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INSTALL — Installation procedure for NetBSD/i386.

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DESCRIPTION

About this Document

This document describes the installation procedure for NetBSD 5.0_STABLE on the *i386* platform. It is available in four different formats titled `INSTALL.`*`ext`*, where *`.ext`* is one of `.ps`, `.html`, `.more`, or `.txt`:

`.ps` PostScript.

`.html` Standard Internet HTML.

`.more` The enhanced text format used on UNIX-like systems by the `more`(1) and `less`(1) pager utility programs. This is the format in which the on-line *man* pages are generally presented.

`.txt` Plain old ASCII.

You are reading the *PostScript* version.

Quick install notes for the impatient

This section contains some brief notes describing what you need to install NetBSD 5.0_STABLE on a machine of the i386 architecture.

- Fetch files needed to install NetBSD.

Option 1: bootable CD-ROM images containing the full distribution.

These can be found on an FTP site near you, usually located in the `/pub/NetBSD/iso/` directory. Check the NetBSD website for details.

Option 2: bootable CD-ROM images from `i386/installation/cdrom/`.

These images are bootable, but do not contain binary sets. They are intended for network installs or system repair. `boot.iso` is for VGA console installation, and `boot-com.iso` is for installation over serial console (com0, 9600 baud).

Option 3: boot floppy images from `i386/installation/floppy/`.

`boot1.fs` and `boot2.fs` are floppy images for VGA console installation. `boot-com1.fs` and `boot-com2.fs` are for installation via serial console (com0, 9600 baud).

- The default kernel on CD-ROMs has ACPI enabled. This is known to cause issues on a few machines which have buggy ACPI implementations.

  To boot with ACPI disabled, choose the "no ACPI" option from the boot menu, or interrupt the menu and enter the NetBSD boot prompt. Type **`boot -2`** to boot with ACPI disabled.

- The actual binary distribution is in the `i386/binary/sets/` directory. When you boot the install CD-ROM or floppies, the installation program can fetch these files for you (using e.g. ftp) if you have a network connection. There are several other methods to get the binary sets onto your machine.

  You will at a minimum need one of the kernel sets, typically `kern-GENERIC.tgz`, as well as `base.tgz` and `etc.tgz`. In a typical workstation installation you will probably want all the installation sets.

- Write the CD-ROM images or floppy images out.

  Many commercial and freeware programs are available to burn CD-ROMs.

  If you have problems writing a raw image to a floppy, the **`rawrite.exe`** MS-DOS program or the **`Rawrite32.exe`** Windows32 program (inside `rawrite32.zip`) in the `i386/installation/misc/` directory may be of help.

  The disk(s) you just prepared will be used to boot the installation kernel, which contains all the tools required to install NetBSD.

- For third-party programs which are not part of the base NetBSD distribution, you will want to explore the **`pkgsrc`** system with its many thousands of third party software applications.

What is NetBSD?

The NetBSD Operating System is a fully functional Open Source UNIX-like operating system derived from the University of California, Berkeley Networking Release 2 (Net/2), 4.4BSD-Lite, and 4.4BSD-Lite2 sources. NetBSD runs on 57 different system architectures (ports) across 15 distinct CPU families, and is being ported to more. The NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release contains complete binary releases for many different system architectures. (A few ports are not fully supported at this time and are thus not part of the binary distribution. Please see the NetBSD web site at **http://www.NetBSD.org/** for information on them.)

NetBSD is a completely integrated system. In addition to its highly portable, high performance kernel, NetBSD features a complete set of user utilities, compilers for several languages, the X Window System, firewall software and numerous other tools, all accompanied by full source code.

NetBSD is a creation of the members of the Internet community. Without the unique cooperation and coordination the net makes possible, it's likely that NetBSD wouldn't exist.

Changes Between The NetBSD 4.0 and 5.0 Releases

The NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release provides numerous significant functional enhancements, including support for many new devices, integration of hundreds of bug fixes, new and updated kernel subsystems, and many user-land enhancements. The result of these improvements is a stable operating system fit for production use that rivals most commercially available systems.

It is impossible to completely summarize the massive development that went into the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release. The complete list of changes can be found in the CHANGES:

ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-5.0/CHANGES

and CHANGES-5.0:

ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-5.0/CHANGES-5.0

files in the top level directory of the NetBSD 5.0 release tree.

Some highlights include:

General kernel

- Introduced new synchronization primitives and made almost all core kernel subsystems use fine-grained locking, resulting in much greater performance on MP systems. See `mutex`(9), `rwlock`(9), and `condvar`(9).
- The threading system was rewritten and is now based on a 1:1 model.
- Made the process scheduler modular, allowing for different scheduling algorithms to be selected.
- The default scheduler implementation was rewritten, giving large performance improvements on SMP systems, and bringing support for real-time and time-sharing classes.
- Added support for SCHED_M2, a second scheduling algorithm, as an alternative to the original SCHED_4BSD algorithm.
- Added support for POSIX real-time scheduling extensions.
- Added support for POSIX asynchronous I/O.
- Added support for POSIX message queues.
- Added support for processor sets, CPU sets, and thread affinity. See `pset`(3), `cpuset`(3), and `affinity`(3).
- Added MI code to support in-kernel preemption and made i386 and amd64 use it. See `kpreempt`(9).
- Added a new implementation of software interrupts in a machine-independent way to provide software interrupts with thread context. All ports were made to use it. See `softint`(9).
- Added support for per-system call statistics.
- Added support for per-CPU work-queues. See `workqueue`(9).
- Added support for kernel core dumps to software RAID 1 sets.
- Added `mremap`(2), to remap virtual memory addresses.
- Added support for dynamic changing of SysV message queues and semaphore limits.
- Improved pagedaemon behavior on memory shortage.
- Added TFTPROOT option for TFTPing root ramdisk at root mount time.
- Added `putter`(9) (Pass-to-Userspace Transporter), a generic request-response handler for kernel-attached userspace daemons.

- Added a new power management framework, pmf(9).
- By default, the kernel no longer enters ddb(4) if it panics. To get the old behavior, set ddb.onpanic to 1 in /etc/sysctl.conf.
- ddb(4): Added a "whatis" command, inspired by Solaris.
- All ports made to use generic todr(9).
- All ports made to use timecounter(9).
- Added Mersenne Twister PRNG implementation.
- Added posix_madvise(2).
- Numerous improvements to compat_linux(8) and compat_linux32.
- Device attach and detach notifications are now exposed via /dev/drvctl.
- Added sockopt(9), a new kernel API for passing socket options.
- If no usable init(8) program can be found, set the RB_ASKNAME flag and prompt users for the init path.

Networking

- Added ipv6 fast forward support, which increases forwarding speed by hashing/caching flows.
- Added per-socket keepalive timer settings and the ability to change connection timeouts.
- Added support for automatic sizing of TCP socket buffers.
- Added a new socket option SO_NOHEADER to tell the network stack to strip the protocol header from packets received on a raw socket.
- Added accept filters. See accept_filter(9), accf_data(9), and accf_http(9).
- fast_ipsec(4): Added support for IPsec NAT-T.
- pf(4): Made "nat" and "rdr" translation rules obey state policy flags. Extended pf.conf(5) syntax to express the translation-state policies.
- Network statistics were changed to be per-CPU.
- ALTQ: Added support for source address hashing in the WFQ scheduler.
- Pulled in IANA-generated services and protocols files.

File systems

- Added wapbl(4), a preview of metadata journaling for FFS. Contributed by Wasabi Systems.
- Added read-only support for Apple HFS+ file systems. See mount_hfs(8).
- Added read-only support for Silicon Graphics EFS file systems. See mount_efs(8).
- Added write support for UDF file systems. See mount_udf(8).
- Added mount_psshfs(8), to support puffs(3) sshfs.
- Added mount_9p(8), to support 9P file services with puffs(3).
- Added rump_nfs(8), a userspace NFS client.
- Added mount_sysctlfs(8), to support browsing, querying, and modifying the sysctl(3) hierarchy.

- Added refuse(3) for FUSE compatibility functionality, layered on top of puffs(3).
- Added the user kernel file system library, ukfs(3), for standalone file system access.
- Added p2k(3), a puffs(3) to kernel vfs adaption library.
- puffs(4): Added support for NFS exporting puffs file servers.
- Added 32 bit UID/GID support for ext2fs.
- Added a newfs_ext2fs(8) utility to create Ext2 file systems.
- /proc is now mounted by default. Extended the Linux emulation of /proc to include /proc/stat, /proc/loadavg, and /proc/<pid>/statm. Linux compatibility mode is now the default. Use -o nolinux if Linux compatibility is not desired.
- Write speed to FAT file systems was significantly increased and the 255 head limit was removed.
- Imported FreeBSD's unionfs.
- fsck_ext2fs(8), fsck_ffs(8), fsck_lfs(8): Disable userid to username lookups by default and add -U flag to perform them.
- scan_ffs(8): Added -b option to search a partition for valid alternate superblocks.
- fsck_ffs(8): Added -x/-X options, which allow running fsck_ffs -n on a snapshot of a live filesystem.

Security

- Added support for per-user /tmp. See security(8).
- Added support for ASLR (Address Space Layout Randomization) in the kernel and dynamic linker. See security(8).
- Added an opencrypto(9) provider for VIA ACE (AES encryption instructions).
- Added nsp(4), a driver for NetOctave NSP2000, contributed by NBMK Encryption Technologies, ported from vendor FreeBSD SDK and integrated with opencrypto by Coyote Point Systems.
- opencrypto(9): Improved performance by adding asynchronous operation and batched submit/retrieve of requests/results. Contributed by Coyote Point Systems.
- cgd(4): Changed the default IV to encblkno1, which is faster without a real loss of security.
- openssl(1): Enabled support for Camellia.

Drivers

- Audio:
  - Added pad(4), a pseudo-audio device driver for feeding back raw PCM data to userland.
  - Added sgsmix(4), a driver for the SGS 7433 mixer found in some G3 Macs.
  - umidi(4): Added support for Roland UA25, UA4FX, and SonicCell devices.
  - dbri(4): Added support for audio input.
  - auvia(4) now works on big endian machines.
  - azalia(4): AD1984 support was greatly improved. Added support for Realtek ALC662-GR and ALC269 codecs, which are found in EeePCs. Added support for ALC268.
  - auich(4): Fixed a clock accounting problem that prevented detecting sample rates correctly.

