foo.c foo.h
```

The moment your project is getting bigger and you have more and more own include-files to maintain, it will be a pain to keep track of all include files and the files which are depending on it. If you change an include-file but forget to recompile all the files which are depending on it, the results will be devastating. **clang** has an option to analyze your files and to produce a list of include-files and their dependencies: **-MM**.

If you add this to your Makefile:

```
depend:
  cc -E -MM *.c > .depend
```

and run **make depend**, the file `.depend` will appear with a list of object-files, C-files and the include-files:

```
foo.o: foo.c foo.h
```

If you change `foo.h`, next time you run **make** all files depending on `foo.h` will be recompiled.

Do not forget to run **make depend** each time you add an include-file to one of your files.

### 2.5.4. FreeBSD Makefiles

Makefiles can be rather complicated to write. Fortunately, BSD-based systems like FreeBSD come with some very powerful ones as part of the system. One very good example of this is the FreeBSD ports system. Here is the essential part of a typical ports Makefile:

```
MASTER_SITES= ftp://freefall.cdrom.com/pub/FreeBSD/LOCAL_PORTS/
DISTFILES=    scheme-microcode+dist-7.3-freebsd.tgz
```

```
.include <bsd.port.mk>
```

Now, if we go to the directory for this port and type **make**, the following happens:

1. A check is made to see if the source code for this port is already on the system.
2. If it is not, an FTP connection to the URL in MASTER\_SITES is set up to download the source.
3. The checksum for the source is calculated and compared it with one for a known, good, copy of the source. This is to make sure that the source was not corrupted while in transit.
4. Any changes required to make the source work on FreeBSD are applied-this is known as patching.
5. Any special configuration needed for the source is done. (Many UNIX® program distributions try to work out which version of UNIX® they are being compiled on and which optional UNIX® features are present-this is where they are given the information in the FreeBSD ports scenario).
6. The source code for the program is compiled. In effect, we change to the directory where the source was unpacked and do **make**-the program's own make file has the necessary information to build the program.
7. We now have a compiled version of the program. If we wish, we can test it now; when we feel confident about the program, we can type **make install**. This will cause the program and any supporting files it needs to be copied into the correct location; an entry is also made into a **package database**, so that the port can easily be uninstalled later if we change our mind about it.

Now I think you will agree that is rather impressive for a four line script!

The secret lies in the last line, which tells **make** to look in the system makefile called `bsd.port.mk`. It is easy to overlook this line, but this is where all the clever stuff comes from-someone has written a makefile that tells **make** to do all the things above (plus a couple of other things I did not mention, including handling any errors that may occur) and anyone can get access to that just by putting a single line in their own make file!

If you want to have a look at these system makefiles, they are in `/usr/shared/mk`, but it is probably best to wait until you have had a bit of practice with makefiles, as they are very complicated (and if you do look at them, make sure you have a flask of strong coffee handy!)

### 2.5.5. More Advanced Uses of **make**

**Make** is a very powerful tool, and can do much more than the simple example above shows. Unfortunately, there are several different versions of **make**, and they all differ considerably. The best way to learn what they can do is probably to read the documentation-hopefully this introduction will have given you a base from which you can do this.

The version of make that comes with FreeBSD is the Berkeley make; there is a tutorial for it in `/usr/shared/doc/psd/12.make`. To view it, do

```
% zmore paper.ascii.gz
```

in that directory.

Many applications in the ports use GNU make, which has a very good set of "info" pages. If you have installed any of these ports, GNU make will automatically have been installed as **gmake**. It is also available as a port and package in its own right.

To view the info pages for GNU make, you will have to edit `dir` in the `/usr/local/info` directory to add an entry for it. This involves adding a line like

```
* Make: (make).      The GNU Make utility.
```

to the file. Once you have done this, you can type `info` and then select `make` from the menu (or in Emacs, do `C-h i`).

## 2.6. Debugging

### 2.6.1. Introduction to Available Debuggers

Using a debugger allows running the program under more controlled circumstances. Typically, it is possible to step through the program a line at a time, inspect the value of variables, change them, tell the debugger to run up to a certain point and then stop, and so on. It is also possible to attach to a program that is already running, or load a core file to investigate why the program crashed. It is even possible to debug the kernel, though that is a little trickier than the user applications we will be discussing in this section.

This section is intended to be a quick introduction to using debuggers and does not cover specialized topics such as debugging the kernel. For more information about that, refer to [Kernel Debugging](#).

The standard debugger supplied with FreeBSD 12.1 is called `lldb` (LLVM debugger). As it is part of the standard installation for that release, there is no need to do anything special to use it. It has good command help, accessible via the `help` command, as well as [a web tutorial and documentation](#).



The `lldb` command is available for FreeBSD 11.3 [from ports or packages](#) as `devel/llvm`. This will install the default version of `lldb` (currently 9.0).

The other debugger available with FreeBSD is called `gdb` (GNU debugger). Unlike `lldb`, it is not installed by default on FreeBSD 12.1; to use it, [install `devel/gdb`](#) from ports or packages. The version installed by default on FreeBSD 11.3 is old; instead, install `devel/gdb` there as well. It has quite good on-line help, as well as a set of info pages.

Which one to use is largely a matter of taste. If familiar with one only, use that one. People familiar with neither or both but wanting to use one from inside Emacs will need to use `gdb` as `lldb` is unsupported by Emacs. Otherwise, try both and see which one you prefer.

### 2.6.2. Using lldb

Starting `lldb`

Start up `lldb` by typing

```
% lldb -- progname
```

Running a Program with `lldb`

Compile the program with `-g` to get the most out of using `lldb`. It will work without, but will only display the name of the function currently running, instead of the source code. If it displays a line like:

Breakpoint 1: where = temp, main, address = ...

(without an indication of source code filename and line number) when setting a breakpoint, this means that the program was not compiled with **-g**.



Most **lldb** commands have shorter forms that can be used instead. The longer forms are used here for clarity.

At the **lldb** prompt, type **breakpoint set -n main**. This will tell the debugger not to display the preliminary set-up code in the program being run and to stop execution at the beginning of the program's code. Now type **process launch** to actually start the program- it will start at the beginning of the set-up code and then get stopped by the debugger when it calls **main()**.

To step through the program a line at a time, type **thread step-over**. When the program gets to a function call, step into it by typing **thread step-in**. Once in a function call, return from it by typing **thread step-out** or use **up** and **down** to take a quick look at the caller.

Here is a simple example of how to spot a mistake in a program with **lldb**. This is our program (with a deliberate mistake):

```
#include <stdio.h>

int bazz(int anint);

main() {
    int i;

    printf("This is my program\n");
    bazz(i);
    return 0;
}

int bazz(int anint) {
    printf("You gave me %d\n", anint);
    return anint;
}
```

This program sets **i** to be **5** and passes it to a function **bazz()** which prints out the number we gave it.

Compiling and running the program displays

```
% cc -g -o temp temp.c
% ./temp
This is my program
anint = -5360
```

That is not what was expected! Time to see what is going on!

% lldb -- temp

(lldb) target create "temp"

Current executable set to 'temp' (x86\_64).

(lldb) breakpoint set -n main      Skip the set-up code

Breakpoint 1: where = temp`main + 15 at temp.c:8:2, address = 0x00000000002012ef lldb puts breakpoint at main()

(lldb) process launch      Run as far as main()

Process 9992 launching

Process 9992 launched: '/home/pauamma/tmp/temp' (x86\_64) Program starts running

Process 9992 stopped

\* thread #1, name = 'temp', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1 lldb stops at main()

frame #0: 0x00000000002012ef temp`main at temp.c:8:2

5 main() {

6   int i;

7

-> 8   printf("This is my program\n");      Indicates the line where it stopped

9   bazz(i);

10   return 0;

11 }

(lldb) thread step-over      Go to next line

This is my program      Program prints out

Process 9992 stopped

\* thread #1, name = 'temp', stop reason = step over

frame #0: 0x0000000000201300 temp`main at temp.c:9:7

6   int i;

7

8   printf("This is my program\n");

-> 9   bazz(i);

10   return 0;

11 }

12

(lldb) thread step-in      step into bazz()

Process 9992 stopped

\* thread #1, name = 'temp', stop reason = step in

frame #0: 0x000000000020132b temp`bazz(anint=-5360) at temp.c:14:29 lldb displays stack frame

11 }

12

13 int bazz(int anint) {

-> 14   printf("You gave me %d\n", anint);

15   return anint;

```
16 }  
(lldb)
```

Hang on a minute! How did `anint` get to be `-5360`? Was it not set to `5` in `main()`? Let us move up to `main()` and have a look.

```
(lldb) up    Move up call stack  
frame #1: 0x000000000020130b temp`main at temp.c:9:2    lldb displays stack frame  
6   int i;  
7  
8   printf("This is my program\n");  
-> 9   bazz(i);  
10  return 0;  
11 }  
12  
(lldb) frame variable i    Show us the value of i  
(int) i = -5360            lldb displays -5360
```

Oh dear! Looking at the code, we forgot to initialize `i`. We meant to put

```
...  
main() {  
    int i;  
  
    i = 5;  
    printf("This is my program\n");  
    ...
```

but we left the `i=5;` line out. As we did not initialize `i`, it had whatever number happened to be in that area of memory when the program ran, which in this case happened to be `-5360`.



The `lldb` command displays the stack frame every time we go into or out of a function, even if we are using `up` and `down` to move around the call stack. This shows the name of the function and the values of its arguments, which helps us keep track of where we are and what is going on. (The stack is a storage area where the program stores information about the arguments passed to functions and where to go when it returns from a function call.)

## Examining a Core File with lldb

A core file is basically a file which contains the complete state of the process when it crashed. In "the good old days", programmers had to print out hex listings of core files and sweat over machine code manuals, but now life is a bit easier. Incidentally, under FreeBSD and other 4.4BSD systems, a core file is called `progname.core` instead of just `core`, to make it clearer which program a core file belongs to.

To examine a core file, specify the name of the core file in addition to the program itself. Instead of starting up `lldb` in the usual way, type `lldb -c progname.core -- progname`.

The debugger will display something like this:

```
% lldb -c progname.core -- progname
(lldb) target create "progname" --core "progname.core"
Core file '/home/pauamma/tmp/progname.core' (x86_64) was loaded.
(lldb)
```

In this case, the program was called progname, so the core file is called progname.core. The debugger does not display why the program crashed or where. For this, use **thread backtrace all**. This will also show how the function where the program dumped core was called.

```
(lldb) thread backtrace all
* thread #1, name = 'progname', stop reason = signal SIGSEGV
* frame #0: 0x0000000000201347 progname`bazz(anint=5) at temp2.c:17:10
  frame #1: 0x0000000000201312 progname`main at temp2.c:10:2
  frame #2: 0x000000000020110f progname`_start(ap=<unavailable>,
cleanup=<unavailable>) at crt1.c:76:7
(lldb)
```

**SIGSEGV** indicates that the program tried to access memory (run code or read/write data usually) at a location that does not belong to it, but does not give any specifics. For that, look at the source code at line 10 of file temp2.c, in **bazz()**. The backtrace also says that in this case, **bazz()** was called from **main()**.

### Attaching to a Running Program with lldb

One of the neatest features about **lldb** is that it can attach to a program that is already running. Of course, that requires sufficient permissions to do so. A common problem is stepping through a program that forks and wanting to trace the child, but the debugger will only trace the parent.

To do that, start up another **lldb**, use **ps** to find the process ID for the child, and do

```
(lldb) process attach -p pid
```

in **lldb**, and then debug as usual.

For that to work well, the code that calls **fork** to create the child needs to do something like the following (courtesy of the **gdb** info pages):

```
...
if ((pid = fork()) < 0) /* _Always_ check this */
    error();
else if (pid == 0) { /* child */
    int PauseMode = 1;

    while (PauseMode)
        sleep(10); /* Wait until someone attaches to us */
    ...
}
```

```
} else {      /* parent */  
    ...
```

Now all that is needed is to attach to the child, set PauseMode to 0 with `expr PauseMode = 0` and wait for the `sleep()` call to return.

### 2.6.3. Using gdb

Starting gdb

Start up gdb by typing

```
% gdb progname
```

although many people prefer to run it inside Emacs. To do this, type:

```
M-x gdb RET progname RET
```

Finally, for those finding its text-based command-prompt style off-putting, there is a graphical front-end for it ([devel/xxgdb](#)) in the Ports Collection.

Running a Program with gdb

Compile the program with `-g` to get the most out of using `gdb`. It will work without, but will only display the name of the function currently running, instead of the source code. A line like:

```
... (no debugging symbols found) ...
```

when `gdb` starts up means that the program was not compiled with `-g`.

At the `gdb` prompt, type `break main`. This will tell the debugger to skip the preliminary set-up code in the program being run and to stop execution at the beginning of the program's code. Now type `run` to start the program- it will start at the beginning of the set-up code and then get stopped by the debugger when it calls `main()`.

To step through the program a line at a time, press `n`. When at a function call, step into it by pressing `s`. Once in a function call, return from it by pressing `f`, or use `up` and `down` to take a quick look at the caller.

Here is a simple example of how to spot a mistake in a program with `gdb`. This is our program (with a deliberate mistake):

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int bazz(int anint);  
  
main() {  
    int i;  
  
    printf("This is my program\n");
```

```

    bazz(i);
    return 0;
}

int bazz(int anint) {
    printf("You gave me %d\n", anint);
    return anint;
}

```

This program sets `i` to be `5` and passes it to a function `bazz()` which prints out the number we gave it. Compiling and running the program displays

```

% cc -g -o temp temp.c
% ./temp
This is my program
anint = 4231

```

That was not what we expected! Time to see what is going on!

```

% gdb temp
GDB is free software and you are welcome to distribute copies of it
under certain conditions; type "show copying" to see the conditions.
There is absolutely no warranty for GDB; type "show warranty" for details.
GDB 4.13 (i386-unknown-freebsd), Copyright 1994 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
(gdb) break main      Skip the set-up code
Breakpoint 1 at 0x160f: file temp.c, line 9.  gdb puts breakpoint at main()
(gdb) run             Run as far as main()
Starting program: /home/james/tmp/temp  Program starts running

Breakpoint 1, main () at temp.c:9  gdb stops at main()
(gdb) n               Go to next line
This is my program      Program prints out
(gdb) s               step into bazz()
bazz (anint=4231) at temp.c:17  gdb displays stack frame
(gdb)

```

Hang on a minute! How did `anint` get to be `4231`? Was it not set to `5` in `main()`? Let us move up to `main()` and have a look.

```

(gdb) up              Move up call stack
#1 0x1625 in main () at temp.c:11  gdb displays stack frame
(gdb) p i             Show us the value of i

```

```
$1 = 4231
```

```
gdb displays 4231
```

Oh dear! Looking at the code, we forgot to initialize `i`. We meant to put

```
...
main() {
    int i;

    i = 5;
    printf("This is my program\n");
    ...
}
```

but we left the `i=5;` line out. As we did not initialize `i`, it had whatever number happened to be in that area of memory when the program ran, which in this case happened to be `4231`.



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To examine a core file, start up `gdb` in the usual way. Instead of typing `break` or `run`, type

```
(gdb) core progname.core
```

If the core file is not in the current directory, type `dir /path/to/core/file` first.

The debugger should display something like this:

```
% gdb progname
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under certain conditions; type "show copying" to see the conditions.
There is absolutely no warranty for GDB; type "show warranty" for details.
GDB 4.13 (i386-unknown-freebsd), Copyright 1994 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
(gdb) core progname.core
Core was generated by `progname'.
Program terminated with signal 11, Segmentation fault.
Cannot access memory at address 0x7020796d.
#0  0x164a in bazz (anint=0x5) at temp.c:17
```

```
(gdb)
```

In this case, the program was called `progname`, so the core file is called `progname.core`. We can see that the program crashed due to trying to access an area in memory that was not available to it in a function called `bazz`.

Sometimes it is useful to be able to see how a function was called, as the problem could have occurred a long way up the call stack in a complex program. `bt` causes `gdb` to print out a back-trace of the call stack:

```
(gdb) bt
#0 0x164a in bazz (aint=0x5) at temp.c:17
#1 0xefbfd888 in end ()
#2 0x162c in main () at temp.c:11
(gdb)
```

The `end()` function is called when a program crashes; in this case, the `bazz()` function was called from `main()`.

### Attaching to a Running Program with `gdb`

One of the neatest features about `gdb` is that it can attach to a program that is already running. Of course, that requires sufficient permissions to do so. A common problem is stepping through a program that forks and wanting to trace the child, but the debugger will only trace the parent.

To do that, start up another `gdb`, use `ps` to find the process ID for the child, and do

```
(gdb) attach pid
```

in `gdb`, and then debug as usual.

For that to work well, the code that calls `fork` to create the child needs to do something like the following (courtesy of the `gdb` info pages):

```
...
if ((pid = fork()) < 0) /* _Always_ check this */
    error();
else if (pid == 0) { /* child */
    int PauseMode = 1;

    while (PauseMode)
        sleep(10); /* Wait until someone attaches to us */
    ...
} else { /* parent */
    ...
```

Now all that is needed is to attach to the child, set `PauseMode` to `0`, and wait for the `sleep()` call to return!

## 2.7. Using Emacs as a Development Environment

### 2.7.1. Emacs

Emacs is a highly customizable editor—indeed, it has been customized to the point where it is more like an operating system than an editor! Many developers and sysadmins do in fact spend practically all their time working inside Emacs, leaving it only to log out.

It is impossible even to summarize everything Emacs can do here, but here are some of the features of interest to developers:

- Very powerful editor, allowing search-and-replace on both strings and regular expressions (patterns), jumping to start/end of block expression, etc, etc.
- Pull-down menus and online help.
- Language-dependent syntax highlighting and indentation.
- Completely customizable.
- You can compile and debug programs within Emacs.
- On a compilation error, you can jump to the offending line of source code.
- Friendly-ish front-end to the **info** program used for reading GNU hypertext documentation, including the documentation on Emacs itself.
- Friendly front-end to **gdb**, allowing you to look at the source code as you step through your program.

And doubtless many more that have been overlooked.

Emacs can be installed on FreeBSD using the [editors/emacs](#) port.

Once it is installed, start it up and do **C-h t** to read an Emacs tutorial—that means hold down **control**, press **h**, let go of **control**, and then press **t**. (Alternatively, you can use the mouse to select Emacs Tutorial from the Help menu.)

Although Emacs does have menus, it is well worth learning the key bindings, as it is much quicker when you are editing something to press a couple of keys than to try to find the mouse and then click on the right place. And, when you are talking to seasoned Emacs users, you will find they often casually throw around expressions like “M-x replace-s RET foo RET bar RET” so it is useful to know what they mean. And in any case, Emacs has far too many useful functions for them to all fit on the menu bars.

Fortunately, it is quite easy to pick up the key-bindings, as they are displayed next to the menu item. My advice is to use the menu item for, say, opening a file until you understand how it works and feel confident with it, then try doing C-x C-f. When you are happy with that, move on to another menu command.

If you cannot remember what a particular combination of keys does, select Describe Key from the Help menu and type it in—Emacs will tell you what it does. You can also use the Command Apropos menu item to find out all the commands which contain a particular word in them, with the key binding next to it.

By the way, the expression above means hold down the **Meta** key, press **x**, release the **Meta** key, type **replace-s** (short for **replace-string**—another feature of Emacs is that you can abbreviate commands), press the **return** key, type **foo** (the string you want replaced), press the **return** key, type **bar** (the string you want to replace **foo** with) and press **return** again. Emacs will then do the search-and-replace operation you have just requested.

If you are wondering what on earth **Meta** is, it is a special key that many UNIX® workstations have. Unfortunately, PC's do not have one, so it is usually **alt** (or if you are unlucky, the **escape** key).

Oh, and to get out of Emacs, do **C-x C-c** (that means hold down the **control** key, press **x**, press **c** and

release the `control` key). If you have any unsaved files open, Emacs will ask you if you want to save them. (Ignore the bit in the documentation where it says `C-z` is the usual way to leave Emacs—that leaves Emacs hanging around in the background, and is only really useful if you are on a system which does not have virtual terminals).

## 2.7.2. Configuring Emacs

Emacs does many wonderful things; some of them are built in, some of them need to be configured.

Instead of using a proprietary macro language for configuration, Emacs uses a version of Lisp specially adapted for editors, known as Emacs Lisp. Working with Emacs Lisp can be quite helpful if you want to go on and learn something like Common Lisp. Emacs Lisp has many features of Common Lisp, although it is considerably smaller (and thus easier to master).

The best way to learn Emacs Lisp is to download the [Emacs Tutorial](#)

However, there is no need to actually know any Lisp to get started with configuring Emacs, as I have included a sample `.emacs`, which should be enough to get you started. Just copy it into your home directory and restart Emacs if it is already running; it will read the commands from the file and (hopefully) give you a useful basic setup.

## 2.7.3. A Sample `.emacs`

Unfortunately, there is far too much here to explain it in detail; however there are one or two points worth mentioning.

