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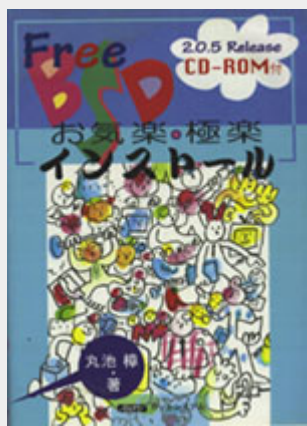
- [FreeBSD Presentations and Papers](#) — the collected works of the FreeBSD community as presented at various conferences and summits
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— if you know of any other FreeBSD-related publication, please [let us know](#).

Books



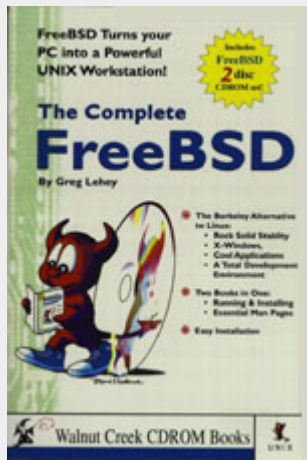
A publication from Tatsumi Hosokawa and others. Among computer books, it is a top-seller in Japan and exceeded the sales of Bill Gates' "The Road Ahead" when published (it was #2, this book was #1).



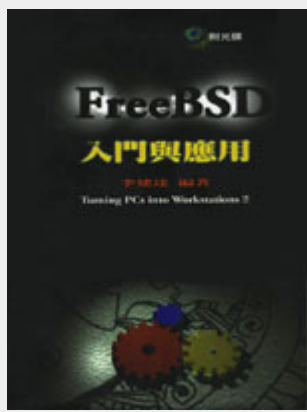
(Japanese FreeBSD book with 2.0.5, titled "FreeBSD: Fun and easy Installation")



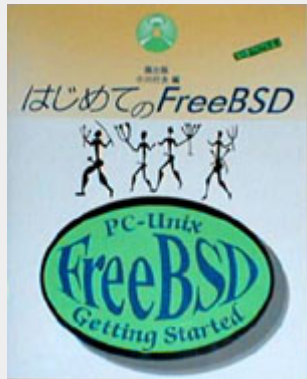
(Japanese FreeBSD book with 2.0.5, titled "FreeBSD Introductory Kit")



This is BSDi's "The Complete FreeBSD" with installation guide, manual pages and installation CDs inside.



This book was published (early 1997) in Taiwan. Its title is "FreeBSD: introduction and applications" and the author is Jian-Da Li (aka. jdli).



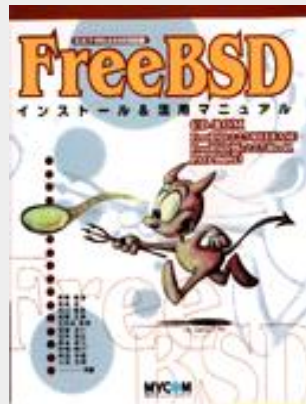
This is the "Getting Started with FreeBSD" from Fuki-Shuppan. Other than the standard installation guide and Japanese environment, it emphasizes system administration and low-level information (such as the boot process, etc.) FreeBSD-2.2.2R and XFree86-3.2 on CDROM. 264 pages, 3,400 yen.



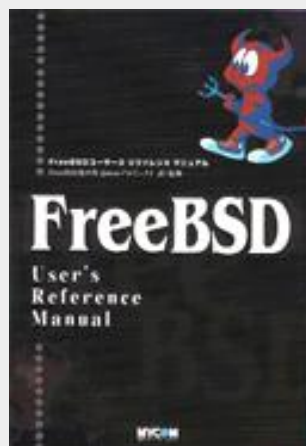
The "Personal Unix Starter Kit - FreeBSD" from ASCII. Includes history of UNIX®, a guide to build a Japanese documentation processing system and how to create ports. 2.1.7.1R and XFree86-3.2 in CDROM. 384 pages, 3,000 yen.