- Hardware Monitoring:
  - Imported envsys2, which brings, among other things, the ability to send events to `powerd`(8). See `envsys`(4) and `sysmon_envsys`(9).
  - Added support for hardware monitoring on Sun Ultra Enterprise 450.
  - Added `aiboost`(4), a driver for the ASUS AI Booster ACPI Hardware monitor.
  - Added `smsc`(4), a driver for the hardware monitoring portion of the SMSC LPC47B397.
  - Added `aps`(4), a driver for the IBM Thinkpad Active Protection System.
  - Added `coretemp`(4), a driver for Intel Core (and newer) on-die thermal sensors.
  - Added `finsio`(4), a driver for various Fintek Super I/O chips.
  - Added `amdtemp`(4), a driver for AMD CPU on-die thermal sensors.
  - Added `dbcool`(4), a driver for Analog Devices dbCool chips including ADT7460, ADT7463, ADT7467, and ADM1030.
  - Added `alipm`(4), a driver for the Acer Labs M7101 Power Management Controller.
  - Added `admtemp`(4), a driver for the Analog Devices ADM1021 temperature sensor.
  - `viaenv`(4): Added support for VIA VT8231.
  - `nsclpcsio`(4): Added support for the VLM logical device.
  - `lm`(4): Added an i2c attachment for the LM78 family of temp sensor and fan controllers.
- Networking:
  - Added `jme`(4), a driver for the JMicron Technologies JME250 Gigabit Ethernet and JME260 Fast Ethernet controllers.
  - Added `u3g`(4), a driver for many multi-port 3G datacards.
  - Added `iwn`(4), a driver for the Intel Wireless LAN 4965AGN adapter.
  - Added `zyd`(4), a driver for ZyDAS ZD1211/ZD1211B USB IEEE 802.11b/g wireless network devices.
  - Added `uhmodem`(4), a driver for 3G wireless modems including Huawei E220 and E620, E-mobile D01HW and D02HW, and NTT DoCoMo a2502.
  - Added `lii`(4), a driver for the Atheros L2 Fast Ethernet controller.
  - Added `btuart`(4), a driver for Bluetooth HCI UART (H4).
  - Firmware images are now shipped for `ipw`(4), `iwi`(4), `wpi`(4), and `iwn`(4). For `ipw`(4) and `iwi`(4), the Intel EULA has to be accepted via `sysctl`(8).
  - `fxp`(4): Fixed some TX timeout and RX pool corruption problems. Added a workaround for a hardware ip4csum-tx bug.
  - `bge`(4): Added support for BCM5786 and BCM5906(M). Fixed fiber card support.
  - `nfe`(4): Added support for NVIDIA MCP67/73 Ethernet controllers. Fixed wakeup issues on some newer chips. Fixed a problem with receiving jumbo frames.
  - `btbc`(4): Added support for AnyCom BlueCard devices.

- rum(4): Added support for MELCO WLI-U2-SG54HP, PLANEX GW-US54Mini2, COREGA CG-WLUSB2GL and K.K. CG-WLUSB2GPX, and ABOCOM WUG2700.
- makphy(4): Added support for Marvell 88E1116 Gigabit PHY.
- gem(4): Added support for Sun PCI SX fiber cards and Sun SBus SX fiber cards.
- wm(4): Added support for the Intel PRO/1000 PT Quad Port Server Adapter. Fixed a bug on receiving a jumbo frame which lead to a panic in sbcompress(). Added support for more ICH9 devices. Fixed an EEPROM-trashing bug on ICH8 and ICH9 chipsets.
- udav(4): Added support for Shantou ADM8515.
- brgphy(4): Added support for BCM5708C.
- re(4): Made hardware vlan(4) insertion/extraction work properly. Added support for the Realtek 8102E/8102EL PCIe 10/100 Ethernet adapters, as well as the 8111C chips that are found on many Intel-based motherboards.
- sk(4), msk(4): Fixed a lock panic on receiving jumbo packets.
- msk(4): Fixed a Yukon EC Ultra cold power up issue.
- bnx(4): Added support for SerDes controllers.
- vge(4): Added ifconfig down and ALTQ support.

• Storage:

- Added arcmsr(4), a driver for Areca Technology Corporation SATA RAID controllers.
- Added siisata(4), a driver for Silicon Image SteelVine SATA-II controllers (SiI3124, SiI3132, and SiI3531).
- isp(4): Major update, including 4Gb (24XX) card support and new firmware sets.
- piixide(4): Added support for ICH10.
- ahcisata(4): Added support for ATAPI devices.
- svwsata(4): Added support for ServerWorks HT-1000 SATA controller.
- njata(4): Added support for Workbit CF32A CF adapter.
- viaide(4): Added support for VIA CX700, CX700M2, NVIDIA MCP67, and MCP73/77 controllers.
- mfi(4): Added support for LSI SAS1078 and Dell PERC 6 controllers.
- mpt(4): Fixed performance problems for old revisions of the Symbios 53c1030.
- cac(4): Added initial bio(4) support; only volume status is handled at this time.
- siop(4): Added support for the non-PCI NCR 53c720/770 in big-endian mode.
- twa(4): Added support for 3ware 9650 and 9690, based on contributions from Wasabi Systems.
- ciss(4): Added bio(4) support.
- ataraid(4): Added NVIDIA MediaShield, JMicron RAID, and Intel MatrixRAID support. Added support for status reports through bio(4).
- ixpide(4): Added support for ATI SB700/SB800 controllers.

  - aac(4): Added support for raw I/O mode and >2TB.
  - umass(4): Added support for Sony GPS GPS-CS1. Fixed a panic on device removal.
  - aic(4): Worked around an rbus resource allocation problem so that aic PCMCIA cards work again.
  - Implemented DIOCACHESYNC for RAIDframe, vnd(4), and cgd(4).
  - rccide: Added support for the ServerWorks HT-1000 IDE controller.
  - wd33c93: Enabled Fast SCSI transfers for WD33C93B parts with appropriate input clocks.
- USB:
  - Added uvideo(4), a driver for USB Video Class capture devices, from Patrick Mahoney's Google Summer of Code 2008 project.
  - Added uslsa(4), a driver for CP210x USB-RS232 devices.
  - Added uchcom(4), a driver for WinChipHead CH341/340 and HL-340 USB-Serial adapters.
  - Added uberry(4), a driver to allow RIM BlackBerries to charge from the USB port.
  - Added appropriate bus_dmamap_sync(9) calls to uhci(4), ohci(4), and ehci(4) to prevent the CPU from reordering loads and stores against DMA descriptors. This fixes "host controller process error/host controller halted" errors.
  - ehci(4): Added isochronous transfer support, contributed by Jeremy Morse as part of his Google Summer of Code 2008 project.
  - ukbd(4): Added support for function keys F16 through F19.
  - uplcom(4): Added support for Willcom WS002IN PHS and SMART Technologies-badged devices. Recognize Corega CG-USBRS232R as a serial device.
  - ugensa(4): Added support for Novatel Wireless Merlin CMDA and Ovation U727.
  - ubsa(4): Added support for CDMA modems sold by Eurotel/O2.
  - uftdi(4): Added support for Sealevel SeaPORT+4 USB to Serial adapter.
  - slhci(4): Replaced with Matthew Orgass's driver.
- Graphics and Video:
  - Switched to X.Org on amd64, i386, macppc, sgimips, shark, and sparc64.
  - Added video(4), a video4linux2 compatible capture interface, part of Patrick Mahoney's Google Summer of Code 2008 project.
  - Added uvideo(4), a driver for USB Video Class capture devices, from Patrick Mahoney's Google Summer of Code 2008 project.
  - Added pseye(4), a driver for the Sony PLAYSTATION(R) Eye USB webcam.
  - Added genfb(4), a generic framebuffer console driver with PCI and SBus frontends.
  - Added AGPv3 support to VIA AGP driver.
  - Added support for Fujitsu AG-10e graphics cards.
  - Added r128fb, an accelerated console driver for ATI Rage 128 graphics controllers.
  - Added isv(4), a driver for the IDEC Supervision/16 image capture board.

  - wscons(4): Added scrollback support to vcons.
  - cgfourteen(4): Added support for wscons.
  - agp(4): Added support for ALI M1689, MB i965Q, Intel Q33/35/G33, Intel 945GME, and Intel 946GZ.
  - bktr(4) now works on amd64.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Added pud(4), a driver that makes it possible to implement block and character devices in userspace.
  - Added spdmem(4), a Serial Presence Detect driver that decodes technical specs stored in the eeprom on common types of memory modules.
  - Added bcsp(4) to support the BlueCore Serial Protocol.
  - Added thinkpad(4), a driver to support IBM/Lenovo Thinkpad hotkeys, brightness controls, and temperature and fan monitoring.
  - Added gcscpcib(4), a driver for the AMD CS5535 and CS5536 Companion Device with support for the timecounter, watchdog timer, and GPIO.
  - Added ichsmb(4), a driver for Intel ICH SMBus controllers.
  - Added asus(4), a driver for ASUS ACPI hotkeys as found in the EeePC.
  - Added acpidalb(4), a driver for PNP0C32 ACPI hotkeys, aka the Direct Application Launch Buttons.
  - Added hpqlb(4), a driver for hotkeys on some HP notebooks.
  - adb(4): New and simplified MI ADB drivers.
  - ichlpcib(4): Added support for the TCO (watchdog) on ICH6 or newer chipsets. Now runs on EM64T systems as well.
  - itesio(4): Added support for the watchdog timer.
  - ulpt(4): Implemented non-blocking read.
  - puc(4): Added support for the I-O DATA RSA-PCI 2 port serial board, Digi International 4 and 8 port boards, and B&B Electronics MIPort serial boards.
  - piixpm(4): Added support for ATI SB600, SB700, and SB800 SMBus controllers.
  - wscons(4): Added support for the Colemak keyboard layout.
  - com(4): Added support for PCMCIA Sierra Wireless Aircard 850.
  - nfsmb(4): Added support for numerous NVIDIA chipsets.

Platforms

- x86 (i386, amd64):
  - Removed GENERIC.MP and made MULTIPROCESSOR mandatory.
  - Enabled BUFQ_PRIOCSCAN in GENERIC for better responsiveness under heavy disk I/O.
  - Added fatboot, a sub-512 byte bootloader that can be written into the first sector of a FAT16 file system.

  - Added support for enhanced speedstep on Intel Atom CPUs.
  - Added a High Precision Event Timer driver.
  - Merged amd64 and i386 pmap. Large pages are always used if available.
  - Added support for the Intel 82G965 chipset.
  - Added `boot.cfg`(5) to configure the bootloader.
  - The boot menu now allows disabling ACPI and/or SMP.
  - Added support for ACPI S3 (suspend-to-RAM) on MP systems.
  - Added `mbr`(8) variants that directly access serial ports.
  - It is now possible on some systems to get to a `ddb`(4) session on a VGA console if the system crashed while X11 was running.
  - Added detection of errata for AMD Family 10h steppings A and 2.
  - Added checks for erratum 261 on AMD Family 10h stepping 3 processors.
  - `boot`(8): Added support for the multiboot protocol. This allows booting Xen without GRUB.
  - The kernel now recognizes CD-ROMs as booted devices.
  - Added an Intel On Demand Clock Modulation driver.
- i386:
  - Removed support for 80386 level CPUs.
  - Added support for Microsoft Xbox.
  - Added `cmos`(4), a driver for CMOS RAM.
  - Added support for VIA Esther.
  - i386 bootblocks are now able to boot amd64 kernels and support for a.out kernels has been removed.
  - Removed pccons.
  - Added support for sparse kernel core dumps.
  - Removed the MATH_EMULATE option.
  - Added the i386-specific COMPAT_30_PTHREAD option, which restores binary compatibility with netbsd-3 libpthread.
- amd64:
  - Added support for PCI_BUS_FIXUP and PCI_ADDR_FIXUP kernel options.
- acorn32:
  - Added support for Kinetic cards.
  - Fixed up boot32 to work on A7000+.
- algor:
  - Fixed a `delay`(9) issue and now the P5064 kernel works in gxemul.
- alpha:

  - Make dynamic executables work under `compat_osf1`(8) again.
- amiga:
  - Added a `wdc`(4) frontend for the buddha and catweazle Z2 hardware.
- arc:
  - Added support for booting from UFS2 partitions.
  - Added `sysinst`(8) support.
- arm:
  - Added armv6 kernel support.
  - Added arm32 support for kernel crashdumps.
  - Added VFP support.
  - Added AT91 support.
  - Added FA526 support.
  - Added the missing kernel bits that kept `eeprom`(8) from actually changing firmware settings.
- atari:
  - Fixed the sysinst miniroot image and retired the old miniroot.
  - Fixed a hang on loading md_root from floppy during installation.
  - Many pmap bugs were fixed and it was synced with amiga's pmap.
  - Fixed a lost interrupt problem on Falcon `wdc`(4).
  - Renamed the BOOT kernel to SMALL030 and removed BOOTX.
  - Added support for installation from GEMDOS partitions.
  - Fixed an ncr5380 SCSI freezing problem that occurred during boot.
- bebox:
  - Converted to generic powerpc PCI and ISA frameworks.
  - Added support for `genfb`(4).
- cobalt:
  - Added `sysinst`(8) support.
  - Added support for booting from UFS2 partitions.
  - Added support for booting from Ext2fs partitions.
  - Added netboot support for 21041 on Qube 2700.
  - Startup and shutdown messages, as well as a banner and kernel name are now printed on the LCD panel.
  - Added kernel and bootloader support for optional Z85C30 serial on Qube 2700.
  - Fixed a botched `spl`(9) bug which could cause a network freeze on traffic between two network interfaces.