- Everything beginning with a `;` is a comment and is ignored by Emacs.
- In the first line, the `-- Emacs-Lisp --` is so that we can edit `.emacs` itself within Emacs and get all the fancy features for editing Emacs Lisp. Emacs usually tries to guess this based on the filename, and may not get it right for `.emacs`.
- The `tab` key is bound to an indentation function in some modes, so when you press the tab key, it will indent the current line of code. If you want to put a tab character in whatever you are writing, hold the `control` key down while you are pressing the `tab` key.
- This file supports syntax highlighting for C, C++, Perl, Lisp and Scheme, by guessing the language from the filename.
- Emacs already has a pre-defined function called `next-error`. In a compilation output window, this allows you to move from one compilation error to the next by doing `M-n`; we define a complementary function, `previous-error`, that allows you to go to a previous error by doing `M-p`. The nicest feature of all is that `C-c C-c` will open up the source file in which the error occurred and jump to the appropriate line.
- We enable Emacs' s ability to act as a server, so that if you are doing something outside Emacs and you want to edit a file, you can just type in

```
% emacsclient filename
```

and then you can edit the file in your Emacs!<sup>[2]</sup>

### 例 1. A Sample `.emacs`

```
;; -*-Emacs-Lisp-*-

;; This file is designed to be re-eval'd; use the variable first-time
;; to avoid any problems with this.
(defvar first-time t
```

"Flag signifying this is the first time that .emacs has been evaled")

;; Meta

```
(global-set-key "\M-" 'set-mark-command)
(global-set-key "\M-\C-h" 'backward-kill-word)
(global-set-key "\M-\C-r" 'query-replace)
(global-set-key "\M-r" 'replace-string)
(global-set-key "\M-g" 'goto-line)
(global-set-key "\M-h" 'help-command)
```

;; Function keys

```
(global-set-key [f1] 'manual-entry)
(global-set-key [f2] 'info)
(global-set-key [f3] 'repeat-complex-command)
(global-set-key [f4] 'advertised-undo)
(global-set-key [f5] 'eval-current-buffer)
(global-set-key [f6] 'buffer-menu)
(global-set-key [f7] 'other-window)
(global-set-key [f8] 'find-file)
(global-set-key [f9] 'save-buffer)
(global-set-key [f10] 'next-error)
(global-set-key [f11] 'compile)
(global-set-key [f12] 'grep)
(global-set-key [C-f1] 'compile)
(global-set-key [C-f2] 'grep)
(global-set-key [C-f3] 'next-error)
(global-set-key [C-f4] 'previous-error)
(global-set-key [C-f5] 'display-faces)
(global-set-key [C-f8] 'dired)
(global-set-key [C-f10] 'kill-compilation)
```

;; Keypad bindings

```
(global-set-key [up] "\C-p")
(global-set-key [down] "\C-n")
(global-set-key [left] "\C-b")
(global-set-key [right] "\C-f")
(global-set-key [home] "\C-a")
(global-set-key [end] "\C-e")
(global-set-key [prior] "\M-v")
(global-set-key [next] "\C-v")
(global-set-key [C-up] "\M-\C-b")
(global-set-key [C-down] "\M-\C-f")
```

```

(global-set-key [C-left] "\M-b")
(global-set-key [C-right] "\M-f")
(global-set-key [C-home] "\M-<")
(global-set-key [C-end] "\M->")
(global-set-key [C-prior] "\M-<")
(global-set-key [C-next] "\M->")

;; Mouse
(global-set-key [mouse-3] 'imenu)

;; Misc
(global-set-key [C-tab] "\C-q\t") ; Control tab quotes a tab.
(setq backup-by-copying-when-mismatch t)

;; Treat 'y' or <CR> as yes, 'n' as no.
(fset 'yes-or-no-p 'y-or-n-p)
(define-key query-replace-map [return] 'act)
(define-key query-replace-map [?\C-m] 'act)

;; Load packages
(require 'desktop)
(require 'tar-mode)

;; Pretty diff mode
(autoload 'ediff-buffers "ediff" "Intelligent Emacs interface to diff" t)
(autoload 'ediff-files "ediff" "Intelligent Emacs interface to diff" t)
(autoload 'ediff-files-remote "ediff"
  "Intelligent Emacs interface to diff")

(if first-time
  (setq auto-mode-alist
    (append '("\.cpp$" . c++-mode)
      ("\.hpp$" . c++-mode)
      ("\.lsp$" . lisp-mode)
      ("\.scm$" . scheme-mode)
      ("\.pl$" . perl-mode)
      ) auto-mode-alist)))

;; Auto font lock mode
(defvar font-lock-auto-mode-list
  (list 'c-mode 'c++-mode 'c++-c-mode 'emacs-lisp-mode 'lisp-mode 'perl-mode
'scheme-mode)
  "List of modes to always start in font-lock-mode")

```

```

(defvar font-lock-mode-keyword-alist
  '((c++-c-mode . c-font-lock-keywords)
    (perl-mode . perl-font-lock-keywords))
  "Associations between modes and keywords")

(defun font-lock-auto-mode-select ()
  "Automatically select font-lock-mode if the current major mode is in font-lock-auto-mode-list"
  (if (memq major-mode font-lock-auto-mode-list)
      (progn
        (font-lock-mode t))
      )
  )

(global-set-key [M-f1] 'font-lock-fontify-buffer)

;; New dabbrev stuff
(require 'new-dabbrev)
(setq dabbrev-always-check-other-buffers t)
(setq dabbrev-abbrev-char-regexp "\\sw\\|\\s_")
(add-hook 'emacs-lisp-mode-hook
  '(lambda ()
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-fold-search) nil)
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-replace) nil)))
(add-hook 'c-mode-hook
  '(lambda ()
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-fold-search) nil)
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-replace) nil)))
(add-hook 'text-mode-hook
  '(lambda ()
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-fold-search) t)
    (set (make-local-variable 'dabbrev-case-replace) t)))

;; C++ and C mode...
(defun my-c++-mode-hook ()
  (setq tab-width 4)
  (define-key c++-mode-map "\C-m" 'reindent-then-newline-and-indent)
  (define-key c++-mode-map "\C-ce" 'c-comment-edit)
  (setq c++-auto-hungry-initial-state 'none)
  (setq c++-delete-function 'backward-delete-char)
  (setq c++-tab-always-indent t)
  (setq c-indent-level 4))

```

```

(setq c-continued-statement-offset 4)
(setq c++-empty-arglist-indent 4))

(defun my-c-mode-hook ()
  (setq tab-width 4)
  (define-key c-mode-map "\C-m" 'reindent-then-newline-and-indent)
  (define-key c-mode-map "\C-ce" 'c-comment-edit)
  (setq c-auto-hungry-initial-state 'none)
  (setq c-delete-function 'backward-delete-char)
  (setq c-tab-always-indent t)
;; BSD-ish indentation style
  (setq c-indent-level 4)
  (setq c-continued-statement-offset 4)
  (setq c-brace-offset -4)
  (setq c-argdecl-indent 0)
  (setq c-label-offset -4))

;; Perl mode
(defun my-perl-mode-hook ()
  (setq tab-width 4)
  (define-key c++-mode-map "\C-m" 'reindent-then-newline-and-indent)
  (setq perl-indent-level 4)
  (setq perl-continued-statement-offset 4))

;; Scheme mode...
(defun my-scheme-mode-hook ()
  (define-key scheme-mode-map "\C-m" 'reindent-then-newline-and-indent))

;; Emacs-Lisp mode...
(defun my-lisp-mode-hook ()
  (define-key lisp-mode-map "\C-m" 'reindent-then-newline-and-indent)
  (define-key lisp-mode-map "\C-i" 'lisp-indent-line)
  (define-key lisp-mode-map "\C-j" 'eval-print-last-sexp))

;; Add all of the hooks...
(add-hook 'c++-mode-hook 'my-c++-mode-hook)
(add-hook 'c-mode-hook 'my-c-mode-hook)
(add-hook 'scheme-mode-hook 'my-scheme-mode-hook)
(add-hook 'emacs-lisp-mode-hook 'my-lisp-mode-hook)
(add-hook 'lisp-mode-hook 'my-lisp-mode-hook)
(add-hook 'perl-mode-hook 'my-perl-mode-hook)

```

```

;; Complement to next-error
(defun previous-error (n)
  "Visit previous compilation error message and corresponding source code."
  (interactive "p")
  (next-error (- n)))

;; Misc...
(transient-mark-mode 1)
(setq mark-even-if-inactive t)
(setq visible-bell nil)
(setq next-line-add-newlines nil)
(setq compile-command "make")
(setq suggest-key-bindings nil)
(put 'eval-expression 'disabled nil)
(put 'narrow-to-region 'disabled nil)
(put 'set-goal-column 'disabled nil)
(if (>= emacs-major-version 21)
    (setq show-trailing-whitespace t))

;; Elisp archive searching
(autoload 'format-lisp-code-directory "lispdir" nil t)
(autoload 'lisp-dir-apropos "lispdir" nil t)
(autoload 'lisp-dir-retrieve "lispdir" nil t)
(autoload 'lisp-dir-verify "lispdir" nil t)

;; Font lock mode
(defun my-make-face (face color &optional bold)
  "Create a face from a color and optionally make it bold"
  (make-face face)
  (copy-face 'default face)
  (set-face-foreground face color)
  (if bold (make-face-bold face))
  )

(if (eq window-system 'x)
    (progn
      (my-make-face 'blue "blue")
      (my-make-face 'red "red")
      (my-make-face 'green "dark green")
      (setq font-lock-comment-face 'blue)
      (setq font-lock-string-face 'bold)
      (setq font-lock-type-face 'bold)
    )
  )

```

```

(setq font-lock-keyword-face 'bold)
(setq font-lock-function-name-face 'red)
(setq font-lock-doc-string-face 'green)
(add-hook 'find-file-hooks 'font-lock-auto-mode-select)

(setq baud-rate 1000000)
(global-set-key "\C-cmm" 'menu-bar-mode)
(global-set-key "\C-cms" 'scroll-bar-mode)
(global-set-key [backspace] 'backward-delete-char)
      ; (global-set-key [delete] 'delete-char)
(standard-display-european t)
(load-library "iso-transl"))

;; X11 or PC using direct screen writes
(if window-system
    (progn
      ;; (global-set-key [M-f1] 'hilit-repaint-command)
      ;; (global-set-key [M-f2] [?\C-u M-f1])
      (setq hilit-mode-enable-list
        '(not text-mode c-mode c++-mode emacs-lisp-mode lisp-mode
          scheme-mode)
        hilit-auto-highlight nil
        hilit-auto-rehighlight 'visible
        hilit-inhibit-hooks nil
        hilit-inhibit-rebinding t)
      (require 'hilit19)
      (require 'paren))
      (setq baud-rate 2400) ; For slow serial connections
    )

    ;; TTY type terminal
    (if (and (not window-system)
              (not (equal system-type 'ms-dos)))
        (progn
          (if first-time
              (progn
                (keyboard-translate ?\C-h ?\C-?)
                (keyboard-translate ?\C-? ?\C-h))))))

    ;; Under UNIX
    (if (not (equal system-type 'ms-dos))
        (progn

```

```

(if first-time
  (server-start))))

;; Add any face changes here
(add-hook 'term-setup-hook 'my-term-setup-hook)
(defun my-term-setup-hook ()
  (if (eq window-system 'pc)
    (progn
      ;; (set-face-background 'default "red")
    )))

;; Restore the "desktop" - do this as late as possible
(if first-time
  (progn
    (desktop-load-default)
    (desktop-read))))

;; Indicate that this file has been read at least once
(setq first-time nil)

;; No need to debug anything now

(setq debug-on-error nil)

;; All done
(message "All done, %s%s" (user-login-name) ".")

```

## 2.7.4. Extending the Range of Languages Emacs Understands

Now, this is all very well if you only want to program in the languages already catered for in .emacs (C, C++, Perl, Lisp and Scheme), but what happens if a new language called "whizbang" comes out, full of exciting features?

The first thing to do is find out if whizbang comes with any files that tell Emacs about the language. These usually end in .el, short for "Emacs Lisp". For example, if whizbang is a FreeBSD port, we can locate these files by doing

```
% find /usr/ports/lang/whizbang -name "*.el" -print
```

and install them by copying them into the Emacs site Lisp directory. On FreeBSD, this is /usr/local/shared/emacs/site-lisp.

So for example, if the output from the find command was

```
/usr/ports/lang/whizbang/work/misc/whizbang.el
```

we would do

```
# cp /usr/ports/lang/whizbang/work/misc/whizbang.el /usr/local/shared/emacs/site-lisp
```

Next, we need to decide what extension whizbang source files have. Let us say for the sake of argument that they all end in `.wiz`. We need to add an entry to our `.emacs` to make sure Emacs will be able to use the information in `whizbang.el`.

Find the `auto-mode-alist` entry in `.emacs` and add a line for whizbang, such as:

```
...
("\\.lsp$" . lisp-mode)
("\\.wiz$" . whizbang-mode)
("\\.scm$" . scheme-mode)
...
```

This means that Emacs will automatically go into **whizbang-mode** when you edit a file ending in `.wiz`.

Just below this, you will find the `font-lock-auto-mode-list` entry. Add **whizbang-mode** to it like so:

```
:: Auto font lock mode
(defvar font-lock-auto-mode-list
  (list 'c-mode 'c++-mode 'c++-c-mode 'emacs-lisp-mode 'whizbang-mode 'lisp-mode 'perl-
mode 'scheme-mode)
  "List of modes to always start in font-lock-mode")
```

This means that Emacs will always enable **font-lock-mode** (ie syntax highlighting) when editing a `.wiz` file.

And that is all that is needed. If there is anything else you want done automatically when you open up `.wiz`, you can add a **whizbang-mode hook** (see [my-scheme-mode-hook](#) for a simple example that adds **auto-indent**).

## 2.8. Further Reading

For information about setting up a development environment for contributing fixes to FreeBSD itself, please see [development\(7\)](#).

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[1] They do not use the MAKEFILE form as block capitals are often used for documentation files like README.

[2] Many Emacs users set their EDITOR environment to emacsclient so this happens every time they need to edit a file.

# Chapter 3. Secure Programming

## 3.1. Synopsis

This chapter describes some of the security issues that have plagued UNIX® programmers for decades and some of the new tools available to help programmers avoid writing exploitable code.

## 3.2. Secure Design Methodology

Writing secure applications takes a very scrutinous and pessimistic outlook on life. Applications should be run with the principle of "least privilege" so that no process is ever running with more than the bare minimum access that it needs to accomplish its function. Previously tested code should be reused whenever possible to avoid common mistakes that others may have already fixed.

One of the pitfalls of the UNIX® environment is how easy it is to make assumptions about the sanity of the environment. Applications should never trust user input (in all its forms), system resources, inter-process communication, or the timing of events. UNIX® processes do not execute synchronously so logical operations are rarely atomic.

## 3.3. Buffer Overflows

Buffer Overflows have been around since the very beginnings of the von Neumann [1](#) architecture. They first gained widespread notoriety in 1988 with the Morris Internet worm. Unfortunately, the same basic attack remains effective today. By far the most common type of buffer overflow attack is based on corrupting the stack.

Most modern computer systems use a stack to pass arguments to procedures and to store local variables. A stack is a last in first out (LIFO) buffer in the high memory area of a process image. When a program invokes a function a new "stack frame" is created. This stack frame consists of the arguments passed to the function as well as a dynamic amount of local variable space. The "stack pointer" is a register that holds the current location of the top of the stack. Since this value is constantly changing as new values are pushed onto the top of the stack, many implementations also provide a "frame pointer" that is located near the beginning of a stack frame so that local variables can more easily be addressed relative to this value. [1](#) The return address for function calls is also stored on the stack, and this is the cause of stack-overflow exploits since overflowing a local variable in a function can overwrite the return address of that function, potentially allowing a malicious user to execute any code he or she wants.

Although stack-based attacks are by far the most common, it would also be possible to overrun the stack with a heap-based (malloc/free) attack.

The C programming language does not perform automatic bounds checking on arrays or pointers as many other languages do. In addition, the standard C library is filled with a handful of very dangerous functions.

|                                                             |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>strcpy(char *dest, const char *src)</code>            | May overflow the dest buffer |
| <code>strcat(char *dest, const char *src)</code>            | May overflow the dest buffer |
| <code>getwd(char *buf)</code>                               | May overflow the buf buffer  |
| <code>gets(char *s)</code>                                  | May overflow the s buffer    |
| <code>[vf]scanf(const char *format, ...)</code>             | May overflow its arguments.  |
| <code>realpath(char *path, char resolved_path[])</code>     | May overflow the path buffer |
| <code>[v]sprintf(char *str, const char *format, ...)</code> | May overflow the str buffer. |

### 3.3.1. Example Buffer Overflow

The following example code contains a buffer overflow designed to overwrite the return address and skip the instruction immediately following the function call. (Inspired by [4](#))

```
#include <stdio.h>

void manipulate(char *buffer) {
    char newbuffer[80];
    strcpy(newbuffer,buffer);
}

int main() {
    char ch,buffer[4096];
    int i=0;

    while ((buffer[i++] = getchar()) != '\n') {};

    i=1;
    manipulate(buffer);
    i=2;
    printf("The value of i is : %d\n",i);
    return 0;
}
```

Let us examine what the memory image of this process would look like if we were to input 160 spaces into our little program before hitting return.

[ XXX figure here! ]

Obviously more malicious input can be devised to execute actual compiled instructions (such as `exec(/bin/sh)`).

### 3.3.2. Avoiding Buffer Overflows

The most straightforward solution to the problem of stack-overflows is to always use length restricted memory and string copy functions. `strncpy` and `strncat` are part of the standard C library. These functions accept a length value as a parameter which should be no larger than the size of the destination buffer. These functions will then copy up to 'length' bytes from the source to the destination. However there are a number of problems with these functions. Neither function guarantees NUL termination if the size of the input buffer is as large as the destination. The length parameter is also used inconsistently between `strncpy` and `strncat` so it is easy for programmers to get confused as to their proper usage. There is also a significant performance loss compared to `strcpy` when copying a short string into a large buffer since `strncpy` NUL fills up the size specified.

Another memory copy implementation exists to get around these problems. The `strlcpy` and `strlcat` functions guarantee that they will always null terminate the destination string when given a non-zero length argument.

## Compiler based run-time bounds checking

Unfortunately there is still a very large assortment of code in public use which blindly copies memory around without using any of the bounded copy routines we just discussed. Fortunately, there is a way to help prevent such attacks - run-time bounds checking, which is implemented by several C/C++ compilers.

ProPolice is one such compiler feature, and is integrated into [gcc\(1\)](#) versions 4.1 and later. It replaces and extends the earlier StackGuard [gcc\(1\)](#) extension.

ProPolice helps to protect against stack-based buffer overflows and other attacks by laying pseudo-random numbers in key areas of the stack before calling any function. When a function returns, these "canaries" are checked and if they are found to have been changed the executable is immediately aborted. Thus any attempt to modify the return address or other variable stored on the stack in an attempt to get malicious code to run is unlikely to succeed, as the attacker would have to also manage to leave the pseudo-random canaries untouched.

Recompiling your application with ProPolice is an effective means of stopping most buffer-overflow attacks, but it can still be compromised.

## Library based run-time bounds checking

Compiler-based mechanisms are completely useless for binary-only software for which you cannot recompile. For these situations there are a number of libraries which re-implement the unsafe functions of the C-library ([strcpy](#), [fscanf](#), [getwd](#), etc..) and ensure that these functions can never write past the stack pointer.

- libsafe
- libverify
- libparanoia

Unfortunately these library-based defenses have a number of shortcomings. These libraries only protect against a very small set of security related issues and they neglect to fix the actual problem. These defenses may fail if the application was compiled with `-fomit-frame-pointer`. Also, the `LD_PRELOAD` and `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variables can be overwritten/unset by the user.

## 3.4. SetUID issues

There are at least 6 different IDs associated with any given process. Because of this you have to be very careful with the access that your process has at any given time. In particular, all setuid applications should give up their privileges as soon as it is no longer required.

The real user ID can only be changed by a superuser process. The login program sets this when a user initially logs in and it is seldom changed.

The effective user ID is set by the [exec\(\)](#) functions if a program has its setuid bit set. An application can call [seteuid\(\)](#) at any time to set the effective user ID to either the real user ID or the saved set-user-ID. When the effective user ID is set by [exec\(\)](#) functions, the previous value is saved in the saved set-user-ID.

## 3.5. Limiting your program's environment

The traditional method of restricting a process is with the [chroot\(\)](#) system call. This system call changes the root directory from which all other paths are referenced for a process and any child processes. For this call to succeed the process must have execute (search) permission on the directory being referenced. The new environment does not actually take effect until you [chdir\(\)](#) into your new environment. It should also be noted that a process can easily break out of a chroot environment if it has root privilege. This could be accomplished by creating device nodes to read kernel memory, attaching a debugger to a process outside of the [chroot\(8\)](#) environment, or in many other creative ways.

The behavior of the `chroot()` system call can be controlled somewhat with the `kern.chroot_allow_open_directories` `sysctl` variable. When this value is set to 0, `chroot()` will fail with `EPERM` if there are any directories open. If set to the default value of 1, then `chroot()` will fail with `EPERM` if there are any directories open and the process is already subject to a `chroot()` call. For any other value, the check for open directories will be bypassed completely.

### 3.5.1. FreeBSD's jail functionality

The concept of a Jail extends upon the `chroot()` by limiting the powers of the superuser to create a true 'virtual server'. Once a prison is set up all network communication must take place through the specified IP address, and the power of "root privilege" in this jail is severely constrained.

While in a prison, any tests of superuser power within the kernel using the `suser()` call will fail. However, some calls to `suser()` have been changed to a new interface `suser_xxx()`. This function is responsible for recognizing or denying access to superuser power for imprisoned processes.

A superuser process within a jailed environment has the power to:

- Manipulate credential with `setuid`, `seteuid`, `setgid`, `setegid`, `setgroups`, `setreuid`, `setregid`, `setlogin`
- Set resource limits with `setrlimit`
- Modify some `sysctl` nodes (`kern.hostname`)
- `chroot()`
- Set flags on a vnode: `chflags`, `fchflags`
- Set attributes of a vnode such as file permission, owner, group, size, access time, and modification time.
- Bind to privileged ports in the Internet domain (ports < 1024)

**Jail** is a very useful tool for running applications in a secure environment but it does have some shortcomings. Currently, the IPC mechanisms have not been converted to the `suser_xxx` so applications such as MySQL cannot be run within a jail. Superuser access may have a very limited meaning within a jail, but there is no way to specify exactly what "very limited" means.

### 3.5.2. POSIX®.1e Process Capabilities

POSIX® has released a working draft that adds event auditing, access control lists, fine grained privileges, information labeling, and mandatory access control.

This is a work in progress and is the focus of the [TrustedBSD](#) project. Some of the initial work has been committed to FreeBSD-CURRENT (`cap_set_proc(3)`).

## 3.6. Trust

An application should never assume that anything about the users environment is sane. This includes (but is certainly not limited to): user input, signals, environment variables, resources, IPC, mmap, the filesystem working directory, file descriptors, the # of open files, etc.

You should never assume that you can catch all forms of invalid input that a user might supply. Instead, your application should use positive filtering to only allow a specific subset of inputs that you deem safe. Improper data validation has been the cause of many exploits, especially with CGI scripts on the world wide web. For filenames you need to be extra careful about paths (`"../"`, `"/"`), symbolic links, and shell escape characters.

Perl has a really cool feature called "Taint" mode which can be used to prevent scripts from using data derived outside the program in an unsafe way. This mode will check command line arguments, environment variables, locale information, the results of certain syscalls (`readdir()`, `readlink()`, `getpwxxx()`), and all file input.

## 3.7. Race Conditions

A race condition is anomalous behavior caused by the unexpected dependence on the relative timing of events. In other words, a programmer incorrectly assumed that a particular event would always happen before another.

Some of the common causes of race conditions are signals, access checks, and file opens. Signals are asynchronous events by nature so special care must be taken in dealing with them. Checking access with `access(2)` then `open(2)` is clearly non-atomic. Users can move files in between the two calls. Instead, privileged applications should `seteuid()` and then call `open()` directly. Along the same lines, an application should always set a proper umask before `open()` to obviate the need for spurious `chmod()` calls.

# Chapter 4. Localization and Internationalization - L10N and I18N

## 4.1. Programming I18N Compliant Applications

To make your application more useful for speakers of other languages, we hope that you will program I18N compliant. The GNU gcc compiler and GUI libraries like QT and GTK support I18N through special handling of strings. Making a program I18N compliant is very easy. It allows contributors to port your application to other languages quickly. Refer to the library specific I18N documentation for more details.

In contrast with common perception, I18N compliant code is easy to write. Usually, it only involves wrapping your strings with library specific functions. In addition, please be sure to allow for wide or multibyte character support.

### 4.1.1. A Call to Unify the I18N Effort

It has come to our attention that the individual I18N/L10N efforts for each country has been repeating each others' efforts. Many of us have been reinventing the wheel repeatedly and inefficiently. We hope that the various major groups in I18N could congregate into a group effort similar to the Core Team's responsibility.

Currently, we hope that, when you write or port I18N programs, you would send it out to each country's related FreeBSD mailing list for testing. In the future, we hope to create applications that work in all the languages out-of-the-box without dirty hacks.