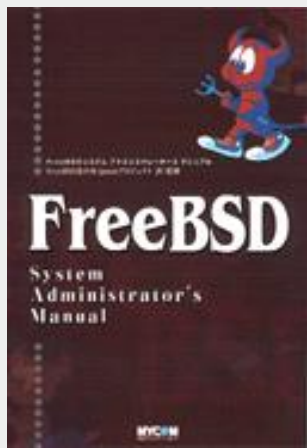
BSD mit Methode, M. Schulze, B. Roehrig, M. Hoelzer und andere, C&L Computer und Literatur Verlag, 1998, 850 pages. 2 CDROMs, FreeBSD 2.2.6, NetBSD 1.2.1 and 1.3.2, OpenBSD 2.2 and 2.3. DM 98,-.



This is the "FreeBSD Install and utilization manual" from Mainichi Communications. General introduction to FreeBSD from installation to utilization with troubleshooting under the supervision of the user group in Japan. 2.2.7-RELEASE FreeBSD(98)2.2.7-Rev01 PAO and distfiles in CDROM. 472 pages, 3,600yen.



The "FreeBSD User's Reference Manual" from Mainichi Communications, under the supervision of "jpman project", the manual translation project by the user group in Japan. Japanese edition of the section 1 of the FreeBSD manual. 2.2.7-RELEASE FreeBSD(98)2.2.7-Rev01 and PAO in CDROM. 1,040 pages, 3,800yen.



The "FreeBSD System Administrator's Manual" from Mainichi Communications, under the supervision of "jpman project", the manual translation project by the user group in Japan. Japanese edition of the section 5 and 8 of the FreeBSD manual. 756 pages, 3,300yen.



This is "About FreeBSD" from Youngjin.com. It is first FreeBSD book in Korea, and covers several topics from installation to Korean environment. 3.5.1-RELEASE/PAO and 4.1-RELEASE in 3 CDRoms. 788 pages, 26,000 won.



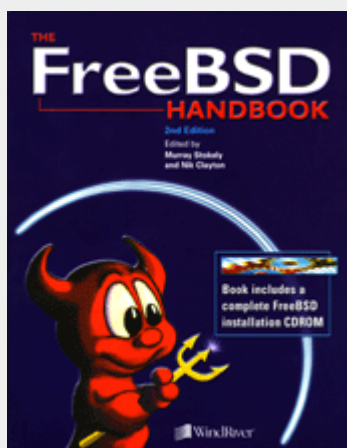
Onno W Purbo, Dodi Maryanto, Syahril Hubbany, Widjil Widodo: [Building Internet Server with FreeBSD](#) (in Indonesia Language), published by [Elex Media Komputindo](#), 2000.



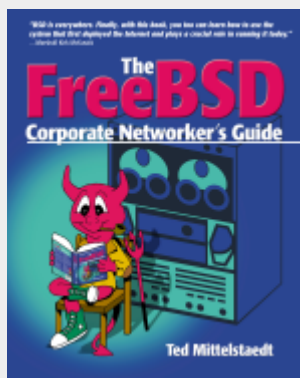
The FreeBSD Handbook 1st Edition is a comprehensive FreeBSD Tutorial and reference. It covers installation, day-to-day use of FreeBSD, and much more. April 2000, BSDi. ISBN 1-57176-241-8



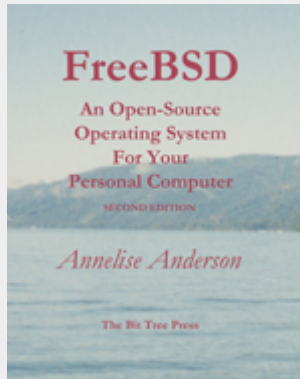
The Complete FreeBSD with CDs, 3rd Ed, FreeBSD 4.2. Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get your computer up and running FreeBSD. Includes 4 CDs containing the FreeBSD operating system! Released: November 2000 ISBN: 1-57176-246-9



The FreeBSD Handbook 2nd Edition is a comprehensive FreeBSD Tutorial and reference. It covers installation, day-to-day use of FreeBSD, and much more. November 2001, Wind River Systems. ISBN 1-57176-303-1



"The FreeBSD Corporate Networker's Guide" Mittelstaedt, Ted. Addison Wesley, 2000. There are two printings: the first has disk 1 of FreeBSD 4.2, the second has disk 1 of FreeBSD 4.4. 400 pages. The Japanese translation was published in 2001. The Networker's Guide covers integration of FreeBSD into typical corporate networks with special emphasis on interoperability with Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2K. English version: 2000, Addison Wesley. ISBN 0-201-70481-1 Japanese version: 2001, Pearson Education Japan. ISBN 4-89471-464-7