- evbarm:
  - Added support for the Cortina Systems SL3516 evaluation board.
  - Added support for NPE Ethernet found on IXP425 boards.
  - Added a PXA2x0 RTC driver.
- evbmips:
  - Added support for Infineon ADM5120.
- evbppc:
  - Added support for Xilinx Virtex II-Pro/4-FX.
  - Converted PM/PPC to generic powerpc clock, PCI, and interrupt frameworks.
  - Fixed sysinst to refer to the proper WALNUT and OPENBLOCKS266 kernels.
- hp700:
  - Added support for booting from CD-ROM images.
  - Fixed kernel profiling.
  - Kernels are now compiled with -O2.
  - Added `gdb`(1) support.
  - Added bootinfo support.
  - Added support for NCR 53C720.
- hpcmips:
  - Fixed a silent hangup problem on TX3922 machines.
- ibmnws:
  - Converted to generic powerpc clock, PCI, and interrupt frameworks.
- landisk:
  - Added `sysinst`(8) support.
  - Fixed MD `bus_dmamap_load`(9) so that NFS write works with `re`(4).
- mac68k:
  - Added support for more NuBus video cards, including VillageTronic MacPicasso 340.
  - Added support for Creative Systems Inc Hurdler CPI NuBus parallel printer card.
  - Switched `sn`(4) to use the MI SONIC driver.
- macppc:
  - Switched to generic powerpc interrupt, clock, PCI, `bus_dma`(9), `bus_space`(9), SMP, and IPI frameworks.
  - `genfb`(4) is now the default framebuffer.
  - Switched to the new ADB subsystem.
  - Added support for bus speed control found in some Intrepid-based laptops like the 800MHz iBook G4.

  - Converted to shared ofw_autoconf.
  - Converted to shared powerpc major numbers.
  - Added an experimental Apple UniNorth AGP driver.
- mvmeppc:
  - Converted to generic powerpc clock/PCI/interrupt frameworks.
- m68k:
  - Fixed a panic in FPE code caused by 040/060 specific FDADD instructions on 020/030 machines.
  - `gcc`(1): Fix jump table addressing in the M68k codegen.
  - Fixed floating point handling regressions.
- ofppc:
  - Completely rewrote the ofppc port from scratch.
  - Added support for the bplan/Genesi Pegasos II.
  - Added support for the IBM 7044-270.
  - Added support for the IBM 7046-B50.
  - Added install support and booting from RAID.
  - Fixed ofwboot to work on an IBM CHRP-based RS/6000.
  - Added support for SMP.
- pmppc:
  - Removed pmppc as a port and moved it under evbppc.
- powerpc:
  - Added a generic interrupt handler framework.
  - Added generic shared timecounter-based clock routines.
  - Added shared PReP memory maps.
  - Added generic powerpc OpenFirmware code.
  - Added a generic powerpc IPI framework.
  - Added new generic powerpc SMP support framework.
  - Added tuned assembler from IBM for `memcpy`(3), `memmove`(3), and `memcmp`(3).
  - Added booted_kernel and booted_device sysctl.
  - Added the missing kernel bits that kept `eeprom`(8) from actually changing firmware settings.
- prep:
  - Switched to generic powerpc PCI, ISA, interrupt, clock, IPI, and SMP frameworks.
  - Added support for the MTX604 RAVEN based machine. Other RAVEN based machines are also likely to work now.
  - Added support for floppy controller/drive.

- sandpoint:
  - Switched to generic powerpc interrupt, clock, PCI, and ISA frameworks.
  - Added a DHCP/NFS bootloader.
  - Converted to shared powerpc major numbers.
- sgimips:
  - Added support for the SGI O2 PS/2 controller `macekbc`(4), onboard display adapter `crmfb`(4), and audio driver `mavb`(4).
  - Added support for Set Engineering's GIO Fast Ethernet board: `tl`(4).
  - Added support for the SGI Light/Entry/Starter LG1/LG2 framebuffers found in Indigo systems: `light`(4).
  - Added support for the `sq`(4) interface on the Challenge S's IOPLUS mezzanine.
  - Added support for booting from UFS2 partitions.
  - Many bug fixes and improvements to the MAC-110 Ethernet driver found in the O2.
- sh3:
  - Implemented fast path TLB miss handling.
  - Fixed compilation of native sh3 gcc on 64-bit build machines.
  - Added support for single-stepping in `ddb`(4).
- shark:
  - Added `dhclient`(8) to the install disk image.
  - The installation disk now uses wscons.
  - Removed pccons, which has been obsoleted by `wscons`(4).
  - X works again on revision 4 machines.
- sparc:
  - Added support for booting from UFS2 partitions.
  - Added support for Sun PGX32 / TechSource Raptor GFX 8P to `genfb`(4).
- sparc64:
  - SMP now works.
  - Fixed boot device matching on U5/U10 machines to properly distinguish cd0 from wd0.
- vax:
  - Turned on generation of PIC code.
  - Added an accelerated driver for SPX graphics cards found in some VAXstations.
  - Fixed Unibus support on VAX11/780 and 8600 models.
- xen:
  - Added support for amd64, both as dom0 and domU.

  - Added support for the i386 PAE extension to Xen3 domU.
  - Fixed PCI_BUS_FIXUP/PCI_ADDR_FIXUP support.
- zaurus:
  - Added the zaurus port, with support for Sharp C3x00 PDAs.
  - Allow Zaurus screen to rotate 90 degrees to a usable state with the keyboard.
  - Added support for detecting the AC adapter and charging the battery.
  - Added `sysinst`(8) support.

Userland

- 3rd party software updates:
  - ACPICA 20080321
  - am-utils 6.2a3
  - BIND 9.5.0-P2
  - file 4.26
  - GNU gcc 4.1.3-20080831
  - GNU gdb 6.5 on all ports
  - IPFilter 4.1.29
  - (n)awk 20070501
  - NTP 4.2.4p6
  - nvi 1.81
  - openpam 20071221
  - OpenSSH 5.0p1
  - OpenSSL SNAP-20080509
  - PF from OpenBSD 4.2
  - Postfix 2.5.4
  - texinfo 4.8
- Libraries:
  - `pthread`(3):
    - Major overhaul, resulting in many performance and stability improvements.
    - Added POSIX real-time extensions.
    - Diagnostic assertions are now disabled by default. Application errors will be reported only by error return from pthread APIs. The assertions can be re-enabled by setting the PTHREAD_DIAGASSERT environment variable as desired.
    - Added a PTHREAD__COMPAT build flag which creates a libpthread that can be dropped into a NetBSD 2/3/4 chroot and used on a kernel without scheduler activations support.

  - Replaced the default malloc(3) with jemalloc, bringing a significant performance boost for many threaded workloads that make heavy use of malloc.
  - curses(3):
    - Merged wide curses work done by Ruibiao Qui as a Google Summer of Code project.
    - Added termattrs(3) and term_attrs(3).
    - Added getwin(3) and putwin(3).
  - util(3):
    - Added estrndup(3).
    - Added raise_default_signal(3).
  - Added C99 complex support (float/double) to math(3).
  - proplib(3):
    - Implemented prop_dictionary_make_immutable(3).
    - Added prop_array_util(3) functions.
  - libc:
    - Added dehumanize_number(3).
    - Added posix_memalign(3).
    - Replaced O(nm) versions of strspn(3), strcspn(3), and strpbrk(3) with O(n+m) implementations.
    - Added getlogin_r(2).
    - Added the C99 functions imaxabs(3) and imaxdiv(3).
    - Enabled atomic_ops(3) in userspace.
    - queue(3): Added TAILQ_CONCAT() and STAILQ_CONCAT().
  - Added libgcov.
- Imported bozohttpd, a small HTTP server. See httpd(8).
- Imported dhcpcd 4.0.10.
- Imported openldap 2.4.11.
- Added rump(3), the Runnable Userspace Meta Program framework. Allows running kernel code in userspace applications.
- Added cpuctl(8), a utility that allows placing CPUs online/offline.
- Added schedctl(8), a program to control scheduling of processes and threads.
- Added psrset(8), a utility to control processor sets.
- Added atf(7), the Automated Testing Framework, Julio M. Merino Vidal's 2007 Google Summer of Code project.
- Added newgrp(1), a utility to change effective group ID.
- Added tcpdrop(8), a utility to drop tcp(4) connections.

- Added acpitools from FreeBSD: `acpidump`(8) and `amldb`(8).
- Added `dkscan_bsdlabel`(8) to scan disks for BSD disklabels.
- Added `btkey`(1), a utility to manage Bluetooth link keys in OS and device storage.
- Added `svhlabel`(8), a tool to update `disklabel`(5) from SGI Volume Header, like `mbrlabel`(8) for MBR labels.
- Added `pcc`(1) as an alternative compiler.
- Added `btpand`(8), a Bluetooth Personal Area Networking profile daemon.
- Added `c99`(1) as a wrapper to run `cc`(1) in C99 mode.
- Added support for Solaris $ORIGIN etc. expansions in paths.
- Added BUILDSEED support to build.sh to yield reproducible C++ builds.
- Added support for "cc -m32" on amd64 and sparc64 to generate 32 bit binaries. 32bit libraries are now provided on these two ports.
- `ld`(1) can now link 32bit objects on amd64.
- `vi`(1) has been updated to nvi 1.81, which supports internationalization. It also grew a new NetBSD-specific expandtab option.
- `pkill`(1): Added the -l (long format) option.
- `find`(1): Added the -delete and -E (extended regex) options.
- `xargs`(1): Replaced with FreeBSD's while keeping our GNU compatible exit values.
- `sdiff`(1): Replaced by OpenBSD's `sdiff`(1).
- `pax`(1): Added a -V flag for verbose summary without listing.
- `top`(1): Allow a single process to be selected by pid. Added a thread mode that displays LWPs.
- `scsictl`(8): Added a setspeed command.
- `split`(1): Added a new option "-n chunk_count" that splits the input into chunk_count smaller files.
- `df`(1): Fixed the -P option and added the -g (gigabytes) option.
- `wtf`(6) now searches pkgsrc's help database when called inside a package directory.
- `atactl`(8): Improved SATA support.
- `wlanctl`(8): Added a -p flag that only prints public nodes.
- `btconfig`(8): Added a new "rssi" option to toggle inquiry results with RSSI.
- `ifconfig`(8): Added "list scan" to ifconfig, which lists access points in the neighborhood.
- `newsyslog.conf`(5) gained a "J" flag to bzip2 logfiles.
- `fdisk`(8) now reports the first active partition.
- `bioctl`(8) was rewritten to handle new features like creating and removing hot-spares, pass-through disks and RAID volumes, start/stop consistency checks in volumes.
- `savecore`(8) now uses the raw device to read crashdumps.
- `make`(1): Implemented "-dl" (aka LOUD) to override "@" at the start of script lines.