The [FreeBSD internationalization 郵遞論壇](#) has been established. If you are an I18N/L10N developer, please send your comments, ideas, questions, and anything you deem related to it.

### 4.1.2. Perl and Python

Perl and Python have I18N and wide character handling libraries. Please use them for I18N compliance.

## 4.2. Localized Messages with POSIX.1 Native Language Support (NLS)

Beyond the basic I18N functions, like supporting various input encodings or supporting national conventions, such as the different decimal separators, at a higher level of I18N, it is possible to localize the messages written to the output by the various programs. A common way of doing this is using the POSIX.1 NLS functions, which are provided as a part of the FreeBSD base system.

### 4.2.1. Organizing Localized Messages into Catalog Files

POSIX.1 NLS is based on catalog files, which contain the localized messages in the desired encoding. The messages are organized into sets and each message is identified by an integer number in the containing set. The catalog files are conventionally named after the locale they contain localized messages for, followed by the **.msg** extension. For instance, the Hungarian messages for ISO8859-2 encoding should be stored in a file called `hu_HU.ISO8859-2`.

These catalog files are common text files that contain the numbered messages. It is possible to write comments by starting the line with a **\$** sign. Set boundaries are also separated by special comments, where the keyword **set** must directly follow the **\$** sign. The **set** keyword is then followed by the set number. For example:

```
$set 1
```

The actual message entries start with the message number and followed by the localized message. The well-known modifiers from `printf(3)` are accepted:

```
15 "File not found: %s\n"
```

The language catalog files have to be compiled into a binary form before they can be opened from the program. This conversion is done with the `gencat(1)` utility. Its first argument is the filename of the compiled catalog and its further arguments are the input catalogs. The localized messages can also be organized into more catalog files and then all of them can be processed with `gencat(1)`.

#### 4.2.2. Using the Catalog Files from the Source Code

Using the catalog files is simple. To use the related functions, `nl_types.h` must be included. Before using a catalog, it has to be opened with `catopen(3)`. The function takes two arguments. The first parameter is the name of the installed and compiled catalog. Usually, the name of the program is used, such as `grep`. This name will be used when looking for the compiled catalog file. The `catopen(3)` call looks for this file in `/usr/shared/nls/locale/catname` and in `/usr/local/shared/nls/locale/catname`, where `locale` is the locale set and `catname` is the catalog name being discussed. The second parameter is a constant, which can have two values:

- `NL_CAT_LOCALE`, which means that the used catalog file will be based on `LC_MESSAGES`.
- `0`, which means that `LANG` has to be used to open the proper catalog.

The `catopen(3)` call returns a catalog identifier of type `nl_catd`. Please refer to the manual page for a list of possible returned error codes.

After opening a catalog `catgets(3)` can be used to retrieve a message. The first parameter is the catalog identifier returned by `catopen(3)`, the second one is the number of the set, the third one is the number of the messages, and the fourth one is a fallback message, which will be returned if the requested message cannot be retrieved from the catalog file.

After using the catalog file, it must be closed by calling `catclose(3)`, which has one argument, the catalog id.

#### 4.2.3. A Practical Example

The following example will demonstrate an easy solution on how to use NLS catalogs in a flexible way.

The below lines need to be put into a common header file of the program, which is included into all source files where localized messages are necessary:

```
#ifndef WITHOUT-NLS
#define getstr(n)  nlsstr[n]
#else
#include nl_types.h

extern nl_catd    catalog;
#define getstr(n)  catgets(catalog, 1, n, nlsstr[n])
#endif

extern char  *nlsstr[];
```

Next, put these lines into the global declaration part of the main source file:

```
#ifndef WITHOUT-NLS
#include nl_types.h
nl_catd catalog;
#endif

/*
 * Default messages to use when NLS is disabled or no catalog
 * is found.
 */
char *nlsstr[] = {
    "",
    /* 1*/ "some random message",
    /* 2*/ "some other message"
};
```

Next come the real code snippets, which open, read, and close the catalog:

```
#ifndef WITHOUT-NLS
    catalog = catopen("myapp", NL_CAT_LOCALE);
#endif

...

printf(getstr(1));

...

#ifndef WITHOUT-NLS
    catclose(catalog);
#endif
```

## Reducing Strings to Localize

There is a good way of reducing the strings that need to be localized by using libc error messages. This is also useful to just avoid duplication and provide consistent error messages for the common errors that can be encountered by a great many of programs.

First, here is an example that does not use libc error messages:

```
#include err.h
...
if (!S_ISDIR(st.st_mode))
```

```
errx(1, "argument is not a directory");
```

This can be transformed to print an error message by reading `errno` and printing an error message accordingly:

```
#include err.h
#include errno.h
...
if (!S_ISDIR(st.st_mode)) {
    errno = ENOTDIR;
    err(1, NULL);
}
```

In this example, the custom string is eliminated, thus translators will have less work when localizing the program and users will see the usual "Not a directory" error message when they encounter this error. This message will probably seem more familiar to them. Please note that it was necessary to include `errno.h` in order to directly access `errno`.

It is worth to note that there are cases when `errno` is set automatically by a preceding call, so it is not necessary to set it explicitly:

```
#include err.h
...
if ((p = malloc(size)) == NULL)
    err(1, NULL);
```

#### 4.2.4. Making use of `bsd.nls.mk`

Using the catalog files requires few repeatable steps, such as compiling the catalogs and installing them to the proper location. In order to simplify this process even more, `bsd.nls.mk` introduces some macros. It is not necessary to include `bsd.nls.mk` explicitly, it is pulled in from the common Makefiles, such as `bsd.prog.mk` or `bsd.lib.mk`.

Usually it is enough to define `NLSNAME`, which should have the catalog name mentioned as the first argument of `catopen(3)` and list the catalog files in `NLS` without their `.msg` extension. Here is an example, which makes it possible to to disable NLS when used with the code examples before. The `WITHOUT-NLS` variable has to be defined in order to build the program without NLS support.

```
.if !defined(WITHOUT-NLS)
NLS= es_ES.ISO8859-1
NLS+= hu_HU.ISO8859-2
NLS+= pt_BR.ISO8859-1
.else
CFLAGS+= -DWITHOUT-NLS
.endif
```

Conventionally, the catalog files are placed under the `nls` subdirectory and this is the default behavior of `bsd.nls.mk`. It is possible, though to override the location of the catalogs with the

**NLSSRCDIR** **make(1)** variable. The default name of the precompiled catalog files also follow the naming convention mentioned before. It can be overridden by setting the **NLSNAME** variable. There are other options to fine tune the processing of the catalog files but usually it is not needed, thus they are not described here. For further information on `bsd.nls.mk`, please refer to the file itself, it is short and easy to understand.

# Chapter 5. Source Tree Guidelines and Policies

This chapter documents various guidelines and policies in force for the FreeBSD source tree.

## 5.1. Style Guidelines

Consistent coding style is extremely important, particularly with large projects like FreeBSD. Code should follow the FreeBSD coding styles described in [style\(9\)](#) and [style.Makefile\(5\)](#).

## 5.2. MAINTAINER on Makefiles

If a particular portion of the FreeBSD src/ distribution is being maintained by a person or group of persons, this is communicated through an entry in src/MAINTAINERS. Maintainers of ports within the Ports Collection express their maintainership to the world by adding a **MAINTAINER** line to the Makefile of the port in question:

```
MAINTAINER= email-addresses
```



For other parts of the repository, or for sections not listed as having a maintainer, or when you are unsure who the active maintainer is, try looking at the recent commit history of the relevant parts of the source tree. It is quite often the case that a maintainer is not explicitly named, but the people who are actively working in a part of the source tree for, say, the last couple of years are interested in reviewing changes. Even if this is not specifically mentioned in the documentation or the source itself, asking for a review as a form of courtesy is a very reasonable thing to do.

The role of the maintainer is as follows:

- The maintainer owns and is responsible for that code. This means that he or she is responsible for fixing bugs and answering problem reports pertaining to that piece of the code, and in the case of contributed software, for tracking new versions, as appropriate.
- Changes to directories which have a maintainer defined shall be sent to the maintainer for review before being committed. Only if the maintainer does not respond for an unacceptable period of time, to several emails, will it be acceptable to commit changes without review by the maintainer. However, it is suggested that you try to have the changes reviewed by someone else if at all possible.
- It is of course not acceptable to add a person or group as maintainer unless they agree to assume this duty. On the other hand it does not have to be a committer and it can easily be a group of people.

## 5.3. Contributed Software

Some parts of the FreeBSD distribution consist of software that is actively being maintained outside the FreeBSD project. For historical reasons, we call this contributed software. Some examples are sendmail, gcc and patch.

Over the last couple of years, various methods have been used in dealing with this type of software and all have some number of advantages and drawbacks. No clear winner has emerged.

Since this is the case, after some debate one of these methods has been selected as the "official" method and will be required for future imports of software of this kind. Furthermore, it is strongly suggested that existing contributed software converge on this model over time, as it has significant advantages over the old method, including the ability to easily obtain diffs relative to the "official" versions of the source by everyone (even without direct repository access). This will make it significantly easier to return changes to the primary developers of the contributed software.

Ultimately, however, it comes down to the people actually doing the work. If using this model is particularly unsuited to the package being dealt with, exceptions to these rules may be granted only with the approval of the core team and with the general consensus of the other developers. The ability to maintain the package in the future will be a key issue in the decisions.



Because it makes it harder to import future versions minor, trivial and/or cosmetic changes are strongly discouraged on files that are still tracking the vendor branch.

### 5.3.1. Vendor Imports with SVN

This section describes the vendor import procedure with Subversion in details.

#### 1. Preparing the Tree

If this is your first import after the switch to SVN, you will have to flatten and clean up the vendor tree, and bootstrap merge history in the main tree. If not, you can safely omit this step.

During the conversion from CVS to SVN, vendor branches were imported with the same layout as the main tree. For example, the foo vendor sources ended up in `vendor/foo/dist/contrib/foo`, but it is pointless and rather inconvenient. What we really want is to have the vendor source directly in `vendor/foo/dist`, like this:

```
% cd vendor/foo/dist/contrib/foo
% svn move $(svn list) ../..
% cd ../..
% svn remove contrib
% svn propdel -R svn:mergeinfo
% svn commit
```

Note that, the **propdel** bit is necessary because starting with 1.5, Subversion will automatically add **svn:mergeinfo** to any directory you copy or move. In this case, you will not need this information, since you are not going to merge anything from the tree you deleted.



You may want to flatten the tags as well. The procedure is exactly the same. If you do this, put off the commit until the end.

Check the dist tree and perform any cleanup that is deemed to be necessary. You may want to disable keyword expansion, as it makes no sense on unmodified vendor code. In some cases, it can be even be harmful.

```
% svn propdel svn:keywords -R .
% svn commit
```

Bootstrapping of **svn:mergeinfo** on the target directory (in the main tree) to the revision that corresponds to the last change was made to the vendor tree prior to importing new sources is also needed:

```
% cd head/contrib/foo
% svn merge --record-only ^/vendor/foo/dist@12345678 .
```

```
% svn commit
```

With some shells, the `^` in the above command may need to be escaped with a backslash.

## 2. Importing New Sources

Prepare a full, clean tree of the vendor sources. With SVN, we can keep a full distribution in the vendor tree without bloating the main tree. Import everything but merge only what is needed.

Note that you will need to add any files that were added since the last vendor import, and remove any that were removed. To facilitate this, you should prepare sorted lists of the contents of the vendor tree and of the sources you are about to import:

```
% cd vendor/foo/dist
% svn list -R | grep -v '/$' | sort > ../old
% cd ../foo-9.9
% find . -type f | cut -c 3- | sort > ../new
```

With these two files, the following command will list removed files (files only in old):

```
% comm -23 ../old ../new
```

While the command below will list added files (files only in new):

```
% comm -13 ../old ../new
```

Let us put this together:

```
% cd vendor/foo/foo-9.9
% tar cf - . | tar xf - -C ../dist
% cd ../dist
% comm -23 ../old ../new | xargs svn remove
% comm -13 ../old ../new | xargs svn add
```



If there are new directories in the new distribution, the last command will fail. You will have to add the directories, and run it again. Conversely, if any directories were removed, you will have to remove them manually.

Check properties on any new files:

- All text files should have `svn:eol-style` set to `native`.
- All binary files should have `svn:mime-type` set to `application/octet-stream`, unless there is a more appropriate media type.
- Executable files should have `svn:executable` set to `*`.
- There should be no other properties on any file in the tree.



You are ready to commit, but you should first check the output of `svn`

**stat** and **svn diff** to make sure everything is in order.

Once you have committed the new vendor release, you should tag it for future reference. The best and quickest way is to do it directly in the repository:

```
% svn copy ^/vendor/foo/dist svn_base/vendor/foo/9.9
```

To get the new tag, you can update your working copy of vendor/foo.



If you choose to do the copy in the checkout instead, do not forget to remove the generated **svn:mergeinfo** as described above.

### 3. Merging to -HEAD

After you have prepared your import, it is time to merge. Option **--accept=postpone** tells SVN not to handle merge conflicts yet, because they will be taken care of manually:

```
% cd head/contrib/foo
% svn update
% svn merge --accept=postpone ^/vendor/foo/dist
```

Resolve any conflicts, and make sure that any files that were added or removed in the vendor tree have been properly added or removed in the main tree. It is always a good idea to check differences against the vendor branch:

```
% svn diff --no-diff-deleted --old=^/vendor/foo/dist --new=.
```

**--no-diff-deleted** tells SVN not to check files that are in the vendor tree but not in the main tree.



With SVN, there is no concept of on or off the vendor branch. If a file that previously had local modifications no longer does, just remove any left-over cruft, such as FreeBSD version tags, so it no longer shows up in diffs against the vendor tree.

If any changes are required for the world to build with the new sources, make them now - and test until you are satisfied that everything build and runs correctly.

### 4. Commit

Now, you are ready to commit. Make sure you get everything in one go. Ideally, you would have done all steps in a clean tree, in which case you can just commit from the top of that tree. That is the best way to avoid surprises. If you do it properly, the tree will move atomically from a consistent state with the old code to a consistent state with the new code.

## 5.4. Encumbered Files

It might occasionally be necessary to include an encumbered file in the FreeBSD source tree. For example, if a device requires a small piece of binary code to be loaded to it before the device will operate, and we do not have the source to that code, then the binary file is said to be encumbered. The following policies apply to including encumbered files in the FreeBSD source tree.

1. Any file which is interpreted or executed by the system CPU(s) and not in source format is encumbered.
2. Any file with a license more restrictive than BSD or GNU is encumbered.
3. A file which contains downloadable binary data for use by the hardware is not encumbered, unless (1) or (2) apply to it. It must be stored in an architecture neutral ASCII format (file2c or uuencoding is recommended).
4. Any encumbered file requires specific approval from the [Core Team](#) before it is added to the repository.
5. Encumbered files go in src/contrib or src/sys/contrib.
6. The entire module should be kept together. There is no point in splitting it, unless there is code-sharing with non-encumbered code.
7. Object files are named arch/filename.o.uu>.
8. Kernel files:
  - a. Should always be referenced in conf/files.\* (for build simplicity).
  - b. Should always be in LINT, but the [Core Team](#) decides per case if it should be commented out or not. The [Core Team](#) can, of course, change their minds later on.
  - c. The Release Engineer decides whether or not it goes into the release.
9. User-land files:
  - a. The [Core team](#) decides if the code should be part of **make world**.
  - b. The [Release Engineering](#) decides if it goes into the release.

## 5.5. Shared Libraries

If you are adding shared library support to a port or other piece of software that does not have one, the version numbers should follow these rules. Generally, the resulting numbers will have nothing to do with the release version of the software.

The three principles of shared library building are:

- Start from **1.0**
- If there is a change that is backwards compatible, bump minor number (note that ELF systems ignore the minor number)
- If there is an incompatible change, bump major number

For instance, added functions and bugfixes result in the minor version number being bumped, while deleted functions, changed function call syntax, etc. will force the major version number to change.

Stick to version numbers of the form major.minor (**x.y**). Our a.out dynamic linker does not handle version numbers of the form **x.y.z** well. Any version number after the **y** (i.e., the third digit) is totally ignored when comparing shared lib version numbers to decide which library to link with. Given two shared libraries that differ only in the "micro" revision, **ld.so** will link with the higher one. That is, if you link with libfoo.so.3.3.3, the linker only records **3.3** in the headers, and will link with anything starting with **libfoo.so.3.(anything >= 3).(highest available)**.



**ld.so** will always use the highest "minor" revision. For instance, it will use libc.so.2.2 in preference to libc.so.2.0, even if the program was initially linked with libc.so.2.0.

In addition, our ELF dynamic linker does not handle minor version numbers at all. However, one should still specify a major and minor version number as our Makefile's "do the right thing" based on the type of system.

For non-port libraries, it is also our policy to change the shared library version number only once

between releases. In addition, it is our policy to change the major shared library version number only once between major OS releases (i.e., from 6.0 to 7.0). When you make a change to a system library that requires the version number to be bumped, check the Makefile's commit logs. It is the responsibility of the committer to ensure that the first such change since the release will result in the shared library version number in the Makefile to be updated, and any subsequent changes will not.

# Chapter 6. Regression and Performance Testing

Regression tests are used to exercise a particular bit of the system to check that it works as expected, and to make sure that old bugs are not reintroduced.

The FreeBSD regression testing tools can be found in the FreeBSD source tree in the directory `src/tools/regression`.

## 6.1. Micro Benchmark Checklist

This section contains hints for doing proper micro-benchmarking on FreeBSD or of FreeBSD itself.

It is not possible to use all of the suggestions below every single time, but the more used, the better the benchmark's ability to test small differences will be.

- Disable APM and any other kind of clock fiddling (ACPI ?).
- Run in single user mode. E.g., `cron(8)`, and other daemons only add noise. The `sshd(8)` daemon can also cause problems. If ssh access is required during testing either disable the SSHv1 key regeneration, or kill the parent `sshd` daemon during the tests.
- Do not run `ntpd(8)`.
- If `syslog(3)` events are generated, run `syslogd(8)` with an empty `/etc/syslogd.conf`, otherwise, do not run it.
- Minimize disk-I/O, avoid it entirely if possible.
- Do not mount file systems that are not needed.
- Mount `/`, `/usr`, and any other file system as read-only if possible. This removes atime updates to disk (etc.) from the I/O picture.
- Reinitialize the read/write test file system with `newfs(8)` and populate it from a `tar(1)` or `dump(8)` file before every run. Unmount and mount it before starting the test. This results in a consistent file system layout. For a worldstone test this would apply to `/usr/obj` (just reinitialize with `newfs` and mount). To get 100% reproducibility, populate the file system from a `dd(1)` file (i.e.: `dd if=myimage of=/dev/ad0s1h bs=1m`)
- Use malloc backed or preloaded `md(4)` partitions.
- Reboot between individual iterations of the test, this gives a more consistent state.
- Remove all non-essential device drivers from the kernel. For instance if USB is not needed for the test, do not put USB in the kernel. Drivers which attach often have timeouts ticking away.
- Unconfigure hardware that are not in use. Detach disks with `atacontrol(8)` and `camcontrol(8)` if the disks are not used for the test.
- Do not configure the network unless it is being tested, or wait until after the test has been performed to ship the results off to another computer.

If the system must be connected to a public network, watch out for spikes of broadcast traffic. Even though it is hardly noticeable, it will take up CPU cycles. Multicast has similar caveats.

- Put each file system on its own disk. This minimizes jitter from head-seek optimizations.
- Minimize output to serial or VGA consoles. Running output into files gives less jitter. (Serial consoles easily become a bottleneck.) Do not touch keyboard while the test is running, even `space` or `back-space` shows up in the numbers.
- Make sure the test is long enough, but not too long. If the test is too short, timestamping is a problem. If it is too long temperature changes and drift will affect the frequency of the quartz crystals in the computer. Rule of thumb: more than a minute, less than an hour.
- Try to keep the temperature as stable as possible around the machine. This affects both quartz crystals and disk drive algorithms. To get real stable clock, consider stabilized clock injection.

E.g., get a OCXO + PLL, inject output into clock circuits instead of motherboard xtal. Contact Poul-Henning Kamp <[phk@FreeBSD.org](mailto:phk@FreeBSD.org)> for more information about this.

- Run the test at least 3 times but it is better to run more than 20 times both for "before" and "after" code. Try to interleave if possible (i.e.: do not run 20 times before then 20 times after), this makes it possible to spot environmental effects. Do not interleave 1:1, but 3:3, this makes it possible to spot interaction effects.

A good pattern is: **bababa{bbbbaaa}\*.** This gives hint after the first 1+1 runs (so it is possible to stop the test if it goes entirely the wrong way), a standard deviation after the first 3+3 (gives a good indication if it is going to be worth a long run) and trending and interaction numbers later on.

- Use [ministat\(1\)](#) to see if the numbers are significant. Consider buying "Cartoon guide to statistics" ISBN: 0062731025, highly recommended, if you have forgotten or never learned about standard deviation and Student's T.
- Do not use background [fsck\(8\)](#) unless the test is a benchmark of background [fsck](#). Also, disable [background\\_fsck](#) in `/etc/rc.conf` unless the benchmark is not started at least 60+ "[fsck](#) runtime" seconds after the boot, as [rc\(8\)](#) wakes up and checks if [fsck](#) needs to run on any file systems when background [fsck](#) is enabled. Likewise, make sure there are no snapshots lying around unless the benchmark is a test with snapshots.
- If the benchmark show unexpected bad performance, check for things like high interrupt volume from an unexpected source. Some versions of ACPI have been reported to "misbehave" and generate excess interrupts. To help diagnose odd test results, take a few snapshots of [vmstat -i](#) and look for anything unusual.
- Make sure to be careful about optimization parameters for kernel and userspace, likewise debugging. It is easy to let something slip through and realize later the test was not comparing the same thing.
- Do not ever benchmark with the [WITNESS](#) and [INVARIANTS](#) kernel options enabled unless the test is interested to benchmarking those features. [WITNESS](#) can cause 400%+ drops in performance. Likewise, userspace [malloc\(3\)](#) parameters default differently in -CURRENT from the way they ship in production releases.

## 6.2. The FreeBSD Source Tinderbox

The source Tinderbox consists of:

- A build script, `tinderbox`, that automates checking out a specific version of the FreeBSD source tree and building it.
- A supervisor script, `tbmaster`, that monitors individual Tinderbox instances, logs their output, and emails failure notices.
- A CGI script named `index.cgi` that reads a set of `tbmaster` logs and presents an easy-to-read HTML summary of them.
- A set of build servers that continually test the tip of the most important FreeBSD code branches.
- A webserver that keeps a complete set of Tinderbox logs and displays an up-to-date summary.

The scripts are maintained and were developed by Dag-Erling Smørgrav <[des@FreeBSD.org](mailto:des@FreeBSD.org)>, and are now written in Perl, a move on from their original incarnation as shell scripts. All scripts and configuration files are kept in `/projects/tinderbox/`.

For more information about the `tinderbox` and `tbmaster` scripts at this stage, see their respective man pages: `tinderbox(1)` and `tbmaster(1)`.