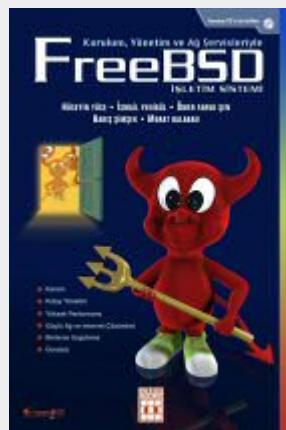
"FreeBSD, An Open-Source Operating System for Your Personal Computer", Annelise Anderson. An introduction to FreeBSD for users new to both FreeBSD and UNIX. This book includes a 4.4 installation CD-ROM and covers everything you need to know about installation of the system and third-party software; getting sound, X Window, your network, and printing working; building your own kernel; and upgrading. Second Edition. December 2001, The Bit Tree Press. ISBN 0-9712045-1-9



Absolute BSD. This book discusses management of FreeBSD-based servers in high-performance enterprise environments. June 2002, [No Starch Press](http://www.nostarch.com). ISBN 1-886411-74-3



"Building an Internet Server with FreeBSD 6" is a step-by-step guide for helping new and experienced users to FreeBSD install and configure the latest Internet server applications in a minimum of time. The guide includes descriptions of many of the Internet's most popular and widely deployed open source projects, detailed instructions on implementing each, and maintenance tasks important to an Internet server. May 2006, Lulu Press, ISBN 1411695747, 228 pages.



Written by the professionals of EnderUNIX and Huseyin Yuce this book is the first Turkish FreeBSD book. The book is published by [acikkod](#) publications. Book is available for sale on [this](#) page. Details of the book:

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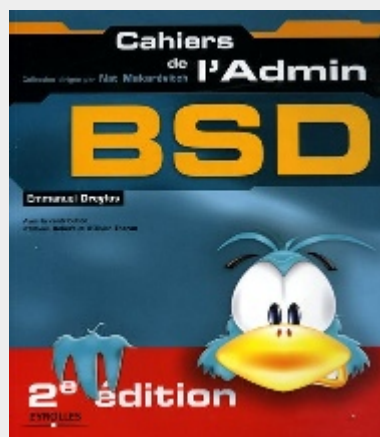
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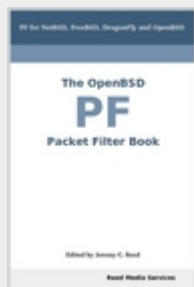
CD: FreeBSD 4.9 Installation CD

Authors: Hüseyin Yüce, İsmail Yenigül, Ömer Faruk Şen, Barış Şimşek and Murat Balaban.

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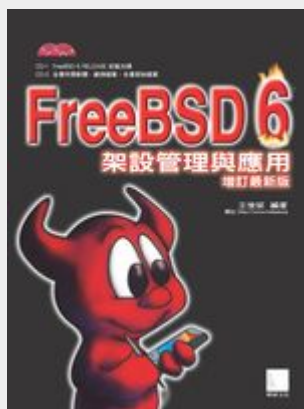
Les cahiers de l'Admin: BSD (the BSD sysadmin notebook), from Emmanuel Dreyfus, covers various UNIX® administrative topics for BSD systems. Aimed at beginners and intermediate in BSD system administration. Book in french, [Eyrolles](#), 2004. ISBN 2-212-11463-X



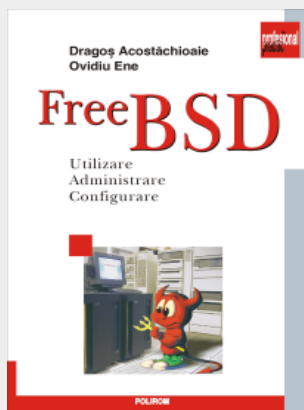
The OpenBSD PF Packet Filter Book covers the PF packet filter suite, ALTQ, spamd, address translation, and more for FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD, and DragonFly. August 2006, [Reed Media Services](#). ISBN 978-0-9790342-0-6.