- monop(6): The save and restore format changed, breaking compatibility with already broken previous save files.
- iconv(1) now allows SUSv3 syntax.
- lint(1): Added _Complex support.
- ftp(1): Added epsv6 and epsv to disable extended passive mode.
- getent(1): Added support for "netgroup" databases.
- ypserv(8): Disabled libwrap address to hostname lookups to avoid the chance of ypserv blocking for an extended period of time due to a long DNS timeout.
- postfix(1): Enabled LDAP support for tables.
- amd(8): Enabled LDAP support for maps.
- newfs(8): Added support for the "t" (terabytes) suffix.
- grep(1): A warning is now printed if "-r" is used without specifying an argument.
- db(1): Added support for encoding or decoding VIS_HTTPSTYLE, and for tuning the page size of the database.
- daily.conf(5): Added run_fsck_flags to allow passing extra options to the daily fsck -n.
- sysinst(8) now supports the Colemak and Dvorak keyboard layouts.
- od(1) Added support for the "-A addressformat" flag.
- etcupdate(8): Removed the "-b binarydir" and "-s srcdir/etc" options which were deprecated in NetBSD-4.0. Deprecate the "-s tgz1:tgz2" option; please use "-s tgz1 -s tgz2" instead.
- postinstall(8): Deprecated the "-s tgz1:tgz2" option; please use "-s tgz1 -s tgz2" instead.
- sed(1): Added the -r flag, which is an alias for -E, to be compatible with GNU sed.
- patch(1): Merged improved version from DragonFly. patch -b now behaves as specified by POSIX.
- rc.conf(5): ifconfig_xxN variables may now have multi-line values, just like /etc/ifconfig.xxN files, and semicolons may be used instead of line breaks.
- ls(1): -n now implies -l.
- ps(1): Added the -A option, to display information about all processes. Use "O" for LSONPROC like Solaris instead of bundling LSIDL, LSRUN, and LSONPROC to "R".
- ksh(1): Fixed POSIX mode interpretation of backslashes inside backquotes inside double quotes.
- makefs(8): Made the allow-multidot option for cd9660 useful.
- restore(8) now works on Linux dump volumes, by ignoring extended attribute records on these volumes.
- Added an rc.d(8) script for rndctl(8).
- MAKEDEV(8) now creates /dev rather than init(8).
- MAKEDEV(8) now uses mtree(8) in preference to pax(1) and mknod(8), making node creation more efficient, and mount_tmpfs(8) in preference to mount_mfs(8) when creating a memory file system.
- MAKEDEV.local(8) can now use functions defined in MAKEDEV(8).

Besides this list, there have also been innumerable bug fixes and miscellaneous enhancements.

Components removed from NetBSD

In this release of NetBSD, the following software components have been removed from the system. Some were not useful anymore, or their utility did not justify the maintenance overhead. Others were not working properly and there was a lack of interest in fixing them.

- The pc532 port.
- Support for systrace.
- HP-UX binary compatibility.
- The esl driver.
- Support for NQNFS.
- The TPCONS option in netiso.

Known Problems

Using block device nodes directly for I/O may cause a kernel crash when the file system containing `/dev` is FFS and is mounted with -o log. Workaround: use raw disk devices, or remount the file system without -o log.

Occassionally, gdb may cause a process that is being debugged to hang when "single stepped". Workaround: kill and restart the affected process.

gdb cannot debug running threaded programs correctly. Workaround: generate a core file from the program using `gcore`(1) and pass the core to gdb, instead of debugging the running program.

Statically linked binaries using pthreads are currently broken.

Certain early revision AMD Opteron and Athlon 64 processors contain a bug that may cause system instability when running with more than one CPU core active. An OS-level workaround for this issue has been prepared but was not ready in time for inclusion in NetBSD 5.0. It will be available as part of a later release in the 5.0 series.

Large filesystems (over 2TB) may sometimes falsely claim to be out of space. A fix for this is available, but was not made in time for 5.0. It will be available as part of a later release in the 5.0 series.

The sparc port does not have functional SMP support in this release.

Features to be removed in a later release

The following features are to be removed from NetBSD in the future:

- Support for soft dependencies, also knows as soft updates (see "softdep" in `mount`(8)) will be removed in the next major release.

  NetBSD 5.0_STABLE includes a preview of WAPBL (Write Ahead Physical Block Logging), which will replace soft dependencies in the next major release. See `wapbl`(4) and
  http://mail-index.netbsd.org/netbsd-announce/2008/12/14/msg000051.html
  for details.

- Support for Xen 2.0.x. The Xen-3 and hypervisor interface is diverging from Xen-2 as development is ongoing, increasing the maintenance cost for NetBSD. It is expected that the netbsd-5 branch will get support for PCI pass-though to domUs before the Xen-2 support is removed from HEAD.

  It should be considered as deprecated. Users are expected to not rely on it any more beyond this major release.

Further, at least version 3.1 of Xen will be required to run NetBSD as Dom0 or DomU.

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Sources of NetBSD

Refer to **http://www.NetBSD.org/mirrors/**

NetBSD 5.0_STABLE Release Contents

The root directory of the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release is organized as follows:

`.../NetBSD-5.0_STABLE/`

`CHANGES`	Changes between the 4.0 and 5.0 releases.
`CHANGES-5.0`	Changes between the initial 5.0 branch and final release of 5.0.
`CHANGES.prev`	Changes in previous NetBSD releases.
`LAST_MINUTE`	Last minute changes and notes about the release.
`README.files`	README describing the distribution's contents.
`source/`	Source distribution sets; see below.

In addition to the files and directories listed above, there is one directory per architecture, for each of the architectures for which NetBSD 5.0_STABLE has a binary distribution.

The source distribution sets can be found in subdirectories of the `source` subdirectory of the distribution tree. They contain the complete sources to the system. The source distribution sets are as follows:

gnusrc This set contains the "gnu" sources, including the source for the compiler, assembler, groff, and the other GNU utilities in the binary distribution sets.
82 MB gzipped, 422 MB uncompressed

sharesrc This set contains the "share" sources, which include the sources for the man pages not associated with any particular program; the sources for the typesettable document set; the dictionaries; and more.
7 MB gzipped, 29 MB uncompressed

src This set contains all of the base NetBSD 5.0_STABLE sources which are not in **gnusrc**, **sharesrc**, or **syssrc**.
58 MB gzipped, 284 MB uncompressed

syssrc This set contains the sources to the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE kernel for all architectures as well as the `config`(1) utility.
36 MB gzipped, 180 MB uncompressed

xsrc This set contains the sources to the X Window System.
133 MB gzipped, 699 MB uncompressed

All the above source sets are located in the `source/sets` subdirectory of the distribution tree.

The source sets are distributed as compressed tar files. Except for the **pkgsrc** set, which is traditionally unpacked into `/usr/pkgsrc`, all sets may be unpacked into `/usr/src` with the command:

```
# cd / ; tar -zxpf set_name.tgz
```

In each of the source distribution set directories, there are files which contain the checksums of the files in the directory:

`MD5` MD5 digests in the format produced by the command:
cksum -a MD5 *file*.

`SHA512` SHA512 digests in the format produced by the command:
cksum -a SHA512 *file*.

The SHA512 digest is safer, but MD5 checksums are provided so that a wider range of operating systems can check the integrity of the release files.

NetBSD/i386 subdirectory structure

The i386-specific portion of the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release is found in the `i386` subdirectory of the distribution: `.../NetBSD-5.0_STABLE/i386/`. It contains the following files and directories:

`INSTALL.html`
`INSTALL.ps`
`INSTALL.txt`
`INSTALL.more` Installation notes in various file formats, including this file. The `.more` file contains underlined text using the `more`(1) conventions for indicating italic and bold display.
`binary/`
`kernel/`
`netbsd-GENERIC.gz`
A gzipped NetBSD kernel containing code for everything supported in this release.
`netbsd-INSTALL.gz`
The installation kernel.
`netbsd-INSTALL_FLOPPY.gz`
A version of `INSTALL` for older machines without CD-ROM drives.
`netbsd-INSTALL_XEN2_DOMU.gz`
`netbsd-INSTALL_XEN3PAE_DOMU.gz`
`netbsd-INSTALL_XEN3_DOMU.gz`
`netbsd-XEN2_DOM0.gz`
`netbsd-XEN2_DOMU.gz`
`netbsd-XEN3PAE_DOMU.gz`
`netbsd-XEN3_DOM0.gz`
`netbsd-XEN3_DOMU.gz`
`sets/` i386 binary distribution sets; see below.
`installation/`
`cdrom/` i386 bootable cdrom images; see below.
`floppy/` i386 boot and installation floppies; see below.
`misc/` Miscellaneous i386 installation utilities; see installation section below.

Binary distribution sets

The NetBSD i386 binary distribution sets contain the binaries which comprise the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release for i386. The binary distribution sets can be found in the `i386/binary/sets` subdirectory of the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE distribution tree, and are as follows:

base The NetBSD 5.0_STABLE i386 **base** binary distribution. You *must* install this distribution set. It contains the base NetBSD utilities that are necessary for the system to run and be minimally functional.
26 MB gzipped, 76 MB uncompressed

comp Things needed for compiling programs. This set includes the system include files (`/usr/include`) and the various system libraries (except the shared libraries, which are included as part of the **base** set). This set also includes the manual pages for all of the utilities it contains, as well as the system call and library manual pages.
37 MB gzipped, 131 MB uncompressed

etc This distribution set contains the system configuration files that reside in `/etc` and in several other places. This set *must* be installed if you are installing the system from scratch, but should *not* be used if you are upgrading.
1 MB gzipped, 1 MB uncompressed

games This set includes the games and their manual pages.
4 MB gzipped, 8 MB uncompressed

kern-GENERIC
This set contains a NetBSD/i386 5.0_STABLE `GENERIC` kernel, named `/netbsd`. You *must* install this distribution set.
5 MB gzipped, 11 MB uncompressed

man This set includes all of the manual pages for the binaries and other software contained in the **base** set. Note that it does not include any of the manual pages that are included in the other sets.
12 MB gzipped, 50 MB uncompressed

misc This set includes the system dictionaries, the typesettable document set, and other files from `/usr/share`.
4 MB gzipped, 13 MB uncompressed

text This set includes NetBSD's text processing tools, including `groff`(1), all related programs, and their manual pages.
3 MB gzipped, 10 MB uncompressed

NetBSD maintains its own set of sources for the X Window System in order to assure tight integration and compatibility. These sources are based on X.Org. Binary sets for the X Window System are distributed with NetBSD. The sets are:

xbase The basic files needed for a complete X client environment. This does not include the X servers.
7 MB gzipped, 21 MB uncompressed

xcomp The extra libraries and include files needed to compile X source code.
14 MB gzipped, 48 MB uncompressed

xfont Fonts needed by the X server and by X clients.
32 MB gzipped, 74 MB uncompressed

xetc Configuration files for X which could be locally modified.
1 MB gzipped, 1 MB uncompressed

xserver The X server. This includes the modular Xorg server.
12 MB gzipped, 34 MB uncompressed

The i386 binary distribution sets are distributed as gzipped tar files named with the extension **.tgz**, e.g. `base.tgz`.