## 6.3. The `index.cgi` Script

The `index.cgi` script generates the HTML summary of `tinderbox` and `tbmaster` logs. Although originally intended to be used as a CGI script, as indicated by its name, this script can also be run from the command line or from a [cron\(8\)](#) job, in which case it will look for logs in the directory

where the script is located. It will automatically detect context, generating HTTP headers when it is run as a CGI script. It conforms to XHTML standards and is styled using CSS.

The script starts in the `main()` block by attempting to verify that it is running on the official Tinderbox website. If it is not, a page indicating it is not an official website is produced, and a URL to the official site is provided.

Next, it scans the log directory to get an inventory of configurations, branches and architectures for which log files exist, to avoid hard-coding a list into the script and potentially ending up with blank rows or columns. This information is derived from the names of the log files matching the following pattern:

```
tinderbox-$config-$branch-$arch-$machine.{brief,full}
```

The configurations used on the official Tinderbox build servers are named for the branches they build. For example, the `releng_8` configuration is used to build `RELENG_8` as well as all still-supported release branches.

Once all of this startup procedure has been successfully completed, `do_config()` is called for each configuration.

The `do_config()` function generates HTML for a single Tinderbox configuration.

It works by first generating a header row, then iterating over each branch build with the specified configuration, producing a single row of results for each in the following manner:

- For each item:
  - For each machine within that architecture:
    - If a brief log file exists, then:
      - Call `success()` to determine the outcome of the build.
      - Output the modification size.
      - Output the size of the brief log file with a link to the log file itself.
      - If a full log file also exists, then:
        - Output the size of the full log file with a link to the log file itself.
    - Otherwise:
      - No output.

The `success()` function mentioned above scans a brief log file for the string "tinderbox run completed" in order to determine whether the build was successful.

Configurations and branches are sorted according to their branch rank. This is computed as follows:

- `HEAD` and `CURRENT` have rank 9999.
- `RELENG_x` has rank `xx99`.
- `RELENG_x_y` has rank `xxyy`.

This means that `HEAD` always ranks highest, and `RELENG` branches are ranked in numerical order, with each `STABLE` branch ranking higher than the release branches forked off of it. For instance, for FreeBSD 8, the order from highest to lowest would be:

- `RELENG_8` (branch rank 899).
- `RELENG_8_3` (branch rank 803).
- `RELENG_8_2` (branch rank 802).

- **RELENG\_8\_1** (branch rank 801).
- **RELENG\_8\_0** (branch rank 800).

The colors that Tinderbox uses for each cell in the table are defined by CSS. Successful builds are displayed with green text; unsuccessful builds are displayed with red text. The color fades as time passes since the corresponding build, with every half an hour bringing the color closer to grey.

## 6.4. Official Build Servers

The official Tinderbox build servers are hosted by [Sentex Data Communications](#), who also host the FreeBSD Netperf Cluster.

Three build servers currently exist:

freebsd-current.sentex.ca builds:

- **HEAD** for amd64, arm, i386, i386/pc98, ia64, mips, powerpc, powerpc64, and sparc64.
- **RELENG\_9** and supported 9.X branches for amd64, arm, i386, i386/pc98, ia64, mips, powerpc, powerpc64, and sparc64.

freebsd-stable.sentex.ca builds:

- **RELENG\_8** and supported 8.X branches for amd64, i386, i386/pc98, ia64, mips, powerpc and sparc64.

freebsd-legacy.sentex.ca builds:

- **RELENG\_7** and supported 7.X branches for amd64, i386, i386/pc98, ia64, powerpc, and sparc64.

## 6.5. Official Summary Site

Summaries and logs from the official build servers are available online at <http://tinderbox.FreeBSD.org>, hosted by Dag-Erling Smørgrav <[des@FreeBSD.org](mailto:des@FreeBSD.org)> and set up as follows:

- A **cron(8)** job checks the build servers at regular intervals and downloads any new log files using **rsync(1)**.
- Apache is set up to use index.cgi as **DirectoryIndex**.

# Part II: Interprocess Communication(IPC)

# Chapter 7. Sockets

## 7.1. Synopsis

BSD sockets take interprocess communications to a new level. It is no longer necessary for the communicating processes to run on the same machine. They still can, but they do not have to.

Not only do these processes not have to run on the same machine, they do not have to run under the same operating system. Thanks to BSD sockets, your FreeBSD software can smoothly cooperate with a program running on a Macintosh®, another one running on a Sun™ workstation, yet another one running under Windows® 2000, all connected with an Ethernet-based local area network.

But your software can equally well cooperate with processes running in another building, or on another continent, inside a submarine, or a space shuttle.

It can also cooperate with processes that are not part of a computer (at least not in the strict sense of the word), but of such devices as printers, digital cameras, medical equipment. Just about anything capable of digital communications.

## 7.2. Networking and Diversity

We have already hinted on the diversity of networking. Many different systems have to talk to each other. And they have to speak the same language. They also have to understand the same language the same way.

People often think that body language is universal. But it is not. Back in my early teens, my father took me to Bulgaria. We were sitting at a table in a park in Sofia, when a vendor approached us trying to sell us some roasted almonds.

I had not learned much Bulgarian by then, so, instead of saying no, I shook my head from side to side, the "universal" body language for no. The vendor quickly started serving us some almonds.

I then remembered I had been told that in Bulgaria shaking your head sideways meant yes. Quickly, I started nodding my head up and down. The vendor noticed, took his almonds, and walked away. To an uninformed observer, I did not change the body language: I continued using the language of shaking and nodding my head. What changed was the meaning of the body language. At first, the vendor and I interpreted the same language as having completely different meaning. I had to adjust my own interpretation of that language so the vendor would understand.

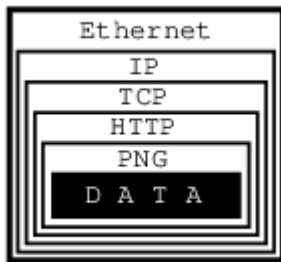
It is the same with computers: The same symbols may have different, even outright opposite meaning. Therefore, for two computers to understand each other, they must not only agree on the same language, but on the same interpretation of the language.

## 7.3. Protocols

While various programming languages tend to have complex syntax and use a number of multi-letter reserved words (which makes them easy for the human programmer to understand), the languages of data communications tend to be very terse. Instead of multi-byte words, they often use individual bits. There is a very convincing reason for it: While data travels inside your computer at speeds approaching the speed of light, it often travels considerably slower between two computers.

Because the languages used in data communications are so terse, we usually refer to them as protocols rather than languages.

As data travels from one computer to another, it always uses more than one protocol. These protocols are layered. The data can be compared to the inside of an onion: You have to peel off several layers of "skin" to get to the data. This is best illustrated with a picture:



In this example, we are trying to get an image from a web page we are connected to via an Ethernet.

The image consists of raw data, which is simply a sequence of RGB values that our software can process, i.e., convert into an image and display on our monitor.

Alas, our software has no way of knowing how the raw data is organized: Is it a sequence of RGB values, or a sequence of grayscale intensities, or perhaps of CMYK encoded colors? Is the data represented by 8-bit quanta, or are they 16 bits in size, or perhaps 4 bits? How many rows and columns does the image consist of? Should certain pixels be transparent?

I think you get the picture...

To inform our software how to handle the raw data, it is encoded as a PNG file. It could be a GIF, or a JPEG, but it is a PNG.

And PNG is a protocol.

At this point, I can hear some of you yelling, "No, it is not! It is a file format!"

Well, of course it is a file format. But from the perspective of data communications, a file format is a protocol: The file structure is a language, a terse one at that, communicating to our process how the data is organized. Ergo, it is a protocol.

Alas, if all we received was the PNG file, our software would be facing a serious problem: How is it supposed to know the data is representing an image, as opposed to some text, or perhaps a sound, or what not? Secondly, how is it supposed to know the image is in the PNG format as opposed to GIF, or JPEG, or some other image format?

To obtain that information, we are using another protocol: HTTP. This protocol can tell us exactly that the data represents an image, and that it uses the PNG protocol. It can also tell us some other things, but let us stay focused on protocol layers here.

So, now we have some data wrapped in the PNG protocol, wrapped in the HTTP protocol. How did we get it from the server?

By using TCP/IP over Ethernet, that is how. Indeed, that is three more protocols. Instead of continuing inside out, I am now going to talk about Ethernet, simply because it is easier to explain the rest that way.

Ethernet is an interesting system of connecting computers in a local area network (LAN). Each computer has a network interface card (NIC), which has a unique 48-bit ID called its address. No two Ethernet NICs in the world have the same address.

These NICs are all connected with each other. Whenever one computer wants to communicate with another in the same Ethernet LAN, it sends a message over the network. Every NIC sees the message. But as part of the Ethernet protocol, the data contains the address of the destination NIC (among other things). So, only one of all the network interface cards will pay attention to it, the rest will ignore it.

But not all computers are connected to the same network. Just because we have received the data over our Ethernet does not mean it originated in our own local area network. It could have come to us from some other network (which may not even be Ethernet based) connected with our own

network via the Internet.

All data is transferred over the Internet using IP, which stands for Internet Protocol. Its basic role is to let us know where in the world the data has arrived from, and where it is supposed to go to. It does not guarantee we will receive the data, only that we will know where it came from if we do receive it.

Even if we do receive the data, IP does not guarantee we will receive various chunks of data in the same order the other computer has sent it to us. So, we can receive the center of our image before we receive the upper left corner and after the lower right, for example.

It is TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) that asks the sender to resend any lost data and that places it all into the proper order.

All in all, it took five different protocols for one computer to communicate to another what an image looks like. We received the data wrapped into the PNG protocol, which was wrapped into the HTTP protocol, which was wrapped into the TCP protocol, which was wrapped into the IP protocol, which was wrapped into the Ethernet protocol.

Oh, and by the way, there probably were several other protocols involved somewhere on the way. For example, if our LAN was connected to the Internet through a dial-up call, it used the PPP protocol over the modem which used one (or several) of the various modem protocols, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera...

As a developer you should be asking by now, "How am I supposed to handle it all?"

Luckily for you, you are not supposed to handle it all. You are supposed to handle some of it, but not all of it. Specifically, you need not worry about the physical connection (in our case Ethernet and possibly PPP, etc). Nor do you need to handle the Internet Protocol, or the Transmission Control Protocol.

In other words, you do not have to do anything to receive the data from the other computer. Well, you do have to ask for it, but that is almost as simple as opening a file.

Once you have received the data, it is up to you to figure out what to do with it. In our case, you would need to understand the HTTP protocol and the PNG file structure.

To use an analogy, all the internetworking protocols become a gray area: Not so much because we do not understand how it works, but because we are no longer concerned about it. The sockets interface takes care of this gray area for us:



We only need to understand any protocols that tell us how to interpret the data, not how to receive it from another process, nor how to send it to another process.

## 7.4. The Sockets Model

BSD sockets are built on the basic UNIX® model: Everything is a file. In our example, then, sockets would let us receive an HTTP file, so to speak. It would then be up to us to extract the PNG file from it.

Because of the complexity of internetworking, we cannot just use the **open** system call, or the

`open()` C function. Instead, we need to take several steps to "opening" a socket.

Once we do, however, we can start treating the socket the same way we treat any file descriptor: We can **read** from it, **write** to it, **pipe** it, and, eventually, **close** it.

## 7.5. Essential Socket Functions

While FreeBSD offers different functions to work with sockets, we only need four to "open" a socket. And in some cases we only need two.

### 7.5.1. The Client-Server Difference

Typically, one of the ends of a socket-based data communication is a server, the other is a client.

#### The Common Elements

##### socket

The one function used by both, clients and servers, is `socket(2)`. It is declared this way:

```
int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);
```

The return value is of the same type as that of **open**, an integer. FreeBSD allocates its value from the same pool as that of file handles. That is what allows sockets to be treated the same way as files.

The **domain** argument tells the system what protocol family you want it to use. Many of them exist, some are vendor specific, others are very common. They are declared in `sys/socket.h`.

Use **PF\_INET** for UDP, TCP and other Internet protocols (IPv4).

Five values are defined for the **type** argument, again, in `sys/socket.h`. All of them start with "SOCK\_". The most common one is **SOCK\_STREAM**, which tells the system you are asking for a reliable stream delivery service (which is TCP when used with **PF\_INET**).

If you asked for **SOCK\_DGRAM**, you would be requesting a connectionless datagram delivery service (in our case, UDP).

If you wanted to be in charge of the low-level protocols (such as IP), or even network interfaces (e.g., the Ethernet), you would need to specify **SOCK\_RAW**.

Finally, the **protocol** argument depends on the previous two arguments, and is not always meaningful. In that case, use **0** for its value.



#### The Unconnected Socket

Nowhere, in the **socket** function have we specified to what other system we should be connected. Our newly created socket remains unconnected.

This is on purpose: To use a telephone analogy, we have just attached a modem to the phone line. We have neither told the modem to make a call, nor to answer if the phone rings.

##### sockaddr

Various functions of the sockets family expect the address of (or pointer to, to use C terminology) a small area of the memory. The various C declarations in the `sys/socket.h` refer to it as **struct sockaddr**. This structure is declared in the same file:

```

/*
 * Structure used by kernel to store most
 * addresses.
 */
struct sockaddr {
    unsigned char sa_len; /* total length */
    sa_family_t sa_family; /* address family */
    char sa_data[14]; /* actually longer; address value */
};
#define SOCK_MAXADDRLLEN 255 /* longest possible addresses */

```

Please note the vagueness with which the `sa_data` field is declared, just as an array of 14 bytes, with the comment hinting there can be more than 14 of them.

This vagueness is quite deliberate. Sockets is a very powerful interface. While most people perhaps think of it as nothing more than the Internet interface-and most applications probably use it for that nowadays-sockets can be used for just about any kind of interprocess communications, of which the Internet (or, more precisely, IP) is only one.

The `sys/socket.h` refers to the various types of protocols sockets will handle as address families, and lists them right before the definition of `sockaddr`:

```

/*
 * Address families.
 */
#define AF_UNSPEC 0 /* unspecified */
#define AF_LOCAL 1 /* local to host (pipes, portals) */
#define AF_UNIX AF_LOCAL /* backward compatibility */
#define AF_INET 2 /* internet: UDP, TCP, etc. */
#define AF_IMPLINK 3 /* arpanet imp addresses */
#define AF_PUP 4 /* pup protocols: e.g. BSP */
#define AF_CHAOS 5 /* mit CHAOS protocols */
#define AF_NS 6 /* XEROX NS protocols */
#define AF_ISO 7 /* ISO protocols */
#define AF_OSI AF_ISO
#define AF_ECMA 8 /* European computer manufacturers */
#define AF_DATAKIT 9 /* datakit protocols */
#define AF_CCITT 10 /* CCITT protocols, X.25 etc */
#define AF_SNA 11 /* IBM SNA */
#define AF_DECnet 12 /* DECnet */
#define AF_DLI 13 /* DEC Direct data link interface */
#define AF_LAT 14 /* LAT */
#define AF_HYLINK 15 /* NSC Hyperchannel */
#define AF_APPLETALK 16 /* Apple Talk */
#define AF_ROUTE 17 /* Internal Routing Protocol */

```

```

#define AF_LINK 18 /* Link layer interface */
#define pseudo_AF_XTP 19 /* eXpress Transfer Protocol (no AF) */
#define AF_COIP 20 /* connection-oriented IP, aka ST II */
#define AF_CNT 21 /* Computer Network Technology */
#define pseudo_AF_RTIP 22 /* Help Identify RTIP packets */
#define AF_IPX 23 /* Novell Internet Protocol */
#define AF_SIP 24 /* Simple Internet Protocol */
#define pseudo_AF_PIP 25 /* Help Identify PIP packets */
#define AF_ISDN 26 /* Integrated Services Digital Network*/
#define AF_E164 AF_ISDN /* CCITT E.164 recommendation */
#define pseudo_AF_KEY 27 /* Internal key-management function */
#define AF_INET6 28 /* IPv6 */
#define AF_NATM 29 /* native ATM access */
#define AF_ATM 30 /* ATM */
#define pseudo_AF_HDRCMPLT 31 /* Used by BPF to not rewrite headers
    * in interface output routine
    */
#define AF_NETGRAPH 32 /* Netgraph sockets */
#define AF_SLOW 33 /* 802.3ad slow protocol */
#define AF_SCLUSTER 34 /* Sitara cluster protocol */
#define AF_ARP 35
#define AF_BLUETOOTH 36 /* Bluetooth sockets */
#define AF_MAX 37

```

The one used for IP is AF\_INET. It is a symbol for the constant 2.

It is the address family listed in the **sa\_family** field of **sockaddr** that decides how exactly the vaguely named bytes of **sa\_data** will be used.

Specifically, whenever the address family is AF\_INET, we can use **struct sockaddr\_in** found in **netinet/in.h**, wherever **sockaddr** is expected:

```

/*
 * Socket address, internet style.
 */
struct sockaddr_in {
    uint8_t sin_len;
    sa_family_t sin_family;
    in_port_t sin_port;
    struct in_addr sin_addr;
    char sin_zero[8];
};

```

We can visualize its organization this way:

|    |            |        |      |   |
|----|------------|--------|------|---|
|    | 0          | 1      | 2    | 3 |
| 0  | 0          | Family | Port |   |
| 4  | IP Address |        |      |   |
| 8  | 0          |        |      |   |
| 12 | 0          |        |      |   |

The three important fields are **sin\_family**, which is byte 1 of the structure, **sin\_port**, a 16-bit value found in bytes 2 and 3, and **sin\_addr**, a 32-bit integer representation of the IP address, stored in bytes 4-7.

Now, let us try to fill it out. Let us assume we are trying to write a client for the daytime protocol, which simply states that its server will write a text string representing the current date and time to port 13. We want to use TCP/IP, so we need to specify **AF\_INET** in the address family field. **AF\_INET** is defined as 2. Let us use the IP address of 192.43.244.18, which is the time server of US federal government ([time.nist.gov](http://time.nist.gov)).

|    |               |   |    |   |
|----|---------------|---|----|---|
|    | 0             | 1 | 2  | 3 |
| 0  | 0             | 2 | 13 |   |
| 4  | 192.43.244.18 |   |    |   |
| 8  | 0             |   |    |   |
| 12 | 0             |   |    |   |

By the way the **sin\_addr** field is declared as being of the **struct in\_addr** type, which is defined in `netinet/in.h`:

```
/*
 * Internet address (a structure for historical reasons)
 */
struct in_addr {
    in_addr_t s_addr;
};
```

In addition, **in\_addr\_t** is a 32-bit integer.

The 192.43.244.18 is just a convenient notation of expressing a 32-bit integer by listing all of its 8-bit bytes, starting with the most significant one.

So far, we have viewed **sockaddr** as an abstraction. Our computer does not store **short** integers as a single 16-bit entity, but as a sequence of 2 bytes. Similarly, it stores 32-bit integers as a sequence of 4 bytes.

Suppose we coded something like this:

```
sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
sa.sin_port = 13;
sa.sin_addr.s_addr = (((((192 << 8) | 43) << 8) | 244) << 8) | 18;
```

What would the result look like?

Well, that depends, of course. On a Pentium®, or other x86, based computer, it would look like this:

|    | 0  | 1   | 2  | 3   |
|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 0  | 0  | 2   | 13 | 0   |
| 4  | 18 | 244 | 43 | 192 |
| 8  | 0  |     |    |     |
| 12 | 0  |     |    |     |

On a different system, it might look like this:

|    | 0   | 1  | 2   | 3  |
|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| 0  | 0   | 2  | 0   | 13 |
| 4  | 192 | 43 | 244 | 18 |
| 8  | 0   |    |     |    |
| 12 | 0   |    |     |    |

And on a PDP it might look different yet. But the above two are the most common ways in use today.

Ordinarily, wanting to write portable code, programmers pretend that these differences do not exist. And they get away with it (except when they code in assembly language). Alas, you cannot get away with it that easily when coding for sockets.

Why?

Because when communicating with another computer, you usually do not know whether it stores data most significant byte (MSB) or least significant byte (LSB) first.

You might be wondering, "So, will sockets not handle it for me?"

It will not.

While that answer may surprise you at first, remember that the general sockets interface only understands the `sa_len` and `sa_family` fields of the `sockaddr` structure. You do not have to worry about the byte order there (of course, on FreeBSD `sa_family` is only 1 byte anyway, but many other UNIX® systems do not have `sa_len` and use 2 bytes for `sa_family`, and expect the data in whatever order is native to the computer).

But the rest of the data is just `sa_data[14]` as far as sockets goes. Depending on the address family, sockets just forwards that data to its destination.

Indeed, when we enter a port number, it is because we want the other computer to know what service we are asking for. And, when we are the server, we read the port number so we know what service the other computer is expecting from us. Either way, sockets only has to forward the port number as data. It does not interpret it in any way.

Similarly, we enter the IP address to tell everyone on the way where to send our data to. Sockets, again, only forwards it as data.

That is why, we (the programmers, not the sockets) have to distinguish between the byte order used by our computer and a conventional byte order to send the data in to the other computer.

We will call the byte order our computer uses the host byte order, or just the host order.

There is a convention of sending the multi-byte data over IP MSB first. This, we will refer to as the network byte order, or simply the network order.

Now, if we compiled the above code for an Intel based computer, our host byte order would produce:

|    | 0  | 1   | 2  | 3   |
|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 0  | 0  | 2   | 13 | 0   |
| 4  | 18 | 244 | 43 | 192 |
| 8  | 0  |     |    |     |
| 12 | 0  |     |    |     |

But the network byte order requires that we store the data MSB first:

|    | 0   | 1  | 2   | 3  |
|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| 0  | 0   | 2  | 0   | 13 |
| 4  | 192 | 43 | 244 | 18 |
| 8  | 0   |    |     |    |
| 12 | 0   |    |     |    |

Unfortunately, our host order is the exact opposite of the network order.

We have several ways of dealing with it. One would be to reverse the values in our code:

```
sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
sa.sin_port = 13 << 8;
sa.sin_addr.s_addr = (((((18 << 8) | 244) << 8) | 43) << 8) | 192;
```

This will trick our compiler into storing the data in the network byte order. In some cases, this is exactly the way to do it (e.g., when programming in assembly language). In most cases, however, it can cause a problem.

Suppose, you wrote a sockets-based program in C. You know it is going to run on a Pentium®, so you enter all your constants in reverse and force them to the network byte order. It works well.

Then, some day, your trusted old Pentium® becomes a rusty old Pentium®. You replace it with a system whose host order is the same as the network order. You need to recompile all your software. All of your software continues to perform well, except the one program you wrote.

You have since forgotten that you had forced all of your constants to the opposite of the host order. You spend some quality time tearing out your hair, calling the names of all gods you ever heard of (and some you made up), hitting your monitor with a nerf bat, and performing all the other traditional ceremonies of trying to figure out why something that has worked so well is suddenly not working at all.

Eventually, you figure it out, say a couple of swear words, and start rewriting your code.

Luckily, you are not the first one to face the problem. Someone else has created the [htons\(3\)](#) and [htonl\(3\)](#) C functions to convert a **short** and **long** respectively from the host byte order to the network byte order, and the [ntohs\(3\)](#) and [ntohl\(3\)](#) C functions to go the other way.

