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bugs - introduction to filing a problem report (PR)

DESCRIPTION

FreeBSD has a centralized repository for tracking problem reports. A problem report, or PR, can be about any component of FreeBSD, including problems with the operating system, problems with the website, out of date contributed software in the repo, or a mistake in the documentation.

To file a problem report, first search for an existing issue. Existing issues have information and are likely cc'ed to interested parties already. The search is linked in *SEE ALSO*.

Effective problem reports contain:

- What is the full version of the software with an issue?
- What relevant configurations have been applied to the underlying thing?
- What do you expect to happen?
- What actually happened?
- What is the difference?

Please do not open problem reports for requests someone could do.

When filing a bug report, make sure to have

When submitting a patch on the bug tracker, make sure to use a **git format-patch** with a proper name and email address.

SEE ALSO

The FreeBSD Bug Tracker: https://bugs.freebsd.org/

Search Problem Reports: https://bugs.freebsd.org/search/

kp@ on Bug Reports: https://sigsegv.be/blog/2014/Mar#bug_reports

HISTORY

The **bugs** manual page first appeared in FreeBSD 15.0.

CAVEATS

Do not include sensitive information in bug reports.

FreeBSD is a volunteer project, and many problems are complex under the hood. It is not unusual for bugs

to sit for a few years before being fixed, or discovered to be inactionable.