The instructions given for extracting the source sets work equally well for the binary sets, but it is worth noting that if you use that method, the filenames stored in the sets are relative and therefore the files are extracted *below the current directory*. Therefore, if you want to extract the binaries into your system, i.e. replace the system binaries with them, you have to run the **`tar -xzpf`** command from the root directory (`/`) of your system.

Note: Each directory in the i386 binary distribution also has its own checksum files, just as the source distribution does.

NetBSD/i386 System Requirements and Supported Devices

NetBSD 5.0_STABLE runs on all i486 or later PC-compatible systems with 1 to 32 processors. The minimal configuration for a full, standard installation is 32MB of RAM and 250MB of disk space.

NetBSD requires a numeric co-processor. The target system must have one of the following processors:

- an i486DX or compatible
- an i486SX with an i487 numeric co-processor installed
- a Pentium compatible or later processor

On systems with under 32MB of memory, a custom installation of NetBSD can be performed manually. That procedure is not documented here.

Supported devices

Explanation of bracketed footnote tags [] follows this listing.

- Floppy controllers.
- MFM, ESDI, IDE, and RLL hard disk controllers
  There is complete support (including IDE DMA or Ultra-DMA) for the following PCI controllers
  - Acard ATA-850 and 860 based IDE Controllers
  - Acer labs M5229 IDE Controller
  - Advanced Micro Devices AMD-756, 766, and 768 IDE Controllers
  - CMD Tech PCI0643, 0646, 0648, and 0649 IDE Controllers
  - Contaq Microsystems/Cypress CY82C693 IDE Controller
  - HighPoint HPT366, HPT370, HPT372, and HPT374.
  - IBM ESDI Fixed Disk Controllers [m]
  - Intel PIIX, PIIX3, and PIIX4 IDE Controllers
  - Intel 82801 (ICH/ICH0/ICH2/ICH4/ICH5/ICH6/ICH7/ICH8/ICH9) IDE/SATA Controllers
  - Promise PDC20246 (Ultra/33), PDC20262 (Ultra/66), PDC20265/PDC20267 (Ultra/100), PDC20268 (Ultra/100TX2 and Ultra/100TX2v2), Ultra/133, Ultra/133TX2, and Ultra/133TX2v2.
  - Promise SATA150 serial-ATA controllers: PDC20318, PDC20319, PDC20371, PDC20375, PDC20376, PDC20377, PDC20378 and PDC20379.
  - Silicon Integrated System 5597/5598 IDE controller
  - VIA Technologies VT82C586, VT82C586A, VT82C596A, VT82C686A, and VT8233A IDE Controllers
  - Silicon Image SATALink controllers
  - Silicon Image SteelVine SATA controllers [*] [+]

  Most of these controllers are only available in multifunction PCI chips. Other PCI IDE controllers are supported, but performance may not be optimal. ISA, ISA Plug and Play and PCMCIA IDE controllers are supported as well.
- SCSI host adapters
  - Adaptec AHA-154xA, -B, -C, and -CF
  - Adaptec AHA-1640 cards (MCA variant of AHA-1540) [m]
  - Adaptec AHA-174x
  - Adaptec AIC-6260 and AIC-6360 based boards, including the Adaptec AHA-152x, Adaptec APA-1460 (PCMCIA) and APA-1480 (CardBus), and the SoundBlaster SCSI host adapter.

Note: You cannot boot from these boards if they do not have a boot ROM; consequently only the AHA-152x and motherboards using this chip are likely to be bootable.

- Adaptec AHA-2910, 2915, 2920, and 2930C adapters.
- Adaptec AHA-2x4x[U][2][W] cards and onboard PCI designs using the AIC-7770, AIC-7850, AIC-7860, AIC-7870, AIC-7880 and AIC-789x chipsets.
- Adaptec AHA-394x[U][W] cards [b]
- Adaptec AHA-3950U2 cards
- Adaptec AHA-3960, 19160, and 29160 Ultra-160 adapters
- AdvanSys ABP-9x0[U][A] cards
- AdvanSys ABP-940UW[68], ABP-970UW[68], and ASB3940UW-00 cards
- AMD PCscsi-PCI (Am53c974) based SCSI adapters, including Tekram DC-390
- BusLogic 54x (Adaptec AHA-154x clones)
- BusLogic 445, 74x, 9xx (but not the new 'FlashPoint' series of BusLogic SCSI adapters)
- Qlogic ISP [12]0x0 SCSI/FibreChannel boards
- Seagate/Future Domain ISA SCSI adapter cards
  - ST01/02
  - Future Domain TMC-885
  - Future Domain TMC-950
- Symbios Logic (NCR) 53C8xx-based PCI SCSI host adapters
  - Acculogic PCIpport
  - ASUS SC-200 (requires NCR BIOS on motherboard to boot from disks)
  - ASUS SC-875
  - ASUS SP3[G] motherboard onboard SCSI
  - DEC Celebris XL/590 onboard SCSI
  - Diamond FirePort 40
  - Lomas Data SCSI adapters
  - NCR/SYM 8125 (and its many clones; be careful, some of these cards have a jumper to set the PCI interrupt; leave it on INT A!)
  - Promise DC540 (a particularly common OEM model of the SYM 8125)
  - Tekram DC-390U/F
  - Tyan Yorktown
- Symbios Logic (NCR) 5380/53C400-based ISA SCSI host adapters [*]
- Ultrastor 14f, 34f, and (possibly) 24f
- Western Digital WD7000 SCSI and TMC-7000 host adapters (ISA cards only)

- MDA, CGA, VGA, SVGA, and HGC Display Adapters

  Note: Not all of the display adapters NetBSD/i386 can work with are supported by X. See the NetBSD Guide chapter on X for more information:
  http://www.NetBSD.org/docs/guide/en/chap-x.html

- Serial ports
  - 8250/16450-based ports
  - 16550/16650/16750-based ports
  - AST-style 4-port serial cards [*]
  - BOCA 8-port serial cards [*]
  - BOCA 6-port (ioat) serial cards [*]
  - IBM PC-RT 4-port serial cards [*]
  - TCOM TC-400 (4-port), TC-800 (8-port) serial cards [*]
  - Single-port Hayes ESP serial cards [*]

- Cyclades Cyclom-Y serial cards [*] [+]
- Addonics FlexPort 8S 8-port serial cards [*]
- Byte Runner Technologies TC-400 and TC-800 serial cards [*]
- PCI universal communication cards

- Parallel ports. [*] [+]

- Ethernet adapters
  - AMD LANCE and PCnet-based ISA Ethernet adapters [*]
    - Novell NE1500T
    - Novell NE2100
    - Kingston 21xx
    - Digital EtherWORKS II ISA adapters (DE200/DE201/DE202)
  - AMD LANCE and PCnet-based MCA Ethernet adapters [m]
    - SKNET Personal
    - SKNET MC+
  - AMD PCnet-based PCI Ethernet adapters
    - Addtron AE-350
    - BOCALANcard/PCI
    - SVEC FD0455
    - X/Lan Add-On Adapter
    - IBM #13H9237 PCI Ethernet Adapter
  - AT&T StarLAN 10, EN100, and StarLAN Fiber
  - Attansic/Atheros L2 Fast-Ethernet card
  - 3COM 3c501
  - 3COM 3c503
  - 3COM 3c505 [*]
  - 3COM 3c507
  - 3COM 3c509, 3c579, 3c589, and 3c59X
  - 3COM 3c523 EtherLink/MC [m]
  - 3COM 3c529 EtherLink III [m]
  - 3COM 3c90X (including 3c905B), 3c450, 3c55X, 3c575, 3c980, 3cSOHO100
  - Digital DC21x4x-based PCI Ethernet adapters
    - Accton EN2242
    - ASUS PCI-DEC100TX+
    - Cogent EM1X0, EM960 (a.k.a. Adaptec ANA-69XX)
    - Cogent EM964 [b]
    - Cogent EM4XX [b]
    - Compex Readylink PCI
    - DANPEX EN-9400P3
    - Digital Celebris GL, GLST on-board ethernet
    - DEC (Digital) PCI Ethernet/Fast Ethernet adapters (all)
    - DLINK DFE500-TX
    - JCIS Condor JC1260
    - JMicron Technologies JMC250/JMC260 controllers [*] [+]
    - Linksys PCI Fast Ethernet
    - SMC EtherPower 10, 10/100 (PCI only!)
    - SMC EtherPower^2 [b]
    - Sundance ST-201 based ethernet adapters (including DLINK DFE550-TX and DFE580-TX)

    - SVEC PN0455
    - SVEC FD1000-TP
    - Znyx ZX34X
  - Digital EtherWORKS III ISA adapters (DE203/DE204/DE205) [*]
  - Digital DEPCM-BA (PCMCIA) and DE305 (ISA) NE2000-compatible cards
  - BICC Isolan [* and not recently tested]
  - Efficient Networks EN-155 and Adaptec AIC-590x ATM interfaces
  - Essential Communications Hippi (800 Mbit/s)
  - Fujitsu MB86960A/MB86965A based cards
    - Fujitsu FMV-180 series
    - Allied-Telesis AT1700 series
    - Allied-Telesis AT1700 series MCA [m]
    - Allied-Telesis RE2000 series
  - Intel EtherExpress 16
  - Intel EtherExpress PRO/10
  - Intel EtherExpress 100 Fast Ethernet adapters
  - Intel Intel PRO/1000 Gigabit Ethernet adapters
  - Novell NE1000, NE2000 (ISA, PCI, PCMCIA, ISA PnP)
  - Realtek 8129/8139 based boards
  - Realtek 8139C+/8169/8169S/8110S based boards
  - SMC/WD 8003, 8013, and the SMC 'Elite16' ISA boards
  - SMC/WD 8003, 8013 and IBM PS/2 Adapter/A MCA boards [m]
  - SMC/WD 8216 (the SMC 'Elite16 Ultra' ISA boards)
  - SMC 91C9x-based boards (ISA and PCMCIA)
  - SMC EPIC/100 Fast Ethernet boards
    - SMC Etherpower-II
  - Texas Instruments ThunderLAN based ethernet boards
    - Compaq Netelligent 10/100 TX
    - Compaq ProLiant Integrated Netelligent 10/100 TX
    - Compaq Netelligent 10 T (untested)
    - Compaq Integrated NetFlex 3/P
    - Compaq NetFlex 3/P in baseboard variant (the PCI variant doesn't use the same chip!)
    - Compaq Dual Port Netelligent 10/100 TX
    - Compaq Deskpro 4000 5233MMX (untested)
    - Texas Instruments TravelMate 5000 series laptop docking station Ethernet board
  - VIA VT3043 (Rhine) and VT86C100A (Rhine-II) based ethernet boards
    - D-Link DFE530TX