On MSB-first systems these functions do nothing. On LSB-first systems they convert values to the proper order.

So, regardless of what system your software is compiled on, your data will end up in the correct order if you use these functions.

## Client Functions

Typically, the client initiates the connection to the server. The client knows which server it is about to call: It knows its IP address, and it knows the port the server resides at. It is akin to you picking up the phone and dialing the number (the address), then, after someone answers, asking for the person in charge of wingdings (the port).

### connect

Once a client has created a socket, it needs to connect it to a specific port on a remote system. It uses `connect(2)`:

```
int connect(int s, const struct sockaddr *name, socklen_t namelen);
```

The `s` argument is the socket, i.e., the value returned by the `socket` function. The `name` is a pointer to `sockaddr`, the structure we have talked about extensively. Finally, `namelen` informs the system how many bytes are in our `sockaddr` structure.

If `connect` is successful, it returns `0`. Otherwise it returns `-1` and stores the error code in `errno`.

There are many reasons why `connect` may fail. For example, with an attempt to an Internet connection, the IP address may not exist, or it may be down, or just too busy, or it may not have a server listening at the specified port. Or it may outright refuse any request for specific code.

### Our First Client

We now know enough to write a very simple client, one that will get current time from `192.43.244.18` and print it to stdout.

```
/*
 * daytime.c
 *
 * Programmed by G. Adam Stanislav
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>

int main() {
    register int s;
    register int bytes;
    struct sockaddr_in sa;
    char buffer[BUFSIZ+1];

    if ((s = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket");
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```

bzero(&sa, sizeof sa);

sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
sa.sin_port = htons(13);
sa.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl((((192 << 8) | 43) << 8) | 244) << 8 | 18);
if (connect(s, (struct sockaddr *)&sa, sizeof sa) < 0) {
    perror("connect");
    close(s);
    return 2;
}

while ((bytes = read(s, buffer, BUFSIZ)) > 0)
    write(1, buffer, bytes);

close(s);
return 0;
}

```

Go ahead, enter it in your editor, save it as `daytime.c`, then compile and run it:

```

% cc -O3 -o daytime daytime.c
% ./daytime

52079 01-06-19 02:29:25 50 0 1 543.9 UTC(NIST) *
%

```

In this case, the date was June 19, 2001, the time was 02:29:25 UTC. Naturally, your results will vary.

## Server Functions

The typical server does not initiate the connection. Instead, it waits for a client to call it and request services. It does not know when the client will call, nor how many clients will call. It may be just sitting there, waiting patiently, one moment, The next moment, it can find itself swamped with requests from a number of clients, all calling in at the same time.

The sockets interface offers three basic functions to handle this.

### bind

Ports are like extensions to a phone line: After you dial a number, you dial the extension to get to a specific person or department.

There are 65535 IP ports, but a server usually processes requests that come in on only one of them. It is like telling the phone room operator that we are now at work and available to answer the phone at a specific extension. We use `bind(2)` to tell sockets which port we want to serve.

```

int bind(int s, const struct sockaddr *addr, socklen_t addrlen);

```

Beside specifying the port in `addr`, the server may include its IP address. However, it can just use the symbolic constant `INADDR_ANY` to indicate it will serve all requests to the specified port regardless of what its IP address is. This symbol, along with several similar ones, is declared in `netinet/in.h`

```
#define INADDR_ANY (u_int32_t)0x00000000
```

Suppose we were writing a server for the daytime protocol over TCP/IP. Recall that it uses port 13. Our `sockaddr_in` structure would look like this:

|    | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3  |
|----|---|---|---|----|
| 0  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| 4  | 0 |   |   |    |
| 8  | 0 |   |   |    |
| 12 | 0 |   |   |    |

### listen

To continue our office phone analogy, after you have told the phone central operator what extension you will be at, you now walk into your office, and make sure your own phone is plugged in and the ringer is turned on. Plus, you make sure your call waiting is activated, so you can hear the phone ring even while you are talking to someone.

The server ensures all of that with the `listen(2)` function.

```
int listen(int s, int backlog);
```

In here, the `backlog` variable tells sockets how many incoming requests to accept while you are busy processing the last request. In other words, it determines the maximum size of the queue of pending connections.

### accept

After you hear the phone ringing, you accept the call by answering the call. You have now established a connection with your client. This connection remains active until either you or your client hang up.

The server accepts the connection by using the `accept(2)` function.

```
int accept(int s, struct sockaddr *addr, socklen_t *addrlen);
```

Note that this time `addrlen` is a pointer. This is necessary because in this case it is the socket that fills out `addr`, the `sockaddr_in` structure.

The return value is an integer. Indeed, the `accept` returns a new socket. You will use this new socket to communicate with the client.

What happens to the old socket? It continues to listen for more requests (remember the `backlog` variable we passed to `listen`?) until we `close` it.

Now, the new socket is meant only for communications. It is fully connected. We cannot pass it to `listen` again, trying to accept additional connections.

Our first server will be somewhat more complex than our first client was: Not only do we have more sockets functions to use, but we need to write it as a daemon.

This is best achieved by creating a child process after binding the port. The main process then exits and returns control to the shell (or whatever program invoked it).

The child calls **listen**, then starts an endless loop, which accepts a connection, serves it, and eventually closes its socket.

```
/*
 * daytimed - a port 13 server
 *
 * Programmed by G. Adam Stanislav
 * June 19, 2001
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>

#define BACKLOG 4

int main() {
    register int s, c;
    int b;
    struct sockaddr_in sa;
    time_t t;
    struct tm *tm;
    FILE *client;

    if ((s = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket");
        return 1;
    }

    bzero(&sa, sizeof sa);

    sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
    sa.sin_port = htons(13);

    if (INADDR_ANY)
```

```

sa.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);

if (bind(s, (struct sockaddr *)&sa, sizeof sa) < 0) {
    perror("bind");
    return 2;
}

switch (fork()) {
    case -1:
        perror("fork");
        return 3;
        break;
    default:
        close(s);
        return 0;
        break;
    case 0:
        break;
}

listen(s, BACKLOG);

for (;;) {
    b = sizeof sa;

    if ((c = accept(s, (struct sockaddr *)&sa, &b)) < 0) {
        perror("daytimed accept");
        return 4;
    }

    if ((client = fdopen(c, "w")) == NULL) {
        perror("daytimed fdopen");
        return 5;
    }

    if ((t = time(NULL)) < 0) {
        perror("daytimed time");

        return 6;
    }

    tm = gmtime(&t);

```

```

    fprintf(client, "%.4i-%.2i-%.2iT%.2i:%.2i:%.2iZ\n",
        tm->tm_year + 1900,
        tm->tm_mon + 1,
        tm->tm_mday,
        tm->tm_hour,
        tm->tm_min,
        tm->tm_sec);

    fclose(client);
}
}

```

We start by creating a socket. Then we fill out the `sockaddr_in` structure in `sa`. Note the conditional use of `INADDR_ANY`:

```

if (INADDR_ANY)
    sa.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);

```

Its value is `0`. Since we have just used `bzero` on the entire structure, it would be redundant to set it to `0` again. But if we port our code to some other system where `INADDR_ANY` is perhaps not a zero, we need to assign it to `sa.sin_addr.s_addr`. Most modern C compilers are clever enough to notice that `INADDR_ANY` is a constant. As long as it is a zero, they will optimize the entire conditional statement out of the code.

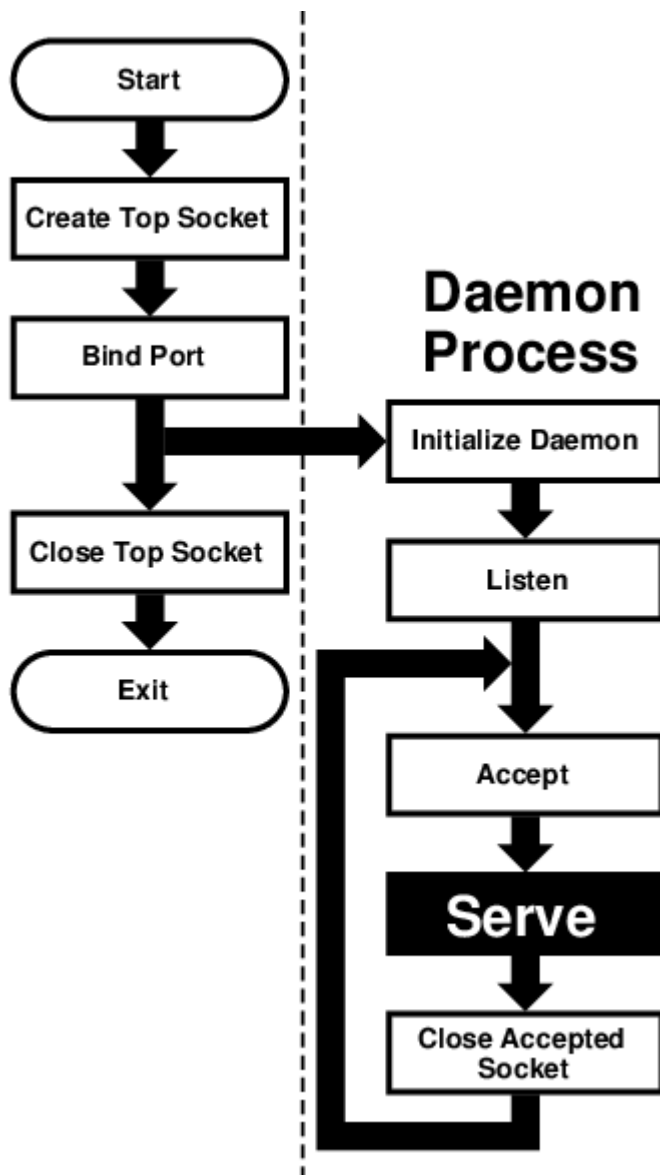
After we have called `bind` successfully, we are ready to become a daemon: We use `fork` to create a child process. In both, the parent and the child, the `s` variable is our socket. The parent process will not need it, so it calls `close`, then it returns `0` to inform its own parent it had terminated successfully.

Meanwhile, the child process continues working in the background. It calls `listen` and sets its backlog to `4`. It does not need a large value here because daytime is not a protocol many clients request all the time, and because it can process each request instantly anyway.

Finally, the daemon starts an endless loop, which performs the following steps:

1. Call `accept`. It waits here until a client contacts it. At that point, it receives a new socket, `c`, which it can use to communicate with this particular client.
2. It uses the C function `fdopen` to turn the socket from a low-level file descriptor to a C-style `FILE` pointer. This will allow the use of `fprintf` later on.
3. It checks the time, and prints it in the ISO 8601 format to the `client` "file". It then uses `fclose` to close the file. That will automatically close the socket as well.

We can generalize this, and use it as a model for many other servers:



This flowchart is good for sequential servers, i.e., servers that can serve one client at a time, just as we were able to with our daytime server. This is only possible whenever there is no real "conversation" going on between the client and the server: As soon as the server detects a connection to the client, it sends out some data and closes the connection. The entire operation may take nanoseconds, and it is finished.

The advantage of this flowchart is that, except for the brief moment after the parent **forks** and before it exits, there is always only one process active: Our server does not take up much memory and other system resources.

Note that we have added initialize daemon in our flowchart. We did not need to initialize our own daemon, but this is a good place in the flow of the program to set up any **signal** handlers, open any files we may need, etc.

Just about everything in the flow chart can be used literally on many different servers. The serve entry is the exception. We think of it as a "black box", i.e., something you design specifically for your own server, and just "plug it into the rest."

Not all protocols are that simple. Many receive a request from the client, reply to it, then receive another request from the same client. Because of that, they do not know in advance how long they will be serving the client. Such servers usually start a new process for each client. While the new process is serving its client, the daemon can continue listening for more connections.

Now, go ahead, save the above source code as `daytimed.c` (it is customary to end the names of daemons with the letter **d**). After you have compiled it, try running it:

```
% ./daytimed
bind: Permission denied
%
```

What happened here? As you will recall, the daytime protocol uses port 13. But all ports below 1024 are reserved to the superuser (otherwise, anyone could start a daemon pretending to serve a commonly used port, while causing a security breach).

Try again, this time as the superuser:

```
# ./daytimed
#
```

What... Nothing? Let us try again:

```
# ./daytimed

bind: Address already in use
#
```

Every port can only be bound by one program at a time. Our first attempt was indeed successful: It started the child daemon and returned quietly. It is still running and will continue to run until you either kill it, or any of its system calls fail, or you reboot the system.

Fine, we know it is running in the background. But is it working? How do we know it is a proper daytime server? Simple:

```
% telnet localhost 13

Trying ::1...
telnet: connect to address ::1: Connection refused
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
2001-06-19T21:04:42Z
Connection closed by foreign host.
%
```

telnet tried the new IPv6, and failed. It retried with IPv4 and succeeded. The daemon works.

If you have access to another UNIX® system via telnet, you can use it to test accessing the server remotely. My computer does not have a static IP address, so this is what I did:

```
% who

whizkid      tty0  Jun 19 16:59 (216.127.220.143)
```

```
xxx      ttyp1 Jun 19 16:06 (xx.xx.xx.xx)
% telnet 216.127.220.143 13

Trying 216.127.220.143...
Connected to r47.bfm.org.
Escape character is '^]'.
2001-06-19T21:31:11Z
Connection closed by foreign host.
%
```

Again, it worked. Will it work using the domain name?

```
% telnet r47.bfm.org 13

Trying 216.127.220.143...
Connected to r47.bfm.org.
Escape character is '^]'.
2001-06-19T21:31:40Z
Connection closed by foreign host.
%
```

By the way, telnet prints the Connection closed by foreign host message after our daemon has closed the socket. This shows us that, indeed, using `fclose(client)`; in our code works as advertised.

## 7.6. Helper Functions

FreeBSD C library contains many helper functions for sockets programming. For example, in our sample client we hard coded the `time.nist.gov` IP address. But we do not always know the IP address. Even if we do, our software is more flexible if it allows the user to enter the IP address, or even the domain name.

### 7.6.1. `gethostbyname`

While there is no way to pass the domain name directly to any of the sockets functions, the FreeBSD C library comes with the `gethostbyname(3)` and `gethostbyname2(3)` functions, declared in `netdb.h`.

```
struct hostent * gethostbyname(const char *name);
struct hostent * gethostbyname2(const char *name, int af);
```

Both return a pointer to the `hostent` structure, with much information about the domain. For our purposes, the `h_addr_list[0]` field of the structure points at `h_length` bytes of the correct address, already stored in the network byte order.

This allows us to create a much more flexible-and much more useful-version of our daytime program:

```
/*
 * daytime.c
```

```

*
* Programmed by G. Adam Stanislav
* 19 June 2001
*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <netdb.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    register int s;
    register int bytes;
    struct sockaddr_in sa;
    struct hostent *he;
    char buf[BUFSIZ+1];
    char *host;

    if ((s = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket");
        return 1;
    }

    bzero(&sa, sizeof sa);

    sa.sin_family = AF_INET;
    sa.sin_port = htons(13);

    host = (argc > 1) ? (char *)argv[1] : "time.nist.gov";

    if ((he = gethostbyname(host)) == NULL) {
        perror(host);
        return 2;
    }

    bcopy(he->h_addr_list[0], &sa.sin_addr, he->h_length);

    if (connect(s, (struct sockaddr *)&sa, sizeof sa) < 0) {
        perror("connect");
        return 3;
    }
}

```

```

while ((bytes = read(s, buf, BUFSIZ)) > 0)
    write(1, buf, bytes);

close(s);
return 0;
}

```

We now can type a domain name (or an IP address, it works both ways) on the command line, and the program will try to connect to its daytime server. Otherwise, it will still default to [time.nist.gov](http://time.nist.gov). However, even in this case we will use [gethostbyname](#) rather than hard coding [192.43.244.18](#). That way, even if its IP address changes in the future, we will still find it.

Since it takes virtually no time to get the time from your local server, you could run daytime twice in a row: First to get the time from [time.nist.gov](http://time.nist.gov), the second time from your own system. You can then compare the results and see how exact your system clock is:

```

% daytime ; daytime localhost

52080 01-06-20 04:02:33 50 0 0 390.2 UTC(NIST) *
2001-06-20T04:02:35Z
%

```

As you can see, my system was two seconds ahead of the NIST time.

### 7.6.2. [getservbyname](#)

Sometimes you may not be sure what port a certain service uses. The [getservbyname\(3\)](#) function, also declared in `netdb.h` comes in very handy in those cases:

```

struct servent * getservbyname(const char *name, const char *proto);

```

The [servent](#) structure contains the [s\\_port](#), which contains the proper port, already in network byte order.

Had we not known the correct port for the daytime service, we could have found it this way:

```

struct servent *se;
...
if ((se = getservbyname("daytime", "tcp")) == NULL {
    fprintf(stderr, "Cannot determine which port to use.\n");
    return 7;
}
sa.sin_port = se->s_port;

```

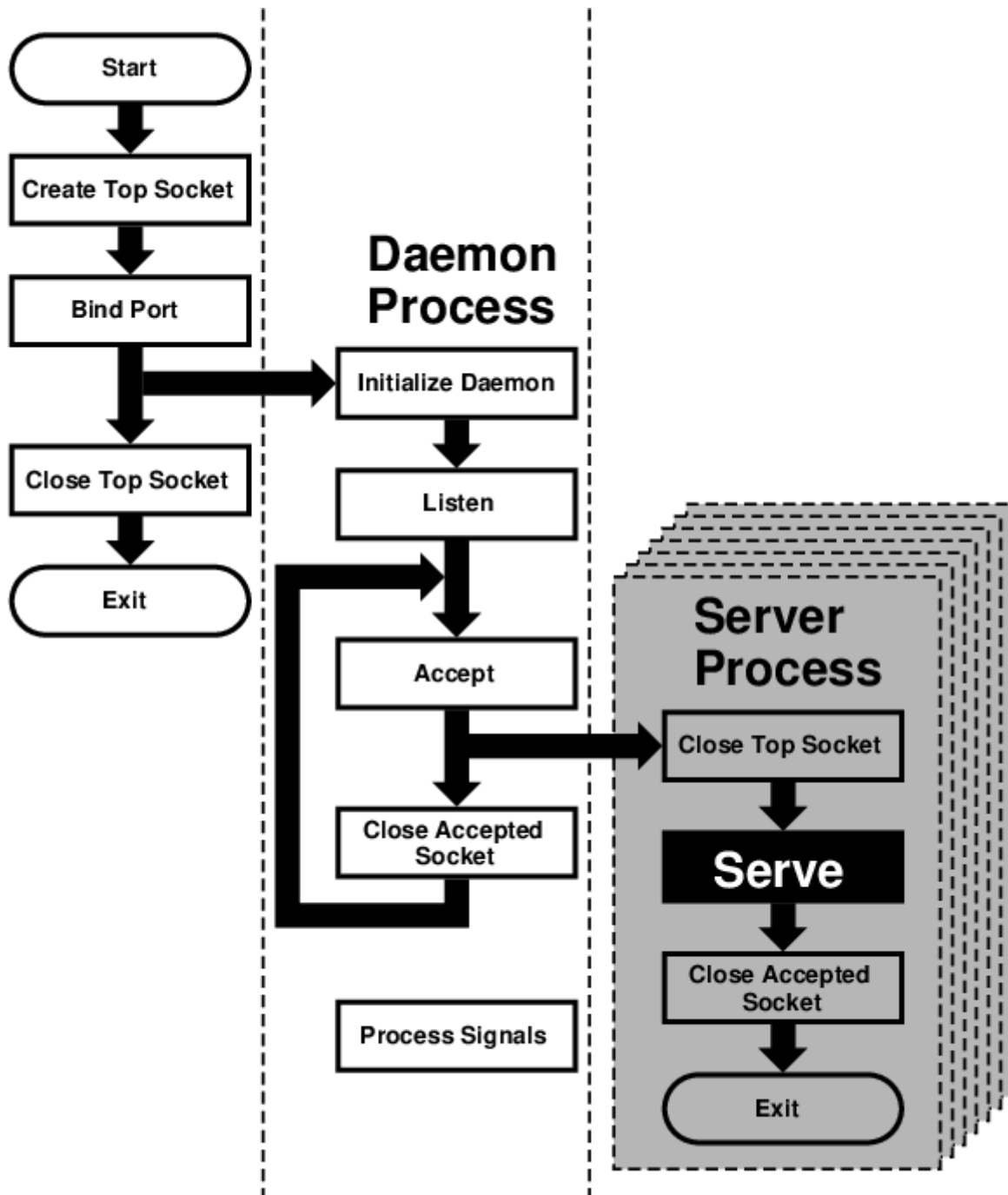
You usually do know the port. But if you are developing a new protocol, you may be testing it on an unofficial port. Some day, you will register the protocol and its port (if nowhere else, at least in your `/etc/services`, which is where [getservbyname](#) looks). Instead of returning an error in the above

code, you just use the temporary port number. Once you have listed the protocol in `/etc/services`, your software will find its port without you having to rewrite the code.

## 7.7. Concurrent Servers

Unlike a sequential server, a concurrent server has to be able to serve more than one client at a time. For example, a chat server may be serving a specific client for hours-it cannot wait till it stops serving a client before it serves the next one.

This requires a significant change in our flowchart:



We moved the serve from the daemon process to its own server process. However, because each child process inherits all open files (and a socket is treated just like a file), the new process inherits not only the "accepted handle," i.e., the socket returned by the `accept` call, but also the top socket, i.e., the one opened by the top process right at the beginning.

However, the server process does not need this socket and should `close` it immediately. Similarly, the daemon process no longer needs the accepted socket, and not only should, but must `close` it-

otherwise, it will run out of available file descriptors sooner or later.

After the server process is done serving, it should close the accepted socket. Instead of returning to **accept**, it now exits.

Under UNIX®, a process does not really exit. Instead, it returns to its parent. Typically, a parent process **waits** for its child process, and obtains a return value. However, our daemon process cannot simply stop and wait. That would defeat the whole purpose of creating additional processes. But if it never does **wait**, its children will become zombies-no longer functional but still roaming around.

For that reason, the daemon process needs to set signal handlers in its initialize daemon phase. At least a SIGCHLD signal has to be processed, so the daemon can remove the zombie return values from the system and release the system resources they are taking up.

That is why our flowchart now contains a process signals box, which is not connected to any other box. By the way, many servers also process SIGHUP, and typically interpret as the signal from the superuser that they should reread their configuration files. This allows us to change settings without having to kill and restart these servers.

# Chapter 8. IPv6 Internals

## 8.1. IPv6/IPsec Implementation

This section should explain IPv6 and IPsec related implementation internals. These functionalities are derived from [KAME project](#)

### 8.1.1. IPv6

#### Conformance

The IPv6 related functions conforms, or tries to conform to the latest set of IPv6 specifications. For future reference we list some of the relevant documents below (NOTE: this is not a complete list - this is too hard to maintain...).

For details please refer to specific chapter in the document, RFCs, manual pages, or comments in the source code.

Conformance tests have been performed on the KAME STABLE kit at TAHI project. Results can be viewed at <http://www.tahi.org/report/KAME/>. We also attended University of New Hampshire IOL tests (<http://www.iol.unh.edu/>) in the past, with our past snapshots.