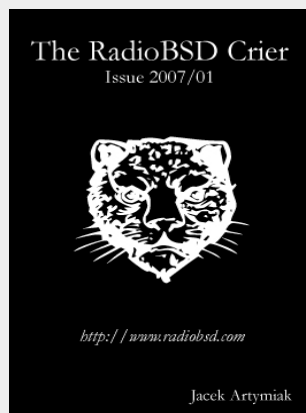
FreeBSD 6 Unleashed covers everything you need to know to use FreeBSD to its fullest potential. Jun 7, 2006, [Sams](#). ISBN 0-672-32875-5



(Traditional Chinese FreeBSD book with 6.0) December 2005, [Drmaster](#). ISBN 9-575-27878-X



This Romanian language book is a useful guide for people taking their first steps with FreeBSD. It covers installation and day-to-day operation of a FreeBSD system, and contains practical examples illustrating the use of FreeBSD's utilities. It has two case studies on configuring FreeBSD as a server and a router. 2005, Polirom Publishing House, ISBN 973-681-683-4



The "RadioBSD Crier: 2007/01" is a 24-page article on managing FreeBSD and NetBSD IPFW, IPFW2, and IP6FW firewalls.



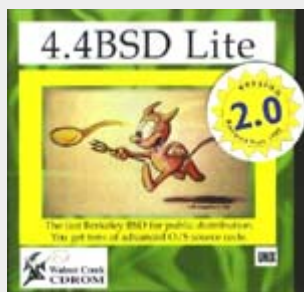
The Best of FreeBSD Basics by Dru Lavigne provides near 100 tutorials covering a wide range of FreeBSD and open source Unix topics. December 2007. [Reed Media Services](#). ISBN 978-0-9790342-2-0.

CD-ROMs and DVDs

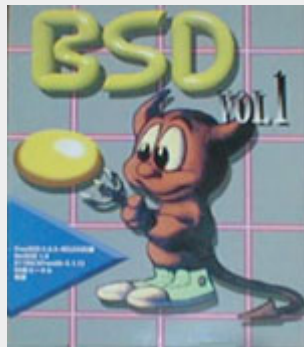
For information about recent releases of the operating system, please see [Release Information](#).



This is InfoMagic's BSDisc, containing FreeBSD 2.0 and NetBSD 1.0 on a single CD. This is the only example I have which had cover art.



This is the original 4.4 BSD Lite2 release from UC Berkeley, the core technology behind much of FreeBSD.



The first of Laser5's "BSD" series. Contains FreeBSD-2.0.5R, NetBSD-1.0, XFree86-3.1.1 and FreeBSD(98) kernel.



The second of Laser5's "BSD" series. From this version, the CDs come in a standard jewel box. Contains FreeBSD-2.1R, NetBSD-1.1, XFree86-3.1.2 and 3.1.2A, and FreeBSD(98) kernel (2.0.5).



This is the Laser5 Japanese edition of the FreeBSD CDROM. It is a 4 CD set.



This is the only FreeBSD CD Pacific Hitech produced before merging their product line with that of Walnut Creek CDROM. PHT now also produces the FreeBSD/J (Japanese) CD product.



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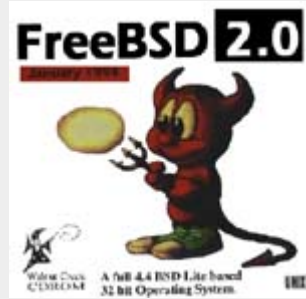
This is the cover disc from the Korean [magazine](#). Note the creative cover art! The CD contains the FreeBSD 2.2.1 release with some local additions.



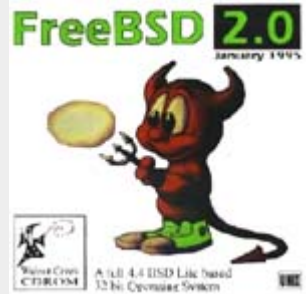
This is it - the very first FreeBSD CD published! Both the FreeBSD Project and Walnut Creek CDROM were fairly young back then, and you'll probably have little difficulty in spotting the differences in production quality between then and now.



This was the second FreeBSD CD published by Walnut Creek CDROM and also the very last on the 1.x branch (ref USL/Novell lawsuit and settlement). The next release, FreeBSD 1.1.5, was only available on the net.