- FDDI adapters
  - Digital DEFPA PCI FDDI adapters [*] [+]
  - Digital DEFEA EISA FDDI adapters [*] [+]

- Token-Ring adapters
  - IBM Token-Ring Network PC Adapter [+]
  - IBM Token-Ring Network PC Adapter II [+]
  - IBM Token-Ring Network Adapter/A [+]
  - IBM Token-Ring Network 16/4 Adapter [+]
  - IBM Token-Ring Network 16/4 Adapter/A [m]
  - IBM 16/4 ISA Adapter [+]
  - IBM Auto 16/4 Token-Ring ISA Adapter [+]

  - 3COM 3C619 TokenLink [+]
  - 3COM 3C319 TokenLink Velocity [+]

- Wireless network adapters
  - Many Atheros 802.11 cards
  - 3Com AirConnect Wireless LAN
  - AT&T/Lucent/Agere WaveLAN/ORiNOCO IEEE (802.11) PCMCIA cards
  - Aironet 4500/4800 and Cisco 340 series PCMCIA cards
  - BayStack 650 802.11FH PCMCIA cards [*] [+]
  - Corega Wireless LAN PCC-11 cards [*] [+]
  - DEC/Cabletron RoamAbout 802.11 DS High Rate cards [*] [+]
  - ELSA AirLancer MC-11 card [*] [+]
  - Intel 2100/2200BG/2915ABG/4965AGN cards [*] [+]
  - Intersil Prism II
  - Melco AIR CONNECT WLI-PCM-L11 cards [*] [+]
  - NetWave AirSurfer PCMCIA cards [*] [+]

- High Speed Serial
  - LAN Media Corporation SSI/LMC10000 (up to 10 Mbps) [*] [+]
  - LAN Media Corporation HSSI/LMC5200 [*] [+]
  - LAN Media Corporation DS3/LMC5245 [*] [+]

- Tape drives
  - Most SCSI tape drives
  - Seagate and OnStream ATAPI tape drives, possibly others
  - QIC-02 and QIC-36 format (Archive- and Wangtek- compatible) tape drives [*] [+]

- CD-ROM drives
  - Non-IDE Mitsumi CD-ROM drives [*] [+]

    Note: The Mitsumi driver device probe is known to cause trouble with several devices!

  - Most SCSI CD-ROM drives
  - Most ATAPI CD-ROM drives.

    Note: Some low-priced IDE CD-ROM drives are known for being not or not fully ATAPI compliant, and thus require some hack (generally an entry to a quirk table) to work with NetBSD.

- Mice
  - "Logitech" -style bus mice [*] [+]
  - Microsoft-style bus mice [*] [+]
  - "PS/2" -style mice [*] [+]
  - Serial mice (no kernel support necessary)

- Sound Cards
  - Aria based sound cards [*]
  - Cirrus Logic CS461x, CS4280 and CS4281 audio [*] [+]
  - Ensoniq AudioPCI [*] [+]
  - ESS Technology ESS 1688 Audiodrive, ES1777/1868/1869/1887/1888/888, Maestro 1/2/2E and Solo-1 ES1938/1946 [*] [+]
  - Gravis Ultrasound Plug and Play [*] [+]
  - Gravis Ultrasound and Ultrasound Max [*] [+]
  - NeoMagic MagicMedia 256AV / 256ZX AC'97 audio [*] [+]

  - Personal Sound System [*] [+]
  - ProAudio Spectrum [*] [+]
  - S3 SonicVibes [*] [+]
  - SoundBlaster, SoundBlaster Pro, SoundBlaster 16 [*] [+]
  - VIA VT82C686A southbridge integrated AC97 audio [*] [+]
  - Windows Sound System [*] [+]
  - Yamaha YMF724/740/744/754 audio (DS-1 series) [*] [+]
  - Yamaha OPL3-SA3 audio [*] [+]
- Game Ports (Joysticks) [*] [+]
- Miscellaneous
  - Advanced power management (APM) [*]
  - Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) [*] [+]
- Universal Serial Bus (USB)
  - UHCI host controllers [*] [+]
  - OHCI host controllers [*] [+]
  - Hubs [*] [+]
  - Keyboards using the boot protocol [*] [+]
  - Mice [*] [+]
  - Printers [*] [+]
  - Modems using Abstract Control Model [*] [+]
  - 3G wireless modems [*] [+]
  - Generic support for HID devices [*] [+]
  - Ethernet adapters [*] [+]
  - Audio devices [*] [+]
  - FTDI based serial adapters [*] [+]
  - Silicon Labs CP210x serial adapters [*] [+]
  - Mass storage devices such as disks, ZIP drives and digital cameras [*] [+]
  - driver for the Prolific host-to-host adapter [*] [+]
  - Handspring Visor driver [*] [+]
- PCMCIA Controllers.
  ISA, PCI, and ISA Plug and Play attachments
  - Intel 82365 PCIC, rev 0 and rev 1
  - Cirrus PD6710
  - Cirrus PD672X

  Note: This will work with most laptops as well as with ISA cards which provide PCMCIA slots for desktops.
- RAID Controllers
  - 3ware Escalade family of controllers
  - Compaq Integrated Array (PCI) [b]
  - Compaq IAES (EISA)
  - Compaq IDA, IDA-2 (EISA)
  - Compaq Smart Array 221, 3100ES, 3200, 4200, 4250ES (PCI) [b]
  - Compaq Smart Array 431, RAID LC2 [b]
  - Compaq SMART 2, 2/E (EISA)
  - Compaq SMART 2/E, 2/P, 2DH, 2SL (PCI) [b]
  - DELL RAID controllers

    - PERC 2/SC
    - PERC 2/DC
    - PERC 4/Di
    - PERC 4/SC
    - PERC 4e/Si
    - CERC 1.5
  - DPT SCSI RAID boards (ISA [*], EISA and PCI)
    - SmartCache III
    - SmartCache IV
    - SmartRAID III
    - SmartRAID IV
  - MegaRAID controllers
    - 320-1
    - 320-2
    - Series 418
    - Enterprise 1200 (Series 428)
    - Enterprise 1300 (Series 434)
    - Enterprise 1400 (Series 438)
    - Enterprise 1500 (Series 467)
    - Enterprise 1600 (Series 471)
    - Elite 1500 (Series 467)
    - Elite 1600 (Series 493)
    - Express 100 (Series 466WS)
    - Express 200 (Series 466)
    - Express 300 (Series 490)
    - Express 500 (Series 475)

Specific driver footnotes:

[*] Drivers are *not* present in kernels on the distribution floppies. Except as noted above, all drivers are present on all disks. Also, at the present time, the distributed kernels support only one SCSI host adapter per machine. NetBSD normally allows more, though, so if you have more than one, you can use all of them by compiling a custom kernel once NetBSD is installed.

[+] Support *is* included in the `GENERIC` kernels, although it is not in the kernels which are on the distribution floppies.

[b] Devices require BIOS support for PCI-PCI bridging on your motherboard. Most reasonably modern Pentium motherboards have this support, or can acquire it via a BIOS upgrade.

[m] Devices are only supported by MCA-enabled kernels.

Getting the NetBSD System on to Useful Media

If you are not booting off a CD-ROM, you will need to have some floppy disks to boot off; either three 1.44 MB floppies or one 1.2 MB floppy.

Use `boot1.fs` and `boot2.fs` for VGA installation. `boot-com1.fs` and `boot-com2.fs` are available if you wish to use a serial console.

If you are using a UNIX-like system to write the floppy images to disks, you should use the `dd` command to copy the file system image(s) (.fs file) directly to the raw floppy disk. It is suggested that you read the `dd`(1) manual page or ask your system administrator to determine the correct set of arguments to use; it will be slightly different from system to system, and a comprehensive list of the possibilities is beyond the scope of this document.

If you are using MS-DOS to write the floppy image(s) to floppy disk, you should use the **rawrite** utility, provided in the `i386/installation/misc` directory of the NetBSD distribution. It will write a file system image (.fs file) to a floppy disk. A **rawrite32** is also available that runs under MS Windows.

Note that if you are installing or upgrading from writable media, it can be write-protected if you wish. These systems mount a root image from inside the kernel, and will not need to write to the media. If you booted from a floppy, the floppy disk may be removed from the drive after the system has booted.

Installation is supported from several media types, including:

- CD-ROM / DVD
- MS-DOS floppy
- FTP
- Remote NFS partition
- Tape
- Existing NetBSD partitions, if performing an upgrade

The steps necessary to prepare the distribution sets for installation depend upon which installation medium you choose. The steps for the various media are outlined below.

CD-ROM / DVD Find out where the distribution set files are on the CD-ROM or DVD. Likely locations are `binary/sets` and `i386/binary/sets`.

Proceed to the instructions on installation.

MS-DOS floppy NetBSD does not include split distribution sets for installation by floppy. However, they can be created on a separate machine using the `split`(1) command, running e.g. **split -b 235k base.tgz base.** to split the `base.tgz` file from `i386/binary/sets` into files named `base.aa`, `base.ab`, and so on. Repeat this for all `set_name.tgz` files, splitting them into `set_name.`*xx* files. Count the number of `set_name.`*xx* files that make up the distribution sets you want to install or upgrade. You will need one fifth that number of 1.2 MB floppies, or one sixth that number of 1.44 MB floppies. You should only use one size of floppy for the install or upgrade procedure; you can't use some 1.2 MB floppies and some 1.44 MB floppies.

Format all of the floppies with MS-DOS. Do *not* make any of them bootable MS-DOS floppies, i.e. don't use `format /s` to format them. (If the floppies are bootable, then the MS-DOS system files that make them bootable will take up some space, and you won't be able to fit the distribution set parts on the disks.) If you're using floppies that are formatted for MS-DOS by their manufacturers, they probably aren't bootable, and you can use them out of the box.

Place all of the `set_name.`*xx* files on the MS-DOS disks.

Once you have the files on MS-DOS disks, you can proceed to the next step in the installation or upgrade process. If you're installing NetBSD from scratch, go to the section on preparing your hard disk, below. If you're upgrading an existing installation, go directly to the section on upgrading.

FTP The preparations for this installation/upgrade method are easy; all you need to do is make sure that there's an FTP site from which you can retrieve the NetBSD distribution when you're about to install or upgrade. If you don't have DHCP available on your network, you will need to know the numeric IP address of that site, and, if it's not on a network directly connected to the machine on which you're installing or upgrading NetBSD, you need to know the numeric IP address of the router closest to the NetBSD machine. Finally, you need to know the numeric IP address of the NetBSD machine itself. If you don't have access to a functioning nameserver during installation, the IPv4

address of **ftp.NetBSD.org** is `204.152.190.13` and the IPv6 address is `2001:4f8:3:7:230:48ff:fe31:43f2` (as of April, 2009).

Once you have this information, you can proceed to the next step in the installation or upgrade process. If you're installing NetBSD from scratch, go to the section on preparing your hard disk, below. If you're upgrading an existing installation, go directly to the section on upgrading.

NFS

Place the NetBSD distribution sets you wish to install into a directory on an NFS server, and make that directory mountable by the machine on which you are installing or upgrading NetBSD. This will probably require modifying the `/etc/exports` file on the NFS server and resetting its mount daemon (mountd). (Both of these actions will probably require superuser privileges on the server.)