- RFC1639: FTP Operation Over Big Address Records (FOOBAR)
  - RFC2428 is preferred over RFC1639. FTP clients will first try RFC2428, then RFC1639 if failed.
- RFC1886: DNS Extensions to support IPv6
- RFC1933: Transition Mechanisms for IPv6 Hosts and Routers
  - IPv4 compatible address is not supported.
  - automatic tunneling (described in 4.3 of this RFC) is not supported.
  - [gif\(4\)](#) interface implements IPv[46]-over-IPv[46] tunnel in a generic way, and it covers "configured tunnel" described in the spec. See [23.5.1.5](#) in this document for details.
- RFC1981: Path MTU Discovery for IPv6
- RFC2080: RIPng for IPv6
  - `usr.sbin/route6d` support this.
- RFC2292: Advanced Sockets API for IPv6
  - For supported library functions/kernel APIs, see `sys/netinet6/ADVAPI`.
- RFC2362: Protocol Independent Multicast-Sparse Mode (PIM-SM)
  - RFC2362 defines packet formats for PIM-SM. `draft-ietf-pim-ipv6-01.txt` is written based on this.
- RFC2373: IPv6 Addressing Architecture
  - supports node required addresses, and conforms to the scope requirement.
- RFC2374: An IPv6 Aggregatable Global Unicast Address Format
  - supports 64-bit length of Interface ID.
- RFC2375: IPv6 Multicast Address Assignments
  - Userland applications use the well-known addresses assigned in the RFC.
- RFC2428: FTP Extensions for IPv6 and NATs
  - RFC2428 is preferred over RFC1639. FTP clients will first try RFC2428, then RFC1639 if failed.
- RFC2460: IPv6 specification
- RFC2461: Neighbor discovery for IPv6

- See [23.5.1.2](#) in this document for details.
- RFC2462: IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration
  - See [23.5.1.4](#) in this document for details.
- RFC2463: ICMPv6 for IPv6 specification
  - See [23.5.1.9](#) in this document for details.
- RFC2464: Transmission of IPv6 Packets over Ethernet Networks
- RFC2465: MIB for IPv6: Textual Conventions and General Group
  - Necessary statistics are gathered by the kernel. Actual IPv6 MIB support is provided as a patchkit for ucd-snmp.
- RFC2466: MIB for IPv6: ICMPv6 group
  - Necessary statistics are gathered by the kernel. Actual IPv6 MIB support is provided as patchkit for ucd-snmp.
- RFC2467: Transmission of IPv6 Packets over FDDI Networks
- RFC2497: Transmission of IPv6 packet over ARCnet Networks
- RFC2553: Basic Socket Interface Extensions for IPv6
  - IPv4 mapped address (3.7) and special behavior of IPv6 wildcard bind socket (3.8) are supported. See [23.5.1.12](#) in this document for details.
- RFC2675: IPv6 Jumbograms
  - See [23.5.1.7](#) in this document for details.
- RFC2710: Multicast Listener Discovery for IPv6
- RFC2711: IPv6 router alert option
- draft-ietf-ipngwg-router-renum-08: Router renumbering for IPv6
- draft-ietf-ipngwg-icmp-namelookups-02: IPv6 Name Lookups Through ICMP
- draft-ietf-ipngwg-icmp-name-lookups-03: IPv6 Name Lookups Through ICMP
- draft-ietf-pim-ipv6-01.txt: PIM for IPv6
  - [pim6dd\(8\)](#) implements dense mode. [pim6sd\(8\)](#) implements sparse mode.
- draft-itojun-ipv6-tcp-to-anycast-00: Disconnecting TCP connection toward IPv6 anycast address
- draft-yamamoto-wideipv6-comm-model-00
  - See [23.5.1.6](#) in this document for details.
- draft-ietf-ipngwg-scopedaddr-format-00.txt: An Extension of Format for IPv6 Scoped Addresses

## Neighbor Discovery

Neighbor Discovery is fairly stable. Currently Address Resolution, Duplicated Address Detection, and Neighbor Unreachability Detection are supported. In the near future we will be adding Proxy Neighbor Advertisement support in the kernel and Unsolicited Neighbor Advertisement transmission command as admin tool.

If DAD fails, the address will be marked "duplicated" and message will be generated to syslog (and usually to console). The "duplicated" mark can be checked with [ifconfig\(8\)](#). It is administrators' responsibility to check for and recover from DAD failures. The behavior should be improved in the near future.

Some of the network driver loops multicast packets back to itself, even if instructed not to do so (especially in promiscuous mode). In such cases DAD may fail, because DAD engine sees inbound NS packet (actually from the node itself) and considers it as a sign of duplicate. You may want to look at #if condition marked "heuristics" in sys/netinet6/nd6\_nbr.c:nd6\_dad\_timer() as workaround (note that the code fragment in "heuristics" section is not spec conformant).

Neighbor Discovery specification (RFC2461) does not talk about neighbor cache handling in the

following cases:

1. when there was no neighbor cache entry, node received unsolicited RS/NS/NA/redirect packet without link-layer address
2. neighbor cache handling on medium without link-layer address (we need a neighbor cache entry for IsRouter bit)

For first case, we implemented workaround based on discussions on IETF ipngwg mailing list. For more details, see the comments in the source code and email thread started from (IPng 7155), dated Feb 6 1999.

IPv6 on-link determination rule (RFC2461) is quite different from assumptions in BSD network code. At this moment, no on-link determination rule is supported where default router list is empty (RFC2461, section 5.2, last sentence in 2nd paragraph - note that the spec misuse the word "host" and "node" in several places in the section).

To avoid possible DoS attacks and infinite loops, only 10 options on ND packet is accepted now. Therefore, if you have 20 prefix options attached to RA, only the first 10 prefixes will be recognized. If this troubles you, please ask it on FREEBSD-CURRENT mailing list and/or modify `nd6_maxndopt` in `sys/netinet6/nd6.c`. If there are high demands we may provide `sysctl` knob for the variable.

## Scope Index

IPv6 uses scoped addresses. Therefore, it is very important to specify scope index (interface index for link-local address, or site index for site-local address) with an IPv6 address. Without scope index, scoped IPv6 address is ambiguous to the kernel, and kernel will not be able to determine the outbound interface for a packet.

Ordinary userland applications should use advanced API (RFC2292) to specify scope index, or interface index. For similar purpose, `sin6_scope_id` member in `sockaddr_in6` structure is defined in RFC2553. However, the semantics for `sin6_scope_id` is rather vague. If you care about portability of your application, we suggest you to use advanced API rather than `sin6_scope_id`.

In the kernel, an interface index for link-local scoped address is embedded into 2nd 16bit-word (3rd and 4th byte) in IPv6 address. For example, you may see something like:

```
fe80:1::200:f8ff:fe01:6317
```

in the routing table and interface address structure (`struct in6_ifaddr`). The address above is a link-local unicast address which belongs to a network interface whose interface identifier is 1. The embedded index enables us to identify IPv6 link local addresses over multiple interfaces effectively and with only a little code change.

Routing daemons and configuration programs, like [route6d\(8\)](#) and [ifconfig\(8\)](#), will need to manipulate the "embedded" scope index. These programs use routing sockets and `ioctl`s (like `SIOCGIFADDR_IN6`) and the kernel API will return IPv6 addresses with 2nd 16bit-word filled in. The APIs are for manipulating kernel internal structure. Programs that use these APIs have to be prepared about differences in kernels anyway.

When you specify scoped address to the command line, NEVER write the embedded form (such as `ff02:1::1` or `fe80:2::fedc`). This is not supposed to work. Always use standard form, like `ff02::1` or `fe80::fedc`, with command line option for specifying interface (like `ping6 -I ne0 ff02::1`). In general, if a command does not have command line option to specify outgoing interface, that command is not ready to accept scoped address. This may seem to be opposite from IPv6's premise to support "dentist office" situation. We believe that specifications need some improvements for this.

Some of the userland tools support extended numeric IPv6 syntax, as documented in `draft-ietf-ipngwg-scopedaddr-format-00.txt`. You can specify outgoing link, by using name of the outgoing interface like `"fe80::1%ne0"`. This way you will be able to specify link-local scoped address without much trouble.

To use this extension in your program, you will need to use [getaddrinfo\(3\)](#), and [getnameinfo\(3\)](#) with `NI_WITHSCOPEID`. The implementation currently assumes 1-to-1 relationship between a link and an interface, which is stronger than what specs say.

## Plug and Play

Most of the IPv6 stateless address autoconfiguration is implemented in the kernel. Neighbor Discovery functions are implemented in the kernel as a whole. Router Advertisement (RA) input for hosts is implemented in the kernel. Router Solicitation (RS) output for endhosts, RS input for routers, and RA output for routers are implemented in the userland.

### Assignment of link-local, and special addresses

IPv6 link-local address is generated from IEEE802 address (Ethernet MAC address). Each of interface is assigned an IPv6 link-local address automatically, when the interface becomes up (`IFF_UP`). Also, direct route for the link-local address is added to routing table.

Here is an output of `netstat` command:

```
Internet6:
Destination      Gateway          Flags    Netif Expire
fe80:1::%ed0/64   link#1          UC       ed0
fe80:2::%ep0/64   link#2          UC       ep0
```

Interfaces that has no IEEE802 address (pseudo interfaces like tunnel interfaces, or ppp interfaces) will borrow IEEE802 address from other interfaces, such as Ethernet interfaces, whenever possible. If there is no IEEE802 hardware attached, a last resort pseudo-random value, MD5(hostname), will be used as source of link-local address. If it is not suitable for your usage, you will need to configure the link-local address manually.

If an interface is not capable of handling IPv6 (such as lack of multicast support), link-local address will not be assigned to that interface. See section 2 for details.

Each interface joins the solicited multicast address and the link-local all-nodes multicast addresses (e.g., `fe80::1:ff01:6317` and `ff02::1`, respectively, on the link the interface is attached). In addition to a link-local address, the loopback address (`::1`) will be assigned to the loopback interface. Also, `::1/128` and `ff01::/32` are automatically added to routing table, and loopback interface joins node-local multicast group `ff01::1`.

### Stateless address autoconfiguration on Hosts

In IPv6 specification, nodes are separated into two categories: routers and hosts. Routers forward packets addressed to others, hosts does not forward the packets. `net.inet6.ip6.forwarding` defines whether this node is router or host (router if it is 1, host if it is 0).

When a host hears Router Advertisement from the router, a host may autoconfigure itself by stateless address autoconfiguration. This behavior can be controlled by `net.inet6.ip6.accept_rtdv` (host autoconfigures itself if it is set to 1). By autoconfiguration, network address prefix for the receiving interface (usually global address prefix) is added. Default route is also configured. Routers periodically generate Router Advertisement packets. To request an adjacent router to generate RA packet, a host can transmit Router Solicitation. To generate a RS packet at any time, use the `rtsold` command. [rtsold\(8\)](#) daemon is also available. [rtsold\(8\)](#) generates Router Solicitation whenever necessary, and it works great for nomadic usage (notebooks/laptops). If one wishes to ignore Router Advertisements, use `sysctl` to set `net.inet6.ip6.accept_rtdv` to 0.

To generate Router Advertisement from a router, use the [rtadvd\(8\)](#) daemon.

Note that, IPv6 specification assumes the following items, and nonconforming cases are left unspecified:

- Only hosts will listen to router advertisements
- Hosts have single network interface (except loopback)

Therefore, this is unwise to enable `net.inet6.ip6.accept_rtadv` on routers, or multi-interface host. A misconfigured node can behave strange (nonconforming configuration allowed for those who would like to do some experiments).

To summarize the `sysctl` knob:

`accept_rtadv` forwarding role of the node

--- --- ---

0 0 host (to be manually configured)

0 1 router

1 0 autoconfigured host

(spec assumes that host has single interface only, autoconfigured host with multiple interface is out-of-scope)

1 1 invalid, or experimental (out-of-scope of spec)

RFC2462 has validation rule against incoming RA prefix information option, in 5.5.3 (e). This is to protect hosts from malicious (or misconfigured) routers that advertise very short prefix lifetime. There was an update from Jim Bound to `ipngwg` mailing list (look for "(ipng 6712)" in the archive) and it is implemented Jim's update.

See [23.5.1.2](#) in the document for relationship between DAD and autoconfiguration.

## Generic Tunnel Interface

GIF (Generic InterFace) is a pseudo interface for configured tunnel. Details are described in [gif\(4\)](#). Currently

- v6 in v6
- v6 in v4
- v4 in v6
- v4 in v4

are available. Use [gifconfig\(8\)](#) to assign physical (outer) source and destination address to gif interfaces. Configuration that uses same address family for inner and outer IP header (v4 in v4, or v6 in v6) is dangerous. It is very easy to configure interfaces and routing tables to perform infinite level of tunneling. Please be warned.

gif can be configured to be ECN-friendly. See [23.5.4.5](#) for ECN-friendliness of tunnels, and [gif\(4\)](#) for how to configure.

If you would like to configure an IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnel with gif interface, read [gif\(4\)](#) carefully. You will need to remove IPv6 link-local address automatically assigned to the gif interface.

## Source Address Selection

Current source selection rule is scope oriented (there are some exceptions - see below). For a given destination, a source IPv6 address is selected by the following rule:

1. If the source address is explicitly specified by the user (e.g., via the advanced API), the specified address is used.
2. If there is an address assigned to the outgoing interface (which is usually determined by looking up the routing table) that has the same scope as the destination address, the address is used.

This is the most typical case.

3. If there is no address that satisfies the above condition, choose a global address assigned to one of the interfaces on the sending node.
4. If there is no address that satisfies the above condition, and destination address is site local scope, choose a site local address assigned to one of the interfaces on the sending node.
5. If there is no address that satisfies the above condition, choose the address associated with the routing table entry for the destination. This is the last resort, which may cause scope violation.

For instance, `::1` is selected for `ff01::1`, `fe80:1::200:f8ff:fe01:6317` for `fe80:1::2a0:24ff:feab:839b` (note that embedded interface index - described in [23.5.1.3](#) - helps us choose the right source address. Those embedded indices will not be on the wire). If the outgoing interface has multiple address for the scope, a source is selected longest match basis (rule 3). Suppose `2001:0DB8:808:1:200:f8ff:fe01:6317` and `2001:0DB8:9:124:200:f8ff:fe01:6317` are given to the outgoing interface. `2001:0DB8:808:1:200:f8ff:fe01:6317` is chosen as the source for the destination `2001:0DB8:800::1`.

Note that the above rule is not documented in the IPv6 spec. It is considered "up to implementation" item. There are some cases where we do not use the above rule. One example is connected TCP session, and we use the address kept in tcb as the source. Another example is source address for Neighbor Advertisement. Under the spec (RFC2461 7.2.2) NA's source should be the target address of the corresponding NS's target. In this case we follow the spec rather than the above longest-match rule.

For new connections (when rule 1 does not apply), deprecated addresses (addresses with preferred lifetime = 0) will not be chosen as source address if other choices are available. If no other choices are available, deprecated address will be used as a last resort. If there are multiple choice of deprecated addresses, the above scope rule will be used to choose from those deprecated addresses. If you would like to prohibit the use of deprecated address for some reason, configure `net.ipv6.ip6.use_deprecated` to 0. The issue related to deprecated address is described in RFC2462 5.5.4 (NOTE: there is some debate underway in IETF ipngwg on how to use "deprecated" address).

## Jumbo Payload

The Jumbo Payload hop-by-hop option is implemented and can be used to send IPv6 packets with payloads longer than 65,535 octets. But currently no physical interface whose MTU is more than 65,535 is supported, so such payloads can be seen only on the loopback interface (i.e., `lo0`).

If you want to try jumbo payloads, you first have to reconfigure the kernel so that the MTU of the loopback interface is more than 65,535 bytes; add the following to the kernel configuration file:

**options "LARGE\_LOMTU" #To test jumbo payload**

and recompile the new kernel.

Then you can test jumbo payloads by the [ping6\(8\)](#) command with `-b` and `-s` options. The `-b` option must be specified to enlarge the size of the socket buffer and the `-s` option specifies the length of the packet, which should be more than 65,535. For example, type as follows:

```
% ping6 -b 70000 -s 68000 ::1
```

The IPv6 specification requires that the Jumbo Payload option must not be used in a packet that carries a fragment header. If this condition is broken, an ICMPv6 Parameter Problem message must be sent to the sender. specification is followed, but you cannot usually see an ICMPv6 error caused

by this requirement.

When an IPv6 packet is received, the frame length is checked and compared to the length specified in the payload length field of the IPv6 header or in the value of the Jumbo Payload option, if any. If the former is shorter than the latter, the packet is discarded and statistics are incremented. You can see the statistics as output of `netstat(8)` command with ``-s -p ip6'` option:

```
% netstat -s -p ip6
ip6:
  (snip)
  1 with data size < data length
```

So, kernel does not send an ICMPv6 error unless the erroneous packet is an actual Jumbo Payload, that is, its packet size is more than 65,535 bytes. As described above, currently no physical interface with such a huge MTU is supported, so it rarely returns an ICMPv6 error.

TCP/UDP over jumbogram is not supported at this moment. This is because we have no medium (other than loopback) to test this. Contact us if you need this.

IPsec does not work on jumbograms. This is due to some specification twists in supporting AH with jumbograms (AH header size influences payload length, and this makes it real hard to authenticate inbound packet with jumbo payload option as well as AH).

There are fundamental issues in \*BSD support for jumbograms. We would like to address those, but we need more time to finalize these. To name a few:

- `mbuf pkthdr.len` field is typed as "int" in 4.4BSD, so it will not hold jumbogram with `len > 2G` on 32bit architecture CPUs. If we would like to support jumbogram properly, the field must be expanded to hold 4G + IPv6 header + link-layer header. Therefore, it must be expanded to at least `int64_t` (`u_int32_t` is NOT enough).
- We mistakingly use "int" to hold packet length in many places. We need to convert them into larger integral type. It needs a great care, as we may experience overflow during packet length computation.
- We mistakingly check for `ip6_plen` field of IPv6 header for packet payload length in various places. We should be checking `mbuf pkthdr.len` instead. `ip6_input()` will perform sanity check on jumbo payload option on input, and we can safely use `mbuf pkthdr.len` afterwards.
- TCP code needs a careful update in bunch of places, of course.

### Loop Prevention in Header Processing

IPv6 specification allows arbitrary number of extension headers to be placed onto packets. If we implement IPv6 packet processing code in the way BSD IPv4 code is implemented, kernel stack may overflow due to long function call chain. `sys/netinet6` code is carefully designed to avoid kernel stack overflow. Because of this, `sys/netinet6` code defines its own protocol switch structure, as "struct `ip6protosw`" (see `netinet6/ip6protosw.h`). There is no such update to IPv4 part (`sys/netinet`) for compatibility, but small change is added to its `pr_input()` prototype. So "struct `ipprotosw`" is also defined. Because of this, if you receive IPsec-over-IPv4 packet with massive number of IPsec headers, kernel stack may blow up. IPsec-over-IPv6 is okay. (Off-course, for those all IPsec headers to be processed, each such IPsec header must pass each IPsec check. So an anonymous attacker will not be able to do such an attack.)

### ICMPv6

After RFC2463 was published, IETF ipngwg has decided to disallow ICMPv6 error packet against ICMPv6 redirect, to prevent ICMPv6 storm on a network medium. This is already implemented into the kernel.

## Applications

For userland programming, we support IPv6 socket API as specified in RFC2553, RFC2292 and upcoming Internet drafts.

TCP/UDP over IPv6 is available and quite stable. You can enjoy [telnet\(1\)](#), [ftp\(1\)](#), [rlogin\(1\)](#), [rsh\(1\)](#), [ssh\(1\)](#), etc. These applications are protocol independent. That is, they automatically chooses IPv4 or IPv6 according to DNS.

## Kernel Internals

While `ip_forward()` calls `ip_output()`, `ip6_forward()` directly calls `if_output()` since routers must not divide IPv6 packets into fragments.

ICMPv6 should contain the original packet as long as possible up to 1280. UDP6/IP6 port unreachable, for instance, should contain all extension headers and the unchanged UDP6 and IP6 headers. So, all IP6 functions except TCP never convert network byte order into host byte order, to save the original packet.

`tcp_input()`, `udp6_input()` and `icmp6_input()` can not assume that IP6 header is preceding the transport headers due to extension headers. So, `in6_cksum()` was implemented to handle packets whose IP6 header and transport header is not continuous. TCP/IP6 nor UDP6/IP6 header structures do not exist for checksum calculation.

To process IP6 header, extension headers and transport headers easily, network drivers are now required to store packets in one internal mbuf or one or more external mbufs. A typical old driver prepares two internal mbufs for 96 - 204 bytes data, however, now such packet data is stored in one external mbuf.

`netstat -s -p ip6` tells you whether or not your driver conforms such requirement. In the following example, "cce0" violates the requirement. (For more information, refer to Section 2.)

### Mbuf statistics:

```
317 one mbuf
two or more mbuf::
  lo0 = 8
cce0 = 10
3282 one ext mbuf
0 two or more ext mbuf
```

Each input function calls `IP6_EXTHDR_CHECK` in the beginning to check if the region between IP6 and its header is continuous. `IP6_EXTHDR_CHECK` calls `m_pullup()` only if the mbuf has `M_LOOP` flag, that is, the packet comes from the loopback interface. `m_pullup()` is never called for packets coming from physical network interfaces.

Both IP and IP6 reassemble functions never call `m_pullup()`.

## IPv4 Mapped Address and IPv6 Wildcard Socket

RFC2553 describes IPv4 mapped address (3.7) and special behavior of IPv6 wildcard bind socket (3.8). The spec allows you to:

- Accept IPv4 connections by `AF_INET6` wildcard bind socket.
- Transmit IPv4 packet over `AF_INET6` socket by using special form of the address like `::ffff:10.1.1.1`.

but the spec itself is very complicated and does not specify how the socket layer should behave.

Here we call the former one "listening side" and the latter one "initiating side", for reference purposes.

You can perform wildcard bind on both of the address families, on the same port.

The following table show the behavior of FreeBSD 4.x.

| listening side                                | initiating side                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (AF_INET6 wildcard<br>socket gets IPv4 conn.) | (connection to ::ffff:10.1.1.1) |
| ---                                           | ---                             |
| FreeBSD 4.x configurable<br>default: enabled  | supported                       |

The following sections will give you more details, and how you can configure the behavior.

Comments on listening side:

It looks that RFC2553 talks too little on wildcard bind issue, especially on the port space issue, failure mode and relationship between AF\_INET/INET6 wildcard bind. There can be several separate interpretation for this RFC which conform to it but behaves differently. So, to implement portable application you should assume nothing about the behavior in the kernel. Using [getaddrinfo\(3\)](#) is the safest way. Port number space and wildcard bind issues were discussed in detail on ipv6imp mailing list, in mid March 1999 and it looks that there is no concrete consensus (means, up to implementers). You may want to check the mailing list archives.

If a server application would like to accept IPv4 and IPv6 connections, there will be two alternatives.