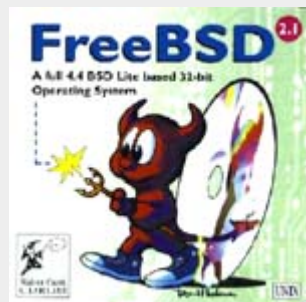
This unusual CD is something of a collector's item now given that almost all existing examples were systematically tracked down and destroyed. An artwork mishap has this CD dated for the wrong year, and on the spine "January" is also misspelled as "Jaunary", just to increase the embarrassment factor. Ah, the perils of turning in one's artwork just hours before leaving for a trade show.



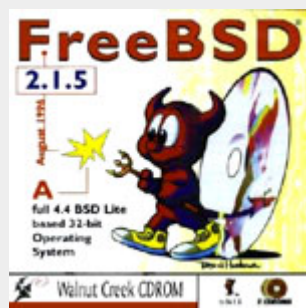
This is the fixed-up version of the FreeBSD 2.0 CD. Note that the color scheme has even been changed in the corrected version, something unusual for a fixup and perhaps done to distance it from the earlier mistake.



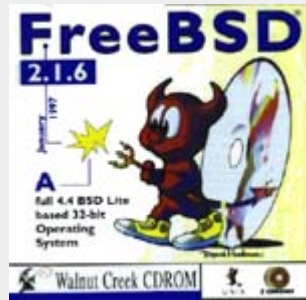
The FreeBSD 2.0.5 release CD. This was the first CD to feature Tatsumi Hosokawa's daemon artwork.



The FreeBSD 2.1 release CD. This was the first CD release on the 2.1 branch (the last being 2.1.7).



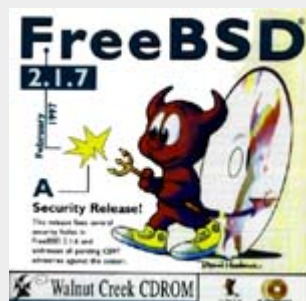
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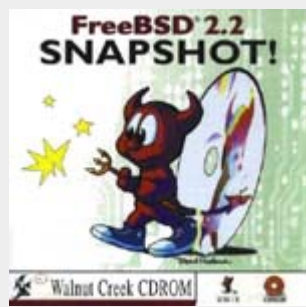
The FreeBSD 2.1.6 release CD.



The Japanese version of 2.1.6. This was the first and last Japanese localized version published by WC, responsibility for that product then transitioning to a team led by Tatsumi Hosokawa and sponsored by Pacific Hitech and Laser5.



The FreeBSD 2.1.7 release CD. Also the last CD released on the 2.1.x branch. Done primarily as a security fixup for 2.1.6



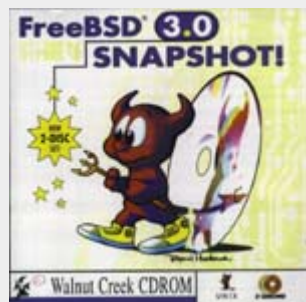
An early release SNAPSHOT of 2.2 (done before 2.2.1 was released).



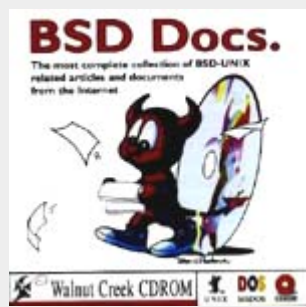
The FreeBSD 2.2.1 release CD. This was the first CD on the 2.2 branch.



The FreeBSD 2.2.2 release CD.



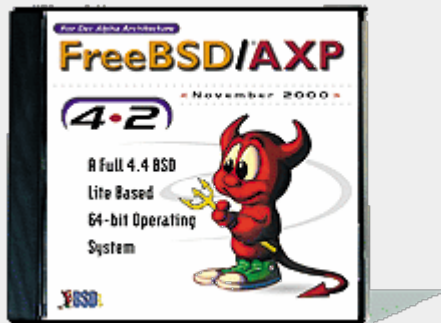
The FreeBSD 3.0 snapshot CD.