You need to know the numeric IP address of the NFS server, and, if you don't have DHCP available on your network and the server is not on a network directly connected to the machine on which you're installing or upgrading NetBSD, you need to know the numeric IP address of the router closest to the NetBSD machine. Finally, you need to know the numeric IP address of the NetBSD machine itself.

Once the NFS server is set up properly and you have the information mentioned above, you can proceed to the next step in the installation or upgrade process. If you're installing NetBSD from scratch, go to the section on preparing your hard disk, below. If you're upgrading an existing installation, go directly to the section on upgrading.

Tape

To install NetBSD from a tape, you need to make a tape that contains the distribution set files, in 'tar' format.

If you're making the tape on a UNIX-like system, the easiest way to do so is probably something like:

```
# tar -cf tape_device dist_directories
```

where *tape_device* is the name of the tape device that describes the tape drive you're using; possibly `/dev/rst0`, or something similar, but it will vary from system to system. (If you can't figure it out, ask your system administrator.) In the above example, *dist_directories* are the distribution sets' directories, for the distribution sets you wish to place on the tape. For instance, to put the **kern-GENERIC, base,** and **etc** distributions on tape (in order to do the absolute minimum installation to a new disk), you would do the following:

```
# cd .../NetBSD-5.0_STABLE
# cd i386/binary
# tar -cf tape_device kern-GENERIC base etc
```

Note: You still need to fill in *tape_device* in the example.

Once you have the files on the tape, you can proceed to the next step in the installation or upgrade process. If you're installing NetBSD from scratch, go to the section on preparing your hard disk, below. If you're upgrading an existing installation, go directly to the section on upgrading.

Preparing your System for NetBSD installation

First and foremost, before beginning the installation process, *make sure you have a reliable backup* of any data on your hard disk that you wish to keep. Mistakes in partitioning your hard disk may lead to data loss.

It is strongly recommended that as part of the installation procedure, you upgrade your system's BIOS to the latest version available from your system vendor. Later BIOSes often contain workarounds for CPU and chipset bugs, workarounds that cannot be provided by the operating system.

In the past, bugs fixed this way have been known to cause unpredictable behaviour and frequent system crashes with NetBSD and other UNIX-like operating systems on x86 hardware.

Before you begin, you should be aware of the geometry issues that may arise in relation to your hard disk. First of all, you should know about sector size. You can count on this to be 512 bytes; other sizes are rare (and currently not supported). Of particular interest are the number of sectors per track, the number of tracks per cylinder (also known as the number of heads), and the number of cylinders. Together they describe the disk geometry.

The BIOS has a limit of 1024 cylinders and 63 sectors per track for doing BIOS I/O. This is because of the old programming interface to the BIOS that restricts these values. Most of the big disks currently being used have more than 1024 real cylinders. Some have more than 63 sectors per track. Therefore, the BIOS can be instructed to use a fake geometry that accesses most of the disk and the fake geometry has less than or equal to 1024 cylinders and less than or equal to 63 sectors. This is possible because the disks can be addressed in a way that is not restricted to these values, and the BIOS can internally perform a translation. This can be activated in most modern BIOSes by using *Large* or *LBA* mode for the disk.

NetBSD does not have the mentioned limitations with regard to the geometry. However, since the BIOS has to be used during startup, it is important to know about the geometry the BIOS uses. The NetBSD kernel should be on a part of the disk where it can be loaded using the BIOS, within the limitations of the BIOS geometry. The install program will check this for you, and will give you a chance to correct this if this is not the case.

If you have not yet installed any other systems on the hard disk that you plan to install NetBSD on, or if you plan to use the disk entirely for NetBSD, you may wish to check your BIOS settings for the 'Large' or 'LBA' modes, and activate them for the hard disk in question. While they are not needed by NetBSD as such, doing so will remove the limitations mentioned above, and will avoid hassle should you wish to share the disk with other systems. Do *not* change these settings if you already have data on the disk that you want to preserve!

In any case, it is wise to check your the BIOS settings for the hard disk geometry before beginning the installation, and write them down. While this should usually not be needed, it enables you to verify that the install program determines these values correctly.

The geometry that the BIOS uses will be referred to as the *BIOS geometry*, the geometry that NetBSD uses is the *real geometry*.

sysinst, the NetBSD installation program, will try to discover both the real geometry and BIOS geometry.

It is *important* that **sysinst** know the proper BIOS geometry to be able to get NetBSD to boot, regardless of where on your disk you put it. It is less of a concern if the disk is going to be used entirely for NetBSD. If you intend to have several OSes on your disk, this becomes a much larger issue.

Installing the NetBSD System

Running the sysinst installation program

1. *Introduction*

   Using **sysinst**, installing NetBSD is a relatively easy process. Still, you should read this document and have it in hand when doing the installation process. This document tries to be a good guide to the installation, and as such, covers many details for the sake of completeness. Do not let this discourage you; the install program is not hard to use.

2. *Possible hardware problems*

   Should you encounter hardware problems during installation, try rebooting after unplugging removable devices you don't need for installation. Non-removable devices can be disabled with **userconf** (use **boot -c** to enter it).

3. *General*

   The following is a walk-through of the steps you will take while getting NetBSD installed on your hard disk. **sysinst** is a menu driven installation system that allows for some freedom in doing the installation. Sometimes, questions will be asked and in many cases the default answer will be displayed in brackets ("[ ]") after the question. If you wish to stop the installation, you may press CONTROL-C at any time, but if you do, you'll have to begin the installation process again from scratch by running the /sysinst program from the command prompt. It is not necessary to reboot.

4. *Quick install*

   First, let's describe a quick install. The other sections of this document go into the installation procedure in more detail, but you may find that you do not need this. If you want detailed instructions, skip to the next section. This section describes a basic installation, using a CD-ROM install as an example.

   - What you need.
     - The distribution sets (in this example, they are on CD).
     - A CD-ROM drive (SCSI or ATAPI), a hard disk and a minimum of 32 MB of memory installed.
     - The hard disk should have at least 200 + *n* megabytes of space free, where *n* is the number of megabytes of main memory in your system. If you wish to install the X Window System as well, you will need at least 215 MB more.
   - The Quick Installation
     - Insert the CD into the drive and boot the computer.

```
.*********************************************.
* NetBSD-5.0_STABLE Install System             *
*                                              *
*>a: Install NetBSD to hard disk               *
* b: Upgrade NetBSD on a hard disk            *
* c: Re-install sets or install additional sets *
* d: Reboot the computer                       *
* e: Utility menu                              *
* x: Exit Install System                       *
.*********************************************.
```

     - If you wish, you can configure some network settings immediately by choosing the **Utility menu** and then **Configure network**. It isn't actually required at this point, but it may be more convenient. Go back to the main menu.

- Choose **install**.
- You will be guided through some steps regarding the setup of your disk, and the selection of distributed components to install. When in doubt, refer to the rest of this document for details.
- After your disk has been prepared, choose **CD-ROM** as the medium. The default values for the path and device should be ok.
- After all the files have been unpacked, go back to the main menu and select **reboot.**
- NetBSD will now boot. If you haven't already done so in **sysinst**, you should log in as `root` and set a password for that account. You are also advised to edit `/etc/rc.conf` to match your needs.
- Your installation is now complete.

5. *Booting NetBSD*

   Boot your machine. The boot loader will start, and will print a countdown and begin booting. You may want to read the boot messages, to notice your disk's name and geometry. Its name will be something like `sd0` or `wd0` and the geometry will be printed on a line that begins with its name. As mentioned above, you may need your disk's geometry when creating NetBSD's partitions. You will also need to know the name, to tell **sysinst** on which disk to install. The most important thing to know is that `wd0` is NetBSD's name for your first IDE disk, `wd1` the second, etc. `sd0` is your first SCSI disk, `sd1` the second, etc.

   Once NetBSD has booted and printed all the boot messages, you will be presented with a welcome message and a main menu. It will also include instructions for using the menus.

6. *Network configuration*

   If you do not intend to use networking during the installation, but you do want your machine to be configured for networking once it is installed, you should first go to the **Utility menu** and select the **Configure network** option. If you only want to temporarily use networking during the installation, you can specify these parameters later. If you are not using the Domain Name System (DNS), you can give an empty response when asked to provide a server.

7. *Installation drive selection and parameters*

   To start the installation, select **Install NetBSD to hard disk** from the main menu.

   The first thing is to identify the disk on which you want to install NetBSD. **sysinst** will report a list of disks it finds and ask you for your selection. You should see disk names like `wd0`, `wd1`, `sd0` or `sd1`.

   sysinst next tries to figure out the real and BIOS geometry of your disk. It will present you with the values it found, if any, and will give you a chance to change them. Normally, the values it presents will be correct.

8. *Selecting which sets to install*

   The next step is to choose which distribution sets you wish to install. Options are provided for full, minimal, and custom installations. If you choose sets on your own, **base**, **etc**, and a kernel must be selected.

9. *Partitioning the disk*

   - Which portion of the disk to use.

     You will be asked if you want to use the entire disk or only part of the disk. If you decide to use the entire disk for NetBSD, **sysinst** will check for the presence of other operating systems and you will be asked to confirm that you want to overwrite these.

If you want to use the entire disk for NetBSD, you can skip the following section and go to *Editing the NetBSD disklabel*.

10. *Editing the Master Boot Record*

    You will be presented with the current values stored in the MBR, and will be given the opportunity to change, create or delete partitions. For each partition you can set the type, the start and the size. Setting the type to **unused** will delete a partition. You can also mark a partition as active, meaning that this is the one that the BIOS will start from at boot time.

    Be sure to mark the partition you want to boot from as active!

    After you are done editing the MBR, a sanity check will be done, checking for partitions that overlap. Depending on the BIOS capabilities of your machine and the parameters of the NetBSD partition you have specified, you may also be asked if you want to install newer bootcode in your MBR. If you have multiple operating systems on the disk that you are installing on, you will also be given the option to install a bootselector, which will allow you to pick the operating system to start up when your computer is (re-)started.

    If everything is ok, you can go on to the next step, editing the NetBSD disklabel.

11. *Editing the NetBSD disklabel*

    The partition table of the NetBSD part of a disk is called a *disklabel*. If your disk already has a disklabel written to it, you can choose **Use existing partition sizes**. Otherwise, select **Set sizes of NetBSD partitions**.

    After you have chosen your partitions and their sizes (or if you opted to use the existing partitions), you will be presented with the layout of the NetBSD disklabel and given one more chance to change it. For each partition, you can set the type, offset and size, block and fragment size, and the mount point. The type that NetBSD uses for normal file storage is called **4.2BSD**. A swap partition has a special type called **swap**. You can also specify a partition as type **MSDOS**. This is useful if you share the disk with MS-DOS or Windows; NetBSD is able to access the files on these partitions. You can use the values from the MBR for the MS-DOS part of the disk to specify the partition of type **MSDOS** (you don't have to do this now, you can always re-edit the disklabel to add this once you have installed NetBSD, or use `mbrlabel`(8) to help you update your disklabel with data from the MBR).

    Some partitions in the disklabel have a fixed purpose.

    `a` Root partition (`/`)

    `b` Swap partition.

    `c` The NetBSD portion of the disk.

    `d` The entire disk.

    `e`–`p` Available for other use. Traditionally, `e` is the partition mounted on `/usr`, but this is historical practice and not a fixed value.