One is using AF\_INET and AF\_INET6 socket (you will need two sockets). Use [getaddrinfo\(3\)](#) with AI\_PASSIVE into ai\_flags, and [socket\(2\)](#) and [bind\(2\)](#) to all the addresses returned. By opening multiple sockets, you can accept connections onto the socket with proper address family. IPv4 connections will be accepted by AF\_INET socket, and IPv6 connections will be accepted by AF\_INET6 socket.

Another way is using one AF\_INET6 wildcard bind socket. Use [getaddrinfo\(3\)](#) with AI\_PASSIVE into ai\_flags and with AF\_INET6 into ai\_family, and set the 1st argument hostname to NULL. And [socket\(2\)](#) and [bind\(2\)](#) to the address returned. (should be IPv6 unspecified addr). You can accept either of IPv4 and IPv6 packet via this one socket.

To support only IPv6 traffic on AF\_INET6 wildcard binded socket portably, always check the peer address when a connection is made toward AF\_INET6 listening socket. If the address is IPv4 mapped address, you may want to reject the connection. You can check the condition by using IN6\_IS\_ADDR\_V4MAPPED() macro.

To resolve this issue more easily, there is system dependent [setsockopt\(2\)](#) option, IPV6\_BINDV6ONLY, used like below.

```
int on;

setsockopt(s, IPPROTO_IPV6, IPV6_BINDV6ONLY,
           (char *)&on, sizeof (on)) < 0));
```

When this call succeed, then this socket only receive IPv6 packets.

Comments on initiating side:

Advise to application implementers: to implement a portable IPv6 application (which works on multiple IPv6 kernels), we believe that the following is the key to the success:

- NEVER hardcode `AF_INET` nor `AF_INET6`.
- Use `getaddrinfo(3)` and `getnameinfo(3)` throughout the system. Never use `gethostby*()`, `getaddrby*()`, `inet_*()` or `getipnodeby*()`. (To update existing applications to be IPv6 aware easily, sometime `getipnodeby*()` will be useful. But if possible, try to rewrite the code to use `getaddrinfo(3)` and `getnameinfo(3)`.)
- If you would like to connect to destination, use `getaddrinfo(3)` and try all the destination returned, like `telnet(1)` does.
- Some of the IPv6 stack is shipped with buggy `getaddrinfo(3)`. Ship a minimal working version with your application and use that as last resort.

If you would like to use `AF_INET6` socket for both IPv4 and IPv6 outgoing connection, you will need to use `getipnodebyname(3)`. When you would like to update your existing application to be IPv6 aware with minimal effort, this approach might be chosen. But please note that it is a temporal solution, because `getipnodebyname(3)` itself is not recommended as it does not handle scoped IPv6 addresses at all. For IPv6 name resolution, `getaddrinfo(3)` is the preferred API. So you should rewrite your application to use `getaddrinfo(3)`, when you get the time to do it.

When writing applications that make outgoing connections, story goes much simpler if you treat `AF_INET` and `AF_INET6` as totally separate address family. `{set,get}sockopt` issue goes simpler, DNS issue will be made simpler. We do not recommend you to rely upon IPv4 mapped address.

unified tcp and inpcb code

FreeBSD 4.x uses shared tcp code between IPv4 and IPv6 (from `sys/netinet/tcp*`) and separate udp4/6 code. It uses unified inpcb structure.

The platform can be configured to support IPv4 mapped address. Kernel configuration is summarized as follows:

- By default, `AF_INET6` socket will grab IPv4 connections in certain condition, and can initiate connection to IPv4 destination embedded in IPv4 mapped IPv6 address.
- You can disable it on entire system with `sysctl` like below.

```
sysctl net.inet6.ip6.mapped_addr=0
```

## Listening Side

Each socket can be configured to support special `AF_INET6` wildcard bind (enabled by default). You can disable it on each socket basis with `setsockopt(2)` like below.

```
int on;

setsockopt(s, IPPROTO_IPV6, IPV6_BINDV6ONLY,
    (char *)&on, sizeof (on)) < 0);
```

Wildcard `AF_INET6` socket grabs IPv4 connection if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- there is no `AF_INET` socket that matches the IPv4 connection
- the `AF_INET6` socket is configured to accept IPv4 traffic, i.e., `setsockopt(IPV6_BINDV6ONLY)` returns 0.

There is no problem with open/close ordering.

## Initiating Side

FreeBSD 4.x supports outgoing connection to IPv4 mapped address (::ffff:10.1.1.1), if the node is configured to support IPv4 mapped address.

### sockaddr\_storage

When RFC2553 was about to be finalized, there was discussion on how struct sockaddr\_storage members are named. One proposal is to prepend "" to the members (like "ss\_len") as they should not be touched. The other proposal was not to prepend it (like "ss\_len") as we need to touch those members directly. There was no clear consensus on it.

As a result, RFC2553 defines struct sockaddr\_storage as follows:

```
struct sockaddr_storage {
    u_char __ss_len; /* address length */
    u_char __ss_family; /* address family */
    /* and bunch of padding */
};
```

On the contrary, XNET draft defines as follows:

```
struct sockaddr_storage {
    u_char ss_len; /* address length */
    u_char ss_family; /* address family */
    /* and bunch of padding */
};
```

In December 1999, it was agreed that RFC2553bis should pick the latter (XNET) definition.

Current implementation conforms to XNET definition, based on RFC2553bis discussion.

If you look at multiple IPv6 implementations, you will be able to see both definitions. As an userland programmer, the most portable way of dealing with it is to:

1. ensure ss\_family and/or ss\_len are available on the platform, by using GNU autoconf,
2. have -Dss\_family=ss\_family to unify all occurrences (including header file) into ss\_family, or
3. never touch \_\_ss\_family. cast to sockaddr \* and use sa\_family like:

```
struct sockaddr_storage ss;
family = ((struct sockaddr *)&ss)->sa_family
```

## 8.1.2. Network Drivers

Now following two items are required to be supported by standard drivers:

1. mbuf clustering requirement. In this stable release, we changed MINCLSIZE into MHLEN+1 for all the operating systems in order to make all the drivers behave as we expect.
2. multicast. If [ifmcstat\(8\)](#) yields no multicast group for a interface, that interface has to be patched.

If any of the drivers do not support the requirements, then the drivers cannot be used for IPv6 and/or IPsec communication. If you find any problem with your card using IPv6/IPsec, then, please report it to the [FreeBSD problem reports 郵遞論壇](#).

(NOTE: In the past we required all PCMCIA drivers to have a call to `in6_ifattach()`. We have no such requirement any more)

### 8.1.3. Translator

We categorize IPv4/IPv6 translator into 4 types:

- Translator A --- It is used in the early stage of transition to make it possible to establish a connection from an IPv6 host in an IPv6 island to an IPv4 host in the IPv4 ocean.
- Translator B --- It is used in the early stage of transition to make it possible to establish a connection from an IPv4 host in the IPv4 ocean to an IPv6 host in an IPv6 island.
- Translator C --- It is used in the late stage of transition to make it possible to establish a connection from an IPv4 host in an IPv4 island to an IPv6 host in the IPv6 ocean.
- Translator D --- It is used in the late stage of transition to make it possible to establish a connection from an IPv6 host in the IPv6 ocean to an IPv4 host in an IPv4 island.

### 8.1.4. IPsec

IPsec is mainly organized by three components.

1. Policy Management
2. Key Management
3. AH and ESP handling

#### Policy Management

The kernel implements experimental policy management code. There are two way to manage security policy. One is to configure per-socket policy using [setsockopt\(2\)](#). In this cases, policy configuration is described in [ipsec\\_set\\_policy\(3\)](#). The other is to configure kernel packet filter-based policy using PF\_KEY interface, via [setkey\(8\)](#).

The policy entry is not re-ordered with its indexes, so the order of entry when you add is very significant.

#### Key Management

The key management code implemented in this kit (`sys/netkey`) is a home-brew PFKEY v2 implementation. This conforms to RFC2367.

The home-brew IKE daemon, "racoon" is included in the kit (`kame/kame/racoon`). Basically you will need to run racoon as daemon, then set up a policy to require keys (like `ping -P 'out ipsec esp/transport//use'`). The kernel will contact racoon daemon as necessary to exchange keys.

#### AH and ESP Handling

IPsec module is implemented as "hooks" to the standard IPv4/IPv6 processing. When sending a packet, `ip{,6}_output()` checks if ESP/AH processing is required by checking if a matching SPD (Security Policy Database) is found. If ESP/AH is needed, `{esp,ah}{4,6}_output()` will be called and mbuf will be updated accordingly. When a packet is received, `{esp,ah}4_input()` will be called based on protocol number, i.e., `(*inetsw[proto])()`. `{esp,ah}4_input()` will decrypt/check authenticity of the packet, and strips off daisy-chained header and padding for ESP/AH. It is safe to strip off the ESP/AH header on packet reception, since we will never use the received packet in "as is" form.

By using ESP/AH, TCP4/6 effective data segment size will be affected by extra daisy-chained headers inserted by ESP/AH. Our code takes care of the case.

Basic crypto functions can be found in directory "sys/crypto". ESP/AH transform are listed in {esp,ah}\_core.c with wrapper functions. If you wish to add some algorithm, add wrapper function in {esp,ah}\_core.c, and add your crypto algorithm code into sys/crypto.

Tunnel mode is partially supported in this release, with the following restrictions:

- IPsec tunnel is not combined with GIF generic tunneling interface. It needs a great care because we may create an infinite loop between ip\_output() and tunnelifp→if\_output(). Opinion varies if it is better to unify them, or not.
- MTU and Don't Fragment bit (IPv4) considerations need more checking, but basically works fine.
- Authentication model for AH tunnel must be revisited. We will need to improve the policy management engine, eventually.

### Conformance to RFCs and IDs

The IPsec code in the kernel conforms (or, tries to conform) to the following standards:

"old IPsec" specification documented in rfc182[5-9].txt

"new IPsec" specification documented in rfc240[1-6].txt, rfc241[01].txt, rfc2451.txt and draft-mcdonald-simple-ipsec-api-01.txt (draft expired, but you can take from <ftp://ftp.kame.net/pub/internet-drafts/>). (NOTE: IKE specifications, rfc241[7-9].txt are implemented in userland, as "racoon" IKE daemon)

Currently supported algorithms are:

- old IPsec AH
  - null crypto checksum (no document, just for debugging)
  - keyed MD5 with 128bit crypto checksum (rfc1828.txt)
  - keyed SHA1 with 128bit crypto checksum (no document)
  - HMAC MD5 with 128bit crypto checksum (rfc2085.txt)
  - HMAC SHA1 with 128bit crypto checksum (no document)
- old IPsec ESP
  - null encryption (no document, similar to rfc2410.txt)
  - DES-CBC mode (rfc1829.txt)
- new IPsec AH
  - null crypto checksum (no document, just for debugging)
  - keyed MD5 with 96bit crypto checksum (no document)
  - keyed SHA1 with 96bit crypto checksum (no document)
  - HMAC MD5 with 96bit crypto checksum (rfc2403.txt)
  - HMAC SHA1 with 96bit crypto checksum (rfc2404.txt)
- new IPsec ESP
  - null encryption (rfc2410.txt)
  - DES-CBC with derived IV (draft-ietf-ipsec-ciph-des-derived-01.txt, draft expired)
  - DES-CBC with explicit IV (rfc2405.txt)
  - 3DES-CBC with explicit IV (rfc2451.txt)
  - BLOWFISH CBC (rfc2451.txt)
  - CAST128 CBC (rfc2451.txt)
  - RC5 CBC (rfc2451.txt)

- each of the above can be combined with:
  - ESP authentication with HMAC-MD5(96bit)
  - ESP authentication with HMAC-SHA1(96bit)

The following algorithms are NOT supported:

- old IPsec AH
  - HMAC MD5 with 128bit crypto checksum + 64bit replay prevention (rfc2085.txt)
  - keyed SHA1 with 160bit crypto checksum + 32bit padding (rfc1852.txt)

IPsec (in kernel) and IKE (in userland as "racoon") has been tested at several interoperability test events, and it is known to interoperate with many other implementations well. Also, current IPsec implementation as quite wide coverage for IPsec crypto algorithms documented in RFC (we cover algorithms without intellectual property issues only).

### ECN Consideration on IPsec Tunnels

ECN-friendly IPsec tunnel is supported as described in draft-ipsec-ecn-00.txt.

Normal IPsec tunnel is described in RFC2401. On encapsulation, IPv4 TOS field (or, IPv6 traffic class field) will be copied from inner IP header to outer IP header. On decapsulation outer IP header will be simply dropped. The decapsulation rule is not compatible with ECN, since ECN bit on the outer IP TOS/traffic class field will be lost.

To make IPsec tunnel ECN-friendly, we should modify encapsulation and decapsulation procedure. This is described in <http://www.aciri.org/floyd/papers/draft-ipsec-ecn-00.txt>, chapter 3.

IPsec tunnel implementation can give you three behaviors, by setting net.inet.ipsec.ecn (or net.inet6.ipsec6.ecn) to some value:

- RFC2401: no consideration for ECN (sysctl value -1)
- ECN forbidden (sysctl value 0)
- ECN allowed (sysctl value 1)

Note that the behavior is configurable in per-node manner, not per-SA manner (draft-ipsec-ecn-00 wants per-SA configuration, but it looks too much for me).

The behavior is summarized as follows (see source code for more detail):

| encapsulate   | decapsulate                                                                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ---           | ---                                                                                            |
| RFC2401       | copy all TOS bits from inner to outer.                                                         |
|               | drop TOS bits on outer (use inner TOS bits as is)                                              |
| ECN forbidden | copy TOS bits except for ECN (masked with 0xfc) from inner to outer. set ECN bits to 0.        |
| ECN allowed   | copy TOS bits except for ECN (masked with 0xfe) from inner to outer. set ECN CE bit to 0.      |
|               | use inner TOS bits with some change. if outer ECN CE bit is 1, enable ECN CE bit on the inner. |

General strategy for configuration is as follows:

- if both IPsec tunnel endpoint are capable of ECN-friendly behavior, you should better configure both end to "ECN allowed" (sysctl value 1).
- if the other end is very strict about TOS bit, use "RFC2401" (sysctl value -1).
- in other cases, use "ECN forbidden" (sysctl value 0).

The default behavior is "ECN forbidden" (sysctl value 0).

For more information, please refer to:

<http://www.aciri.org/floyd/papers/draft-ipsec-ecn-00.txt>, RFC2481 (Explicit Congestion Notification), src/sys/netinet6/{ah,esp}\_input.c

(Thanks goes to Kenjiro Cho [kjc@csl.sony.co.jp](mailto:kjc@csl.sony.co.jp) for detailed analysis)

### Interoperability

Here are (some of) platforms that KAME code have tested IPsec/IKE interoperability in the past. Note that both ends may have modified their implementation, so use the following list just for reference purposes.

Altiga, Ashley-laurent (vpcom.com), Data Fellows (F-Secure), Ericsson ACC, FreeS/WAN, HITACHI, IBM AIX®, IIJ, Intel, Microsoft® Windows NT®, NIST (linux IPsec + plutoplus), Netscreen, OpenBSD, RedCreek, Routerware, SSH, Secure Computing, Soliton, Toshiba, VPNet, Yamaha RT100i

## Part III: Kernel(核心)

# Chapter 9. Building and Installing a FreeBSD Kernel

Being a kernel developer requires understanding of the kernel build process. To debug the FreeBSD kernel it is required to be able to build one. There are two known ways to do so:

The supported procedure to build and install a kernel is documented in the [Building and Installing a Custom Kernel](#) chapter of the FreeBSD Handbook.



It is supposed that the reader of this chapter is familiar with the information described in the [Building and Installing a Custom Kernel](#) chapter of the FreeBSD Handbook. If this is not the case, please read through the above mentioned chapter to understand how the build process works.

## 9.1. Building the Faster but Brittle Way

Building the kernel this way may be useful when working on the kernel code and it may actually be faster than the documented procedure when only a single option or two were tweaked in the kernel configuration file. On the other hand, it might lead to unexpected kernel build breakage.

1. Run `config(8)` to generate the kernel source code:

```
# /usr/sbin/config MYKERNEL
```

2. Change into the build directory. `config(8)` will print the name of this directory after being run as above.

```
# cd ../compile/MYKERNEL
```

3. Compile the kernel:

```
# make depend  
# make
```

4. Install the new kernel:

```
# make install
```

# Chapter 10. Kernel Debugging

## 10.1. Obtaining a Kernel Crash Dump

When running a development kernel (e.g., FreeBSD-CURRENT), such as a kernel under extreme conditions (e.g., very high load averages, tens of thousands of connections, exceedingly high number of concurrent users, hundreds of [jail\(8\)](#)s, etc.), or using a new feature or device driver on FreeBSD-STABLE (e.g., PAE), sometimes a kernel will panic. In the event that it does, this chapter will demonstrate how to extract useful information out of a crash.

A system reboot is inevitable once a kernel panics. Once a system is rebooted, the contents of a system's physical memory (RAM) is lost, as well as any bits that are on the swap device before the panic. To preserve the bits in physical memory, the kernel makes use of the swap device as a temporary place to store the bits that are in RAM across a reboot after a crash. In doing this, when FreeBSD boots after a crash, a kernel image can now be extracted and debugging can take place.



A swap device that has been configured as a dump device still acts as a swap device. Dumps to non-swap devices (such as tapes or CDRWs, for example) are not supported at this time. A "swap device" is synonymous with a "swap partition."

Several types of kernel crash dumps are available:

### Full memory dumps

Hold the complete contents of physical memory.

### Minidumps

Hold only memory pages in use by the kernel (FreeBSD 6.2 and higher).

### Textdumps

Hold captured, scripted, or interactive debugger output (FreeBSD 7.1 and higher).

Minidumps are the default dump type as of FreeBSD 7.0, and in most cases will capture all necessary information present in a full memory dump, as most problems can be isolated only using kernel state.

### 10.1.1. Configuring the Dump Device

Before the kernel will dump the contents of its physical memory to a dump device, a dump device must be configured. A dump device is specified by using the [dump\(8\)](#) command to tell the kernel where to save kernel crash dumps. The [dump\(8\)](#) program must be called after the swap partition has been configured with [swapon\(8\)](#). This is normally handled by setting the [dumpdev](#) variable in [rc.conf\(5\)](#) to the path of the swap device (the recommended way to extract a kernel dump) or [AUTO](#) to use the first configured swap device. The default for [dumpdev](#) is [AUTO](#) in HEAD, and changed to [NO](#) on [RELENG\\_\\*](#) branches (except for [RELENG\\_7](#), which was left set to [AUTO](#)). On FreeBSD 9.0-RELEASE and later versions, [bsdinstall](#) will ask whether crash dumps should be enabled on the target system during the install process.



Check [/etc/fstab](#) or [swapinfo\(8\)](#) for a list of swap devices.

Make sure the [dumpdir](#) specified in [rc.conf\(5\)](#) exists before a kernel crash!



```
# mkdir /var/crash
# chmod 700 /var/crash
```

Also, remember that the contents of [/var/crash](#) is sensitive and very likely contains confidential information such as passwords.

### 10.1.2. Extracting a Kernel Dump

Once a dump has been written to a dump device, the dump must be extracted before the swap device is mounted. To extract a dump from a dump device, use the `savecore(8)` program. If `dumpdev` has been set in `rc.conf(5)`, `savecore(8)` will be called automatically on the first multi-user boot after the crash and before the swap device is mounted. The location of the extracted core is placed in the `rc.conf(5)` value `dumpdir`, by default `/var/crash` and will be named `vmcore.0`.

In the event that there is already a file called `vmcore.0` in `/var/crash` (or whatever `dumpdir` is set to), the kernel will increment the trailing number for every crash to avoid overwriting an existing `vmcore` (e.g., `vmcore.1`). `savecore(8)` will always create a symbolic link to named `vmcore.last` in `/var/crash` after a dump is saved. This symbolic link can be used to locate the name of the most recent dump.

The `crashinfo(8)` utility generates a text file containing a summary of information from a full memory dump or minidump. If `dumpdev` has been set in `rc.conf(5)`, `crashinfo(8)` will be invoked automatically after `savecore(8)`. The output is saved to a file in `dumpdir` named `core.txt.N`.



If you are testing a new kernel but need to boot a different one in order to get your system up and running again, boot it only into single user mode using the `-s` flag at the boot prompt, and then perform the following steps:

```
# fsck -p
# mount -a -t ufs    # make sure /var/crash is writable
# savecore /var/crash /dev/ad0s1b
# exit               # exit to multi-user
```

This instructs `savecore(8)` to extract a kernel dump from `/dev/ad0s1b` and place the contents in `/var/crash`. Do not forget to make sure the destination directory `/var/crash` has enough space for the dump. Also, do not forget to specify the correct path to your swap device as it is likely different than `/dev/ad0s1b`!

### 10.1.3. Testing Kernel Dump Configuration

The kernel includes a `sysctl(8)` node that requests a kernel panic. This can be used to verify that your system is properly configured to save kernel crash dumps. You may wish to remount existing file systems as read-only in single user mode before triggering the crash to avoid data loss.

```
# shutdown now
...
Enter full pathname of shell or RETURN for /bin/sh:
# mount -a -u -r
# sysctl debug.kdb.panic=1
debug.kdb.panic:panic: kdb_sysctl_panic
...
```

After rebooting, your system should save a dump in `/var/crash` along with a matching summary from `crashinfo(8)`.

## 10.2. Debugging a Kernel Crash Dump with `kgdb`



This section covers `kgdb(1)`. The latest version is included in the `devel/gdb`.

To enter into the debugger and begin getting information from the dump, start kgdb:

```
# kgdb -n N
```

Where N is the suffix of the vmcore.N to examine. To open the most recent dump use:

```
# kgdb -n last
```

Normally, `kgdb(1)` should be able to locate the kernel running at the time the dump was generated. If it is not able to locate the correct kernel, pass the pathname of the kernel and dump as two arguments to kgdb:

```
# kgdb /boot/kernel/kernel /var/crash/vmcore.0
```

You can debug the crash dump using the kernel sources just like you can for any other program.