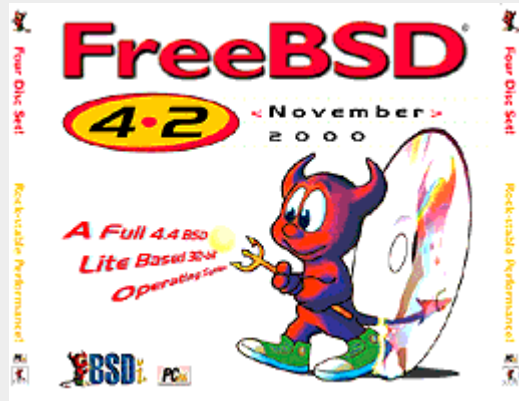
The FreeBSD mailing list and newsgroup archives, turned into HTML and semi-indexed by thread. This product ran for 2 releases and then stopped with a thud once it became obvious that there was simply too much data to deal with on one CD. Perhaps when DVD becomes more popular...



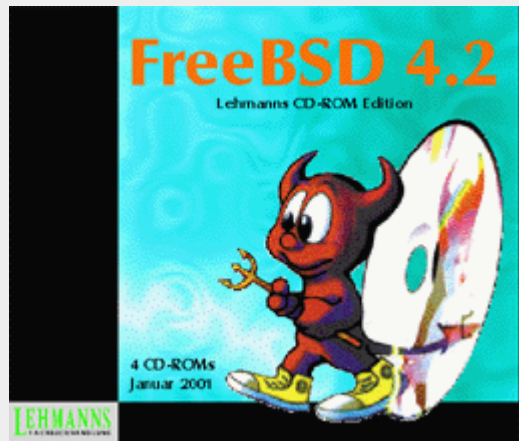
FreeBSD Toolkit: Six disc set of resources to make your FreeBSD experience more enriching.



FreeBSD Alpha 4.2 - The full version of the DEC Alpha 64-bit UNIX operating system.



FreeBSD 4.2: The full version of the PC 32-bit UNIX operating system.



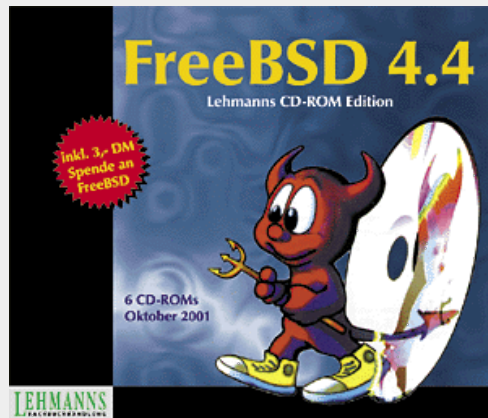
FreeBSD 4.2 CD-ROM. Lehmanns CD-ROM Edition. January 2001, 4 CD-ROMs. Lehmanns Fachbuchhandlung. Germany. ISBN 3-931253-72-4.



FreeBSD 4.3 RELEASE CDROM. April 2001, Wind River Systems. ISBN 1-57176-300-7.



FreeBSD Toolkit: Six disc set of resources to make your FreeBSD experience more enriching. June 2001, Wind River Systems. ISBN 1-57176-301-5.



FreeBSD 4.4 CD-ROM. Lehmanns CD-ROM Edition. November 2001, 6 CD-ROMs in Jewelcase. [Lehmanns Fachbuchhandlung](http://www.lehmanns.de). Germany. ISBN 3-931253-84-8.



FreeBSD 4.4 RELEASE CDROM. Wind River Systems. September 2001. ISBN 1-57176-304-X.



FreeBSD 4.5 RELEASE CDROM. February 2002, FreeBSD Mall Inc. ISBN 1-57176-306-6.

Magazines



Cover of Korean UNIX magazine, May 1997 issue. Also included [FreeBSD 2.2.1](#) with cover CDs.



UNIX User Magazine November 1996 issue. Also included FreeBSD 2.1.5 on cover CD.



This is the "FreeBSD Full Course" special in April 1997's Software Design (published by Gijutsu Hyoron Sha). There are 80 pages of FreeBSD articles covering everything from installation to tracking -current.



[Quality Unix for FREE](#), by Brett Glass in [Sm@rt Reseller Online](#) September 1998



This is the "BSD magazine" published by ASCII corporation, the world's first publication specialized in BSD. BSD magazine covers FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD and BSD/OS. The premiere issue features articles on the history of BSD, installation, and Ports/Packages; it also includes 4 CD-ROMs containing FreeBSD 3.2-RELEASE, NetBSD 1.4.1 and OpenBSD 2.5.

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