    You will then be asked to name your disk's disklabel. The default response will be ok for most purposes. If you choose to name it something different, make sure the name is a single word and contains no special characters. You don't need to remember this name.

12. *Preparing your hard disk*

    You are now at the point of no return. Nothing has been written to your disk yet, but if you confirm that you want to install NetBSD, your hard drive will be modified. If you are sure you want to proceed, select **yes**.

The install program will now label your disk and make the file systems you specified. The file systems will be initialized to contain NetBSD bootstrapping binaries and configuration files. You will see messages on your screen from the various NetBSD disk preparation tools that are running. There should be no errors in this section of the installation. If there are, restart from the beginning of the installation process. Otherwise, you can continue the installation program after pressing the return key.

13. *Getting the distribution sets*

    The NetBSD distribution consists of a number of *sets* that come in the form of gzipped tarfiles. At this point, you will be presented with a menu which enables you to choose from one of the following methods of installing the sets. Some of these methods will first load the sets on your hard disk, others will extract the sets directly.

    For all these methods, the first step is making the sets available for extraction, and then do the actual installation. The sets can be made available in a few different ways. The following sections describe each of those methods. After reading the one about the method you will be using, you can continue to the section labeled 'Extracting the distribution sets'.

14. *Installation from CD-ROM*

    When installing from a CD-ROM, you will be asked to specify the device name for your CD-ROM drive (usually `cd0`), and the directory name on the CD-ROM where the distribution files are.

    sysinst will then check if the files are indeed available in the specified location, and proceed to the actual extraction of the sets.

15. *Installation using ftp*

    To be able to install using ftp, you first need to configure your network setup if you haven't already done so. **sysinst** will do this for you, asking you if you want to use DHCP. If you do not use DHCP, you can enter network configuration details yourself. If you do not have DNS set up for the machine that you are installing on, you can just press `RETURN` in answer to this question, and DNS will not be used.

    You will also be asked to specify the host that you want to transfer the sets from, the directory on that host, the account name and password used to log into that host using ftp, and optionally a proxy server to use. If you did not set up DNS, you will need to specify an IP address instead of a hostname for the ftp server.

    sysinst will proceed to transfer all the default set files from the remote site to your hard disk.

16. *Installation using NFS*

    To be able to install using NFS, you first need to configure your network setup if you haven't already done so. **sysinst** will do this for you, asking you if you want to use DHCP. If you do not use DHCP, you can enter network configuration details yourself. If you do not have DNS set up for the machine that you are installing on, you can just press `RETURN` in answer to this question, and DNS will not be used.

    You will also be asked to specify the host that you want to transfer the sets from and the directory on that host that the files are in. This directory should be mountable by the machine you are installing on, i.e., correctly exported to your machine.

    If you did not set up DNS, you will need to specify an IP address instead of a hostname for the NFS server.

17. *Installation from a floppy set*

    Because the installation sets are too big to fit on one floppy, the floppies are expected to be filled with the split set files. The floppies are expected to be in MS-DOS format. You will be asked for a directory where the sets should be reassembled. Then you will be prompted to insert the floppies containing the

split sets. This process will continue until all the sets have been loaded from floppy.

18. *Installation from an unmounted file system*

    In order to install from a local file system, you will need to specify the device that the file system resides on (for example `sd1e`) the type of the file system, and the directory on the specified file system where the sets are located. **sysinst** will then check if it can indeed access the sets at that location.

19. *Installation from a local directory*

    This option assumes that you have already done some preparation yourself. The sets should be located in a directory on a file system that is already accessible. **sysinst** will ask you for the name of this directory.

20. *Extracting the distribution sets*

    Before extraction begins, you can elect to watch the files being extracted; the name of each file that is extracted will be shown. This can slow down the installation process considerably on machines with slow graphics consoles or serial consoles. Alternatively, you can choose to see a progress bar. This is the preferred option as it shows progress without significantly slowing down the installation process.

    After all the files have been extracted, the device node files will be created. If you have already configured networking, you will be asked if you want to use this configuration for normal operation. If so, these values will be installed in the network configuration files. The next menu will allow you to select the time zone that you're in, to make sure your clock has the right offset from UTC. Finally you will be asked to select a password encryption algorithm and can then set a password for the "root" account, to prevent the machine from coming up without access restrictions.

21. *Finalizing your installation*

    Congratulations, you have successfully installed NetBSD 5.0_STABLE. You can now reboot the machine and boot NetBSD from hard disk.

Post installation steps

Once you've got the operating system running, there are a few things you need to do in order to bring the system into a properly configured state. The most important steps are described below.

1. Configuring `/etc/rc.conf`

   If you or the installation software haven't done any configuration of `/etc/rc.conf` (**sysinst** usually will), the system will drop you into single user mode on first reboot with the message

   ```
   /etc/rc.conf is not configured. Multiuser boot aborted.
   ```

   and with the root file system (`/`) mounted read-only. When the system asks you to choose a shell, simply press `RETURN` to get to a `/bin/sh` prompt. If you are asked for a terminal type, respond with **vt220** (or whatever is appropriate for your terminal type) and press `RETURN`. You may need to type one of the following commands to get your delete key to work properly, depending on your keyboard:

   ```
   # stty erase '^h'
   # stty erase '^?'
   ```

   At this point, you need to configure at least one file in the `/etc` directory. You will need to mount your root file system read/write with:

   ```
   # /sbin/mount -u -w /
   ```

   Change to the `/etc` directory and take a look at the `/etc/rc.conf` file. Modify it to your tastes, making sure that you set `rc_configured=YES` so that your changes will be enabled and a multi-user boot can proceed. Default values for the various programs can be found in `/etc/defaults/rc.conf`, where some in-line documentation may be found. More complete documentation can be found in `rc.conf`(5).

When you have finished editing /etc/rc.conf, type **exit** at the prompt to leave the single-user shell and continue with the multi-user boot.

Other values that may need to be set in /etc/rc.conf for a networked environment are *hostname* and possibly *defaultroute*. You may also need to add an *ifconfig_int* for your ⟨int⟩ network interface, along the lines of

```
ifconfig_wm0="inet 192.0.2.123 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

or, if you have *myname.my.dom* in /etc/hosts:

```
ifconfig_wm0="inet myname.my.dom netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

To enable proper hostname resolution, you will also want to add an /etc/resolv.conf file or (if you are feeling a little more adventurous) run named(8). See resolv.conf(5) or named(8) for more information. Instead of manually configuring network and naming service, DHCP can be used by setting dhclient=YES in /etc/rc.conf.

Other files in /etc that may require modification or setting up include /etc/mailer.conf, /etc/nsswitch.conf, and /etc/wscons.conf.

2. Logging in

   After reboot, you can log in as root at the login prompt. Unless you've set a password in **sysinst**, there is no initial password. You should create an account for yourself (see below) and protect it and the "root" account with good passwords. By default, root login from the network is disabled (even via ssh(1)). One way to become root over the network is to log in as a different user that belongs to group "wheel" (see group(5)) and use su(1) to become root.

3. Adding accounts

   Use the useradd(8) command to add accounts to your system. Do not edit /etc/passwd directly! See vipw(8) and pwd_mkdb(8) if you want to edit the password database.

4. The X Window System

   If you installed the X Window System, you may want to read the chapter about X in the NetBSD Guide:
   http://netbsd.org/docs/guide/en/chap-x.html

5. Installing third party packages

   If you wish to install any of the software freely available for UNIX-like systems you are strongly advised to first check the NetBSD package system, pkgsrc. pkgsrc automatically handles any changes necessary to make the software run on NetBSD. This includes the retrieval and installation of any other packages on which the software may depend.

   - More information on the package system is available at
     http://www.NetBSD.org/docs/software/packages.html
   - A list of available packages suitable for browsing is at
     ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/pkgsrc/README.html
   - Precompiled binaries can be found at
     ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/pkgsrc/packages/NetBSD/
     usually in the i386/5.0_STABLE/All subdir. You can install them with the following commands under sh(1):

     ```
     # PKG_PATH=ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/pkgsrc/packages/NetBSD/i386/5.0_STABLE/Al
     # export PKG_PATH
     # pkg_add -v tcsh
     # pkg_add -v bash
     ```

```
# pkg_add -v perl
# pkg_add -v apache
# pkg_add -v kde
# pkg_add -v firefox
...
```

If you are using csh(1) then replace the first two lines with the following:

```
# setenv PKG_PATH ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/pkgsrc/packages/NetBSD/i386/5.0_S
```

Note: Some mirror sites don't mirror the /pub/pkgsrc directory. If you would like to use such mirrors, you could also try the /pub/NetBSD/packages/current-packages/NetBSD/i386/5.0_STABLE/All directory, which may have the same contents.

The above commands will install the Tenex-csh and Bourne Again shells, the Perl programming language, Apache web server, KDE desktop environment and the Firefox web browser as well as all the packages they depend on.

Note: In some cases the pkg_add(1) command will complain about a version mismatch of packages with a message like the following:

```
Warning: package 'foo' was built for a different version
of the OS:
NetBSD/i386 M.N (pkg) vs. NetBSD/i386 5.0_STABLE (this
host),
```

This warning is harmless if the formal major release numbers are the same between the pkg and your host. Please refer to the NetBSD release glossary and graphs at

http://www.NetBSD.org/releases/release-map.html

for more information about NetBSD's release numbering scheme.

- The framework for compiling packages can be obtained by retrieving the file

  ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/pkgsrc.tar.gz

  It is typically extracted into /usr/pkgsrc (though other locations work fine) with the commands:

```
# cd /usr
# tar -zxpf pkgsrc.tar.gz
```

  After extracting, see the doc/pkgsrc.txt file in the extraction directory (e.g., /usr/pkgsrc/doc/pkgsrc.txt) for more information.

6. Misc

   - Edit /etc/mail/aliases to forward root mail to the right place. Don't forget to run newaliases(1) afterwards.
   - The /etc/postfix/main.cf file will almost definitely need to be adjusted. If you prefer a different MTA, then install it using pkgsrc or by hand and adjust /etc/mailer.conf.
   - Edit /etc/rc.local to run any local daemons you use.
   - Many of the /etc files are documented in section 5 of the manual; so just invoking

```
# man 5 filename
```

     is likely to give you more information on these files.

Upgrading a previously-installed NetBSD System

The easiest way to upgrade to NetBSD 5.0_STABLE is with binaries, and that is the method documented here.

To do the upgrade, you must have one form of boot media available. You must also have at least the **base** and **kern** binary distribution sets available. Finally, you must have sufficient disk space available to install the new binaries. Since files already installed on the system are overwritten in place, you only need additional free space for files which weren't previously installed or to account for growth of the sets between releases. If you have a few megabytes free on each of your root (`/`) and `/usr` partitions, you should have enough space.

Since upgrading involves replacing the kernel, boot blocks, and most of the system binaries, it has the potential to cause data loss. You are strongly advised to *back up* any important data on the NetBSD partition or on another operating system's partition on your disk before beginning the upgrade process.

The upgrade procedure is similar to an installation, but without the hard disk partitioning. **`sysinst`** will attempt to merge the settings stored in your `/etc` directory with the new version of NetBSD. Also, file systems are checked before unpacking the sets. Fetching the binary sets is done in the same manner as the installation procedure; refer to the installation part of the document for help.

After a new kernel has