This dump is from a 5.2-BETA kernel and the crash comes from deep within the kernel. The output below has been modified to include line numbers on the left. This first trace inspects the instruction pointer and obtains a back trace. The address that is used on line 41 for the `list` command is the instruction pointer and can be found on line 17. Most developers will request having at least this information sent to them if you are unable to debug the problem yourself. If, however, you do solve the problem, make sure that your patch winds its way into the source tree via a problem report, mailing lists, or by being able to commit it!

```
1:# cd /usr/obj/usr/src/sys/KERNCONF
2:# kgdb kernel.debug /var/crash/vmcore.0
3:GNU gdb 5.2.1 (FreeBSD)
4:Copyright 2002 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
5:GDB is free software, covered by the GNU General Public License, and you are
6:welcome to change it and/or distribute copies of it under certain conditions.
7:Type "show copying" to see the conditions.
8:There is absolutely no warranty for GDB. Type "show warranty" for details.
9:This GDB was configured as "i386-undermydesk-freebsd"...
10:panic: page fault
11:panic messages:
12:---
13:Fatal trap 12: page fault while in kernel mode
14:cpuid = 0; apic id = 00
15:fault virtual address = 0x300
16:fault code:      = supervisor read, page not present
17:instruction pointer = 0x8:0xc0713860
18:stack pointer     = 0x10:0xdc1d0b70
19:frame pointer     = 0x10:0xdc1d0b7c
20:code segment      = base 0x0, limit 0xffff, type 0x1b
21:                  = DPL 0, pres 1, def32 1, gran 1
```

```

22:processor eflags      = resume, IOPL = 0
23:current process      = 14394 (uname)
24:trap number          = 12
25:panic: page fault
26  cpuid = 0;
27:Stack backtrace:
28
29:syncing disks, buffers remaining... 2199 2199 panic: mi_switch: switch in a critical
section
30:cpuid = 0;
31:Uptime: 2h43m19s
32:Dumping 255 MB
33: 16 32 48 64 80 96 112 128 144 160 176 192 208 224 240
34:---
35:Reading symbols from /boot/kernel/snd_maestro3.ko...done.
36:Loaded symbols for /boot/kernel/snd_maestro3.ko
37:Reading symbols from /boot/kernel/snd_pcm.ko...done.
38:Loaded symbols for /boot/kernel/snd_pcm.ko
39:#0 doadump () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:240
40:240      dumping++;
41:(kgdb) list *0xc0713860
42:0xc0713860 is in lapic_ipi_wait (/usr/src/sys/i386/i386/local_apic.c:663).
43:658      incr = 0;
44:659      delay = 1;
45:660      } else
46:661      incr = 1;
47:662      for (x = 0; x < delay; x += incr) {
48:663          if ((lapic->icr_lo & APIC_DELSTAT_MASK) == APIC_DELSTAT_IDLE)
49:664              return (1);
50:665          ia32_pause();
51:666      }
52:667      return (0);
53:(kgdb) backtrace
54:#0 doadump () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:240
55:#1 0xc055fd9b in boot (howto=260) at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:372
56:#2 0xc056019d in panic () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:550
57:#3 0xc0567ef5 in mi_switch () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_synch.c:470
58:#4 0xc055fa87 in boot (howto=256) at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:312
59:#5 0xc056019d in panic () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_shutdown.c:550
60:#6 0xc0720c66 in trap_fatal (frame=0xdc1d0b30, eva=0)
61:  at /usr/src/sys/i386/i386/trap.c:821
62:#7 0xc07202b3 in trap (frame=
63:  {tf_fs = -1065484264, tf_es = -1065484272, tf_ds = -1065484272, tf_edi = 1, tf_esi = 0,

```

```

tf_ebp = -602076292, tf_esp = -602076324, tf_ebx = 0, tf_edx = 0, tf_ecx = 1000000, tf_eax =
243, tf_trapno = 12, tf_err = 0, tf_eip = -1066321824, tf_cs = 8, tf_eflags = 65671, tf_esp =
243, tf_ss = 0})
64: at /usr/src/sys/i386/i386/trap.c:250
65:#8 0xc070c9f8 in calltrap () at {standard input}:94
66:#9 0xc07139f3 in lapic_ipi_vector (vector=0, dest=0)
67: at /usr/src/sys/i386/i386/local_apic.c:733
68:#10 0xc0718b23 in ipi_selected (cpus=1, ipi=1)
69: at /usr/src/sys/i386/i386/mp_machdep.c:1115
70:#11 0xc057473e in kseq_notify (ke=0xcc05e360, cpu=0)
71: at /usr/src/sys/kern/sched_ule.c:520
72:#12 0xc0575cad in sched_add (td=0xcbcf5c80)
73: at /usr/src/sys/kern/sched_ule.c:1366
74:#13 0xc05666c6 in setrunqueue (td=0xcc05e360)
75: at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_switch.c:422
76:#14 0xc05752f4 in sched_wakeup (td=0xcbcf5c80)
77: at /usr/src/sys/kern/sched_ule.c:999
78:#15 0xc056816c in setrunnable (td=0xcbcf5c80)
79: at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_synch.c:570
80:#16 0xc0567d53 in wakeup (ident=0xcbcf5c80)
81: at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_synch.c:411
82:#17 0xc05490a8 in exit1 (td=0xcbcf5b40, rv=0)
83: at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_exit.c:509
84:#18 0xc0548011 in sys_exit () at /usr/src/sys/kern/kern_exit.c:102
85:#19 0xc0720fd0 in syscall (frame=
86: {tf_fs = 47, tf_es = 47, tf_ds = 47, tf_edi = 0, tf_esi = -1, tf_ebp = -1077940712, tf_esp =
-602075788, tf_ebx = 672411944, tf_edx = 10, tf_ecx = 672411600, tf_eax = 1, tf_trapno = 12,
tf_err = 2, tf_eip = 671899563, tf_cs = 31, tf_eflags = 642, tf_esp = -1077940740, tf_ss = 47})
87: at /usr/src/sys/i386/i386/trap.c:1010
88:#20 0xc070ca4d in Xint0x80_syscall () at {standard input}:136
89:---Can't read userspace from dump, or kernel process---
90:(kgdb) quit

```



If your system is crashing regularly and you are running out of disk space, deleting old vmcore files in /var/crash could save a considerable amount of disk space!

## 10.3. On-Line Kernel Debugging Using DDB

While **kgdb** as an off-line debugger provides a very high level of user interface, there are some things it cannot do. The most important ones being breakpointing and single-stepping kernel code.

If you need to do low-level debugging on your kernel, there is an on-line debugger available called DDB. It allows setting of breakpoints, single-stepping kernel functions, examining and changing kernel variables, etc. However, it cannot access kernel source files, and only has access to the global and static symbols, not to the full debug information like **kgdb** does.

To configure your kernel to include DDB, add the options

```
options KDB
```

```
options DDB
```

to your config file, and rebuild. (See [The FreeBSD Handbook](#) for details on configuring the FreeBSD kernel).

Once your DDB kernel is running, there are several ways to enter DDB. The first, and earliest way is to use the boot flag **-d**. The kernel will start up in debug mode and enter DDB prior to any device probing. Hence you can even debug the device probe/attach functions. To use this, exit the loader's boot menu and enter **boot -d** at the loader prompt.

The second scenario is to drop to the debugger once the system has booted. There are two simple ways to accomplish this. If you would like to break to the debugger from the command prompt, simply type the command:

```
# sysctl debug.kdb.enter=1
```

Alternatively, if you are at the system console, you may use a hot-key on the keyboard. The default break-to-debugger sequence is **Ctrl + Alt + ESC**. For syscons, this sequence can be remapped and some of the distributed maps out there do this, so check to make sure you know the right sequence to use. There is an option available for serial consoles that allows the use of a serial line BREAK on the console line to enter DDB (**options BREAK\_TO\_DEBUGGER** in the kernel config file). It is not the default since there are a lot of serial adapters around that gratuitously generate a BREAK condition, for example when pulling the cable.

The third way is that any panic condition will branch to DDB if the kernel is configured to use it. For this reason, it is not wise to configure a kernel with DDB for a machine running unattended.

To obtain the unattended functionality, add:

```
options KDB_UNATTENDED
```

to the kernel configuration file and rebuild/reinstall.

The DDB commands roughly resemble some **gdb** commands. The first thing you probably need to do is to set a breakpoint:

```
break function-name address
```

Numbers are taken hexadecimal by default, but to make them distinct from symbol names; hexadecimal numbers starting with the letters **a-f** need to be preceded with **0x** (this is optional for other numbers). Simple expressions are allowed, for example: **function-name + 0x103**.

To exit the debugger and continue execution, type:

```
continue
```

To get a stack trace of the current thread, use:

```
trace
```

To get a stack trace of an arbitrary thread, specify a process ID or thread ID as a second argument to **trace**.

If you want to remove a breakpoint, use

```
del  
del address-expression
```

The first form will be accepted immediately after a breakpoint hit, and deletes the current breakpoint. The second form can remove any breakpoint, but you need to specify the exact address; this can be obtained from:

```
show b
```

or:

```
show break
```

To single-step the kernel, try:

```
s
```

This will step into functions, but you can make DDB trace them until the matching return statement is reached by:

```
n
```



This is different from **gdb's next** statement; it is like **gdb's finish**. Pressing **n** more than once will cause a continue.

To examine data from memory, use (for example):

```
x/wx 0xf0133fe0,40  
x/hd db_syntab_space  
x/bc termbuf,10  
x/s stringbuf
```

for word/halfword/byte access, and hexadecimal/decimal/character/ string display. The number after the comma is the object count. To display the next 0x10 items, simply use:

```
x ,10
```

Similarly, use

```
x/ia foofunc,10
```

to disassemble the first 0x10 instructions of **foofunc**, and display them along with their offset from the beginning of **foofunc**.

To modify memory, use the write command:

```
w/b termbuf 0xa 0xb 0  
w/w 0xf0010030 0 0
```

The command modifier (**b/h/w**) specifies the size of the data to be written, the first following expression is the address to write to and the remainder is interpreted as data to write to successive memory locations.

If you need to know the current registers, use:

```
show reg
```

Alternatively, you can display a single register value by e.g.

```
p $eax
```

and modify it by:

```
set $eax new-value
```

Should you need to call some kernel functions from DDB, simply say:

```
call func(arg1, arg2, ...)
```

The return value will be printed.

For a **ps(1)** style summary of all running processes, use:

```
ps
```

Now you have examined why your kernel failed, and you wish to reboot. Remember that, depending on the severity of previous malfunctioning, not all parts of the kernel might still be working as expected. Perform one of the following actions to shut down and reboot your system:

```
panic
```

This will cause your kernel to dump core and reboot, so you can later analyze the core on a higher level with **kgdb(1)**.

```
call boot(0)
```

Might be a good way to cleanly shut down the running system, `sync()` all disks, and finally, in some cases, reboot. As long as the disk and filesystem interfaces of the kernel are not damaged, this could be a good way for an almost clean shutdown.

```
reset
```

This is the final way out of disaster and almost the same as hitting the Big Red Button.

If you need a short command summary, simply type:

```
help
```

It is highly recommended to have a printed copy of the `ddb(4)` manual page ready for a debugging session. Remember that it is hard to read the on-line manual while single-stepping the kernel.

## 10.4. On-Line Kernel Debugging Using Remote GDB

This feature has been supported since FreeBSD 2.2, and it is actually a very neat one.

GDB has already supported remote debugging for a long time. This is done using a very simple protocol along a serial line. Unlike the other methods described above, you will need two machines for doing this. One is the host providing the debugging environment, including all the sources, and a copy of the kernel binary with all the symbols in it, and the other one is the target machine that simply runs a similar copy of the very same kernel (but stripped of the debugging information).

You should configure the kernel in question with `config -g` if building the "traditional" way. If building the "new" way, make sure that `makeoptions DEBUG=-g` is in the configuration. In both cases, include `DDB` in the configuration, and compile it as usual. This gives a large binary, due to the debugging information. Copy this kernel to the target machine, strip the debugging symbols off with `strip -x`, and boot it using the `-d` boot option. Connect the serial line of the target machine that has "flags 080" set on its uart device to any serial line of the debugging host. See `uart(4)` for information on how to set the flags on an uart device. Now, on the debugging machine, go to the compile directory of the target kernel, and start `gdb`:

```
% kgdb kernel
```

```
GDB is free software and you are welcome to distribute copies of it  
under certain conditions; type "show copying" to see the conditions.
```

```
There is absolutely no warranty for GDB; type "show warranty" for details.
```

```
GDB 4.16 (i386-unknown-freebsd),
```

```
Copyright 1996 Free Software Foundation, Inc...  
(kgdb)
```

Initialize the remote debugging session (assuming the first serial port is being used) by:

```
(kgdb) target remote /dev/cuau0
```

Now, on the target host (the one that entered DDB right before even starting the device probe),

type:

```
Debugger("Boot flags requested debugger")
Stopped at Debugger+0x35: movb $0, edata+0x51bc
db> gdb
```

DDB will respond with:

```
Next trap will enter GDB remote protocol mode
```

Every time you type **gdb**, the mode will be toggled between remote GDB and local DDB. In order to force a next trap immediately, simply type **s** (step). Your hosting GDB will now gain control over the target kernel:

```
Remote debugging using /dev/cuau0
Debugger (msg=0xf01b0383 "Boot flags requested debugger")
  at ../../i386/i386/db_interface.c:257
(kgdb)
```

You can use this session almost as any other GDB session, including full access to the source, running it in gud-mode inside an Emacs window (which gives you an automatic source code display in another Emacs window), etc.

## 10.5. Debugging a Console Driver

Since you need a console driver to run DDB on, things are more complicated if the console driver itself is failing. You might remember the use of a serial console (either with modified boot blocks, or by specifying **-h** at the **Boot:** prompt), and hook up a standard terminal onto your first serial port. DDB works on any configured console driver, including a serial console.

## 10.6. Debugging Deadlocks

You may experience so called deadlocks, a situation where a system stops doing useful work. To provide a helpful bug report in this situation, use **ddb(4)** as described in the previous section. Include the output of **ps** and **trace** for suspected processes in the report.

If possible, consider doing further investigation. The recipe below is especially useful if you suspect that a deadlock occurs in the VFS layer. Add these options to the kernel configuration file.

```
makeoptions  DEBUG=-g
options     INVARIANTS
options     INVARIANT_SUPPORT
options     WITNESS
options     WITNESS_SKIPSPIN
options     DEBUG_LOCKS
options     DEBUG_VFS_LOCKS
options     DIAGNOSTIC
```

When a deadlock occurs, in addition to the output of the `ps` command, provide information from the `show pcpu`, `show allpcpu`, `show locks`, `show alllocks`, `show lockedvnods` and `alltrace`.

To obtain meaningful backtraces for threaded processes, use `thread thread-id` to switch to the thread stack, and do a backtrace with `where`.

## 10.7. Kernel debugging with Dcons

`dcons(4)` is a very simple console driver that is not directly connected with any physical devices. It just reads and writes characters from and to a buffer in a kernel or loader. Due to its simple nature, it is very useful for kernel debugging, especially with a FireWire® device. Currently, FreeBSD provides two ways to interact with the buffer from outside of the kernel using `dconschat(8)`.

### 10.7.1. Dcons over FireWire®

Most FireWire® (IEEE1394) host controllers are based on the OHCI specification that supports physical access to the host memory. This means that once the host controller is initialized, we can access the host memory without the help of software (kernel). We can exploit this facility for interaction with `dcons(4)`. `dcons(4)` provides similar functionality as a serial console. It emulates two serial ports, one for the console and DDB, the other for GDB. Because remote memory access is fully handled by the hardware, the `dcons(4)` buffer is accessible even when the system crashes.

FireWire® devices are not limited to those integrated into motherboards. PCI cards exist for desktops, and a cardbus interface can be purchased for laptops.

Enabling FireWire® and Dcons support on the target machine

To enable FireWire® and Dcons support in the kernel of the target machine:

- Make sure your kernel supports `dcons`, `dcons_crom` and `firewire`. `Dcons` should be statically linked with the kernel. For `dcons_crom` and `firewire`, modules should be OK.
- Make sure physical DMA is enabled. You may need to add `hw.firewire.phydma_enable=1` to `/boot/loader.conf`.
- Add options for debugging.
- Add `dcons_gdb=1` in `/boot/loader.conf` if you use GDB over FireWire®.
- Enable `dcons` in `/etc/ttys`.
- Optionally, to force `dcons` to be the high-level console, add `hw.firewire.dcons_crom.force_console=1` to `loader.conf`.

To enable FireWire® and Dcons support in `loader(8)` on i386 or amd64:

Add `LOADER_FIREWIRE_SUPPORT=YES` in `/etc/make.conf` and rebuild `loader(8)`:

```
# cd /sys/boot/i386 && make clean && make && make install
```

To enable `dcons(4)` as an active low-level console, add `boot_multicons="YES"` to `/boot/loader.conf`.

Here are a few configuration examples. A sample kernel configuration file would contain:

```
device dcons
device dcons_crom
options KDB
options DDB
options GDB
```

```
options ALT_BREAK_TO_DEBUGGER
```

And a sample `/boot/loader.conf` would contain:

```
dcons_crom_load="YES"
dcons_gdb=1
boot_multicons="YES"
hw.firewire.phydma_enable=1
hw.firewire.dcons_crom.force_console=1
```

Enabling FireWire® and Dcons support on the host machine

To enable FireWire® support in the kernel on the host machine:

```
# kldload firewire
```

Find out the EUI64 (the unique 64 bit identifier) of the FireWire® host controller, and use `fwcontrol(8)` or `dmesg` to find the EUI64 of the target machine.

Run `dconschat(8)`, with:

```
# dconschat -e \# -br -G 12345 -t 00-11-22-33-44-55-66-77
```

The following key combinations can be used once `dconschat(8)` is running:

|       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|
| ~ + . | Disconnect        |
| ~     | ALT BREAK         |
| ~     | RESET target      |
| ~     | Suspend dconschat |

Attach remote GDB by starting `kgdb(1)` with a remote debugging session:

```
kgdb -r :12345 kernel
```

Some general tips

Here are some general tips:

To take full advantage of the speed of FireWire®, disable other slow console drivers:

```
# conscontrol delete ttyd0    # serial console
# conscontrol delete consoectl # video/keyboard
```

There exists a GDB mode for `emacs(1)`; this is what you will need to add to your `.emacs`:

```
(setq gud-gdba-command-name "kgdb -a -a -r :12345")
```

```
(setq gdb-many-windows t)
(xterm-mouse-mode 1)
M-x gdba
```

And for DDD (devel/ddd):

```
# remote serial protocol
LANG=C ddd --debugger kgdb -r :12345 kernel
# live core debug
LANG=C ddd --debugger kgdb kernel /dev/fwmem0.2
```

### 10.7.2. Dcons with KVM

We can directly read the `dcons(4)` buffer via `/dev/mem` for live systems, and in the core dump for crashed systems. These give you similar output to `dmesg -a`, but the `dcons(4)` buffer includes more information.

Using Dcons with KVM

To use `dcons(4)` with KVM:

Dump a `dcons(4)` buffer of a live system:

```
# dconschat -l
```

Dump a `dcons(4)` buffer of a crash dump:

```
# dconschat -l -M vmcore.XX
```

Live core debugging can be done via:

```
# fwcontrol -m target_eui64
# kgdb kernel /dev/fwmem0.2
```

## 10.8. Glossary of Kernel Options for Debugging

This section provides a brief glossary of compile-time kernel options used for debugging:

- **options KDB**: compiles in the kernel debugger framework. Required for **options DDB** and **options GDB**. Little or no performance overhead. By default, the debugger will be entered on panic instead of an automatic reboot.
- **options KDB\_UNATTENDED**: change the default value of the `debug.debugger_on_panic` sysctl to 0, which controls whether the debugger is entered on panic. When **options KDB** is not compiled into the kernel, the behavior is to automatically reboot on panic; when it is compiled into the kernel, the default behavior is to drop into the debugger unless **options KDB\_UNATTENDED** is compiled in. If you want to leave the kernel debugger compiled into the kernel but want the system to come back up unless you're on-hand to use the debugger for diagnostics, use this option.
- **options KDB\_TRACE**: change the default value of the `debug.trace_on_panic` sysctl to 1, which

controls whether the debugger automatically prints a stack trace on panic. Especially if running with **options KDB\_UNATTENDED**, this can be helpful to gather basic debugging information on the serial or firewire console while still rebooting to recover.

- **options DDB**: compile in support for the console debugger, DDB. This interactive debugger runs on whatever the active low-level console of the system is, which includes the video console, serial console, or firewire console. It provides basic integrated debugging facilities, such as stack tracing, process and thread listing, dumping of lock state, VM state, file system state, and kernel memory management. DDB does not require software running on a second machine or being able to generate a core dump or full debugging kernel symbols, and provides detailed diagnostics of the kernel at run-time. Many bugs can be fully diagnosed using only DDB output. This option depends on **options KDB**.
- **options GDB**: compile in support for the remote debugger, GDB, which can operate over serial cable or firewire. When the debugger is entered, GDB may be attached to inspect structure contents, generate stack traces, etc. Some kernel state is more awkward to access than in DDB, which is able to generate useful summaries of kernel state automatically, such as automatically walking lock debugging or kernel memory management structures, and a second machine running the debugger is required. On the other hand, GDB combines information from the kernel source and full debugging symbols, and is aware of full data structure definitions, local variables, and is scriptable. This option is not required to run GDB on a kernel core dump. This option depends on **options KDB**.
- **options BREAK\_TO\_DEBUGGER**, **options ALT\_BREAK\_TO\_DEBUGGER**: allow a break signal or alternative signal on the console to enter the debugger. If the system hangs without a panic, this is a useful way to reach the debugger. Due to the current kernel locking, a break signal generated on a serial console is significantly more reliable at getting into the debugger, and is generally recommended. This option has little or no performance impact.
- **options INVARIANTS**: compile into the kernel a large number of run-time assertion checks and tests, which constantly test the integrity of kernel data structures and the invariants of kernel algorithms. These tests can be expensive, so are not compiled in by default, but help provide useful "fail stop" behavior, in which certain classes of undesired behavior enter the debugger before kernel data corruption occurs, making them easier to debug. Tests include memory scrubbing and use-after-free testing, which is one of the more significant sources of overhead. This option depends on **options INVARIANT\_SUPPORT**.
- **options INVARIANT\_SUPPORT**: many of the tests present in **options INVARIANTS** require modified data structures or additional kernel symbols to be defined.
- **options WITNESS**: this option enables run-time lock order tracking and verification, and is an invaluable tool for deadlock diagnosis. WITNESS maintains a graph of acquired lock orders by lock type, and checks the graph at each acquire for cycles (implicit or explicit). If a cycle is detected, a warning and stack trace are generated to the console, indicating that a potential deadlock might have occurred. WITNESS is required in order to use the **show locks**, **show witness** and **show alllocks** DDB commands. This debug option has significant performance overhead, which may be somewhat mitigated through the use of **options WITNESS\_SKIPSPIN**. Detailed documentation may be found in [witness\(4\)](#).
- **options WITNESS\_SKIPSPIN**: disable run-time checking of spinlock lock order with WITNESS. As spin locks are acquired most frequently in the scheduler, and scheduler events occur often, this option can significantly speed up systems running with WITNESS. This option depends on **options WITNESS**.
- **options WITNESS\_KDB**: change the default value of the **debug.witness.kdb** sysctl to 1, which causes WITNESS to enter the debugger when a lock order violation is detected, rather than simply printing a warning. This option depends on **options WITNESS**.
- **options SOCKBUF\_DEBUG**: perform extensive run-time consistency checking on socket buffers, which can be useful for debugging both socket bugs and race conditions in protocols and device drivers that interact with sockets. This option significantly impacts network performance, and may change the timing in device driver races.
- **options DEBUG\_VFS\_LOCKS**: track lock acquisition points for lockmgr/vnode locks, expanding the amount of information displayed by **show lockedvnods** in DDB. This option has a measurable performance impact.
- **options DEBUG\_MEMGUARD**: a replacement for the [malloc\(9\)](#) kernel memory allocator that uses

the VM system to detect reads or writes from allocated memory after free. Details may be found in [memguard\(9\)](#). This option has a significant performance impact, but can be very helpful in debugging kernel memory corruption bugs.

- **options DIAGNOSTIC**: enable additional, more expensive diagnostic tests along the lines of **options INVARIANTS**.

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