

Creating & Updating FreeBSD Ports

Tom Hukins

Who Does What

- MAINTAINER: Responsible for the port
- Committers: Able to modify the ports collection
- portmgr: Look after the ports/packages infrastructure
- Everyone: Submits feedback, including problem reports, bug fixes and upgrades

Useful Resources: CVSWeb

- Visual interface to cvs(1)
- <http://cvsweb.FreeBSD.org/>

The screenshot shows a Konqueror web browser window displaying the CVSWeb interface for the FreeBSD ports repository. The URL in the location bar is <http://www.freebsd.org/cgi/cvsweb.cgi/ports/www/mozilla/>. The page header includes instructions: "Click on a directory to enter that directory. Click on a file to display its revision history and to get a chance to display diffs between revisions." Below this, it shows the current directory path: [freebsd] / ports / www / mozilla. A table lists files and their details:

File	Rev.	Age	Author	Last log entry
Parent Directory				
files/				
scripts/				
Makefile	1.111	6 days	sumikawa	Don't use mapped IPv6 address when connecting IPv4 node. Submitted by: ume
distinfo	1.53	2 months	sobomax	Update to 1.0. Yay!
pkg-comment	1.7	18 months	reg	Add PSM support. Submitted by: nsayer Remove use of libgcc_r, since it was so ...
pkg-descr	1.20	18 months	asmodai	Fix WWW: entry, add leading /
pkg-plist	1.57	2 months	marcus	Conditionalize mail, news, and LDAP support. All three are still enabled by def...

At the bottom, there are search and filter options: "Show only files with tag: All tags / default branch" and "Module path or alias: ports/www/mozil".

Useful Resources: GNATS Problem Report Database

- Contains new/updated ports waiting to be committed
- <http://www.freebsd.org/support.html#gnats>

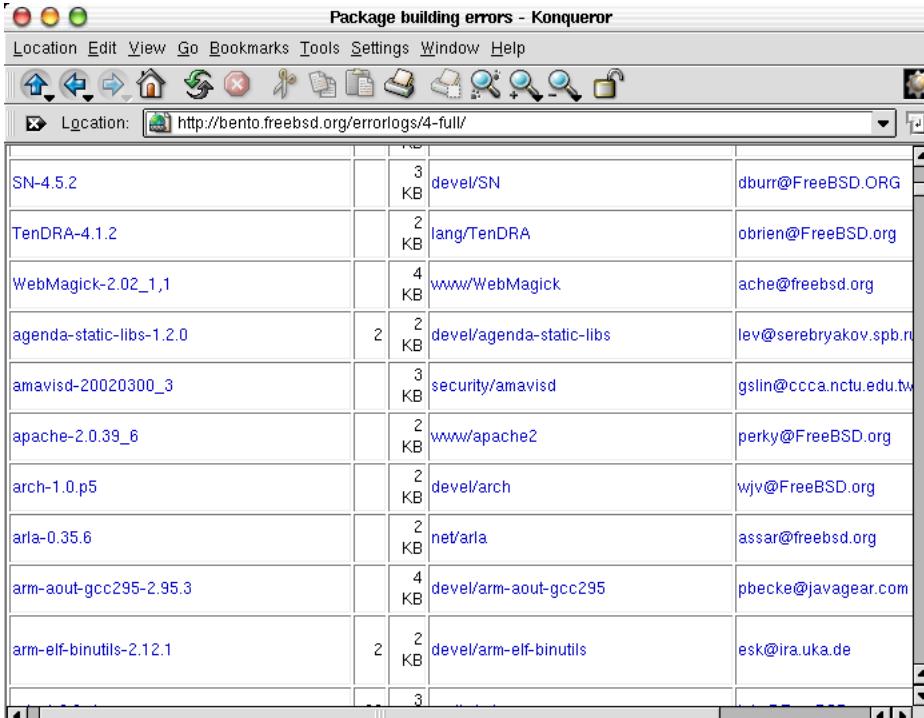
The screenshot shows a Konqueror web browser window with the title "Current FreeBSD problem reports - Konqueror". The address bar shows the URL <http://www.FreeBSD.org/cgi/query-pr-summary.cgi>. The main content area displays the "Current FreeBSD problem reports" page from the FreeBSD website. The page includes a navigation bar with links for Applications, Support, Documentation, Vendors, Search, Index, and Home. Below the navigation bar, a section titled "Current FreeBSD problem reports" is shown. A note states: "The following is a listing of current problems submitted by FreeBSD users. These represent problem reports covering all versions including experimental development code and obsolete releases." A list of bug states is provided:

- o - open**: A problem report has been submitted, no sanity checking performed.
- a - analyzed**: The problem is understood and a solution is being sought.
- f - feedback**: Further work requires additional information from the originator or the community - possibly confirmation of the effectiveness of a proposed solution.
- p - patched**: A patch has been committed, but some issues (MFC and / or confirmation from originator) are still open.
- s - suspended**: The problem is not being worked on, due to lack of information or resources. This is a prime candidate for somebody who is looking for a project to do. If the problem cannot be solved at all, it will be closed, rather than suspended.
- c - closed**: A problem report is closed when any changes have been integrated, documented, and tested -- or when fixing the problem is abandoned.

At the bottom of the page, a "Done." message is visible.

Useful Resources: Bento Package Building Errors

- Lists ports that the package building cluster is having trouble with
- <http://bento.FreeBSD.org/errorlogs/>



The screenshot shows a Konqueror web browser window displaying a table of package building errors. The table has three columns: package name, file size, and maintainer. The packages listed are SN-4.5.2, TenDRA-4.1.2, WebMagick-2.02_1, agenda-static-libs-1.2.0, amavisd-20020300_3, apache-2.0.39_6, arch-1.0.p5, arla-0.35.6, arm-aout-gcc295-2.95.3, and arm-elf-binutils-2.12.1. Most packages have a size of 2 KB except for SN-4.5.2 (3 KB), WebMagick-2.02_1 (4 KB), and arla-0.35.6 (2 KB). The maintainer column contains email addresses such as dburr@FreeBSD.ORG, obrien@FreeBSD.org, ache@freebsd.org, lev@serebryakov.spb.ru, gslin@ccca.nctu.edu.tw, perky@FreeBSD.org, wjv@FreeBSD.org, assar@freebsd.org, pbecke@javagear.com, and esk@ira.uka.de.

Package	Size	Maintainer
SN-4.5.2	3 KB	devel/SN
TenDRA-4.1.2	2 KB	lang/TenDRA
WebMagick-2.02_1,1	4 KB	www/WebMagick
agenda-static-libs-1.2.0	2 KB	devel/agenda-static-libs
amavisd-20020300_3	3 KB	security/amavisd
apache-2.0.39_6	2 KB	www/apache2
arch-1.0.p5	2 KB	devel/arch
arla-0.35.6	2 KB	net/arla
arm-aout-gcc295-2.95.3	4 KB	devel/arm-aout-gcc295
arm-elf-binutils-2.12.1	2 KB	devel/arm-elf-binutils

Useful Resources: Ports distfiles Survey

- Lists distfiles that can't be retrieved
- <http://people.FreeBSD.org/~fenner/portsurvey/>

The screenshot shows a Konqueror web browser window with the title "Distfiles survey: www - Konqueror". The location bar displays the URL <http://people.freebsd.org/~fenner/portsurvey/www.html>. The main content area contains two sections of survey results:

Jetty Results:

```
cvs tree / pkg-descr
File: Jetty-4.0.2.tgz has 2 possible URLs: 1 OK, 1 bad, 0 skipped
Port maintainer: stephane.legrand@bigfoot.com
http://download.sourceforge.net/jetty/Jetty-4.0.2.tgz: ok
ftp://jetty.mortbay.com/pub/jetty-4.0.2.tgz: looking for file 550 Jetty-4.0.2.tgz: No such file or directory. (Last OK result
Mon Jul 22 6:37:06 2002 )
Summary 1 files fetchable out of 1
```

junkbuster Results:

```
cvs tree / pkg-descr
File: ijb.html has 1 possible URL: OK!
File: ijb-zlib-10.tgz has 3 possible URLs: 1 OK, 2 bad, 0 skipped
Port maintainer: ports@FreeBSD.org
http://server44.hypermart.net/f2org/ijb-zlib-10.tgz: 404 Not Found (Last OK result Tue Jan 29 20:27:53 2002 )
http://f2.org/download/ijb-zlib-10.tgz: ok
http://www.junkbusters.com/ht/en/ijb-zlib-10.tgz: 404 Not Found (Last OK result NEVER [checked 135 times since Fri
Nov 16 19:23:14 2001 ])
Summary 2 files fetchable out of 2
```

Master Site	# files fetchable
f2.org	1
www.junkbusters.com	1

Done.

Useful Resources: freebsd-ports Mailing List

- List contains port submissions and discussion related to the ports collection
- Archived at <http://docs.FreeBSD.org/mail/> and mailing.freebsd.ports at <http://groups.google.com/>

The screenshot shows a Konqueror web browser window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Google Search: mailing.freebsd.ports - Konqueror
- Menu Bar:** Location, Edit, View, Go, Bookmarks, Tools, Settings, Window, Help
- Toolbar:** Standard browser icons for Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, Home, and others.
- Address Bar:** Location: <http://groups.google.com/groups?q=mailing.freebsd.ports&ie=ISO-8859-1&hl=en&btnG=Google>
- Content Area:**
 - Google Groups Logo:** The classic Google logo with "Groups" below it.
 - Search Options:** Radio buttons for "Search only in mailing.freebsd.ports" (unchecked), "Search all groups" (checked), and "Search the Web" (unchecked).
 - Group Name:** Group: mailing . freebsd . ports
 - Thread List Header:** Threads 1-25 of about 34,200 in mailing.freebsd.ports
 - Post a new message link:** Post a new message to mailing.freebsd.ports
 - Next 25 threads link:** Next 25 threads >>
 - Table:** A list of 10 threads from August 2002, showing the date, subject, and most recent poster.

Date	Thread Subject	Most Recent Poster
06 Aug 2002	Xtree86 (2 articles)	Kent Stewart
06 Aug 2002	ports/41393: Port update: misc/freedialog (1 article)	James Howard
06 Aug 2002	ports/41394: Port update: misc/freedialog (1 article)	James Howard
06 Aug 2002	ports/41396: Port update: sysutils/uwatch (1 article)	James Howard
06 Aug 2002	ports/41395: Port update: misc/freedialog (1 article)	James Howard
06 Aug 2002	ports/41392: Port update: misc/freedialog (1 article)	James Howard
06 Aug 2002	ghostscript-gnu still broken in -current [Aug 6] (1 article)	walt
06 Aug 2002	latest /bin/sh MFC broke mysqld startup script (2 articles)	The Anarcat
06 Aug 2002	ports/41391: port www/mod_layout : minor changes (1 article)	Clement Laforet
06 Aug 2002	Notícias Jurídicas: www.EspacoVital.com.br em 06/08/... (1 article)	"Espaco Vital Virtual"

Useful Resources: bsd.port.mk

- Ports infrastructure in /usr/ports/Mk
- Think of it as a huge Makefile that individual ports can reuse

```
CHOWN?=      /usr/sbin/chown
CP?=        /bin/cp
CUT?=       /usr/bin/cut
```

```
.if defined(USE_GMAKE)
BUILD_DEPENDS+=    gmake: ${PORTSDIR}/devel/gmake
CONFIGURE_ENV+=  MAKE=${GMAKE}
.endif

do-fetch:
    @${MKDIR} ${_DISTDIR}
    @(cd ${_DISTDIR}; \
      ${_MASTER_SITES_ENV} ; \
      for _file in ${DISTFILES}; do \
          file=`echo $$_file | ${SED} -E -e 's/:[^:]+'${_DISTDIR}'` ; \
          select=`echo $$_file#$$file` | ${SED} -e 's/^://` -e \
          if [ ! -f $$file -a ! -f `basename` $$file` ]; then \
              if [ -h $$file -o -h `basename` $$file` ]; then \
                  ${ECHO_MSG} ">> ${_DISTDIR}/$$file is a broken s" \
                  ${ECHO_MSG} ">> Perhaps a filesystem (most likely" \
                  ${ECHO_MSG} ">> Please correct this problem and re" \
              fi
          fi
      done
    )
```

Contents of a Port: Makefile

```
# New ports collection makefile for:      mozilla
# Date created:            31 Mar 1998
# Whom:                   eivind/dima/jseger
#
# $FreeBSD: ports/www.mozilla/Makefile,v 1.107 2002/06/06 18:52
#         

PORTNAME=      mozilla
PORTVERSION=   1.0
PORTEPOCH=    1
CATEGORIES=   www
MASTER_SITES= ${MASTER_SITE_MOZILLA} \
               http://people.FreeBSD.org/~sobomax/:local
MASTER_SITE_SUBDIR= mozilla/releases/${PORTNAME}${PORTVERSION}
                     sobomax/:local
DISTFILES=     ${PORTNAME}-source-${PORTVERSION:S/.rc/rc/}${EXTRACT_SUFX}
               libart_lgpl-${PORTVERSION}${EXTRACT_SUFX}:local

MAINTAINER=   gnome@FreeBSD.org

BUILD_DEPENDS= zip:${PORTSDIR}/archivers/zip \
                 freetype-config:${PORTSDIR}/print/freetype2
LIB_DEPENDS=   ORBit.2:${PORTSDIR}/devel/ORBit \
                 png.5:${PORTSDIR}/graphics/png \
                 freetype.9:${PORTSDIR}/print/freetype2

.includef <bsd.port.mk>
```

Contents of a Port: distinfo

- distfile MD5 checksums

```
MD5 (mozilla-source-1.0.tar.bz2) = 033da936e48336aa2c5d8bf0aa039  
MD5 (libart_lgpl-1.0.tar.bz2) = f332c3c026adc1c2c0ceb3ac5847d5f5
```

Contents of a Port: pkg-comment

- One line comment about the port

The open source, standards compliant web browser

Contents of a Port: pkg-descr

- Longer description of the port

This is the open source web browser, which forms the basis for Netscape Navigator 6. It should be fully compliant with all W3C standards, including HTML, CSS, XML, XSL, JavaScript, MathML, SVG and RDF. This version also supports SSL encryption, but does not yet support Java.

While the code is officially still in pre-release, the browser is mostly stable, and does a good job displaying most pages on the web. Mail and News also work, and provide some interesting features, such as the ability to check multiple POP3 servers.

Testers are most welcome, but should submit bug reports about the browser itself to mozilla.org (<http://bugzilla.mozilla.org/>) rather than via FreeBSD.

WWW: <http://www.mozilla.org/>

Contents of a Port: pkg-plist

- Lists most of the files installed by the port

```
bin/mozilla
lib/mozilla/DocStream
lib/mozilla>HelloWorld
lib/mozilla/INSTALL.xmlterm
lib/mozilla/TestGtkEmbed
lib/mozilla/TestGtkEmbedChild
lib/mozilla/bloaturls.txt
lib/mozilla/chrome/US.jar
%%CHATZILLA%%lib/mozilla/chrome/chatzilla.jar
lib/mozilla/chrome/chrome.rdf
lib/mozilla/chrome/chromelist.txt
lib/mozilla/chrome/classic.jar
lib/mozilla/chrome/comm.jar
lib/mozilla/chrome/content-packs.jar
lib/mozilla/chrome/embed-sample.jar
lib/mozilla/chrome/en-US.jar
@unexec rm -f %D/lib/mozilla/chrome/chrome.rdf || true
@unexec rm -f %D/lib/mozilla/component.reg || true
@dirrm lib/mozilla/res/throbber
@dirrm lib/mozilla/res/rdf
@dirrm lib/mozilla/res
```

Contents of a Port: Other Files

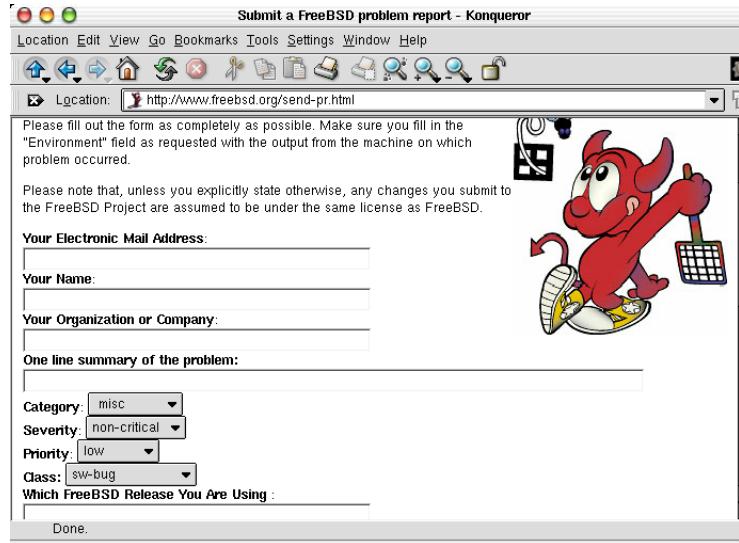
- `pkg-message`: Display additional information after installing
- Patches applied after extracting distfiles into the work directory
- Scripts used to build the port that aren't part of any distfile
- Small files installed with the port (e.g. custom wrapper scripts)
- Anything else that's required

Porting Tools

- portlint(1) (/usr/ports/devel/portlint)
- portcheckout(1) (/usr/ports/devel/portcheckout)
- make package & pkg_add(1)
- /usr/ports/Tools/scripts: some are for committers only, but some are of use to anyone creating or updating a port

Submitting Your Work

- Before submitting:
 - ◆ Check the port using the *Porting Tools* just mentioned
 - ◆ Check the port against *DO's and DON'Ts* in the Porter's Handbook
- Use send-pr or contact the MAINTAINER
 - ◆ send-pr(1) or <http://www.FreeBSD.org/send-pr.html>
 - ◆ The MAINTAINER's email address is in the port's Makefile



Further Information

- FreeBSD Porter's Handbook
- These slides will be available from
<http://people.FreeBSD.org/~tom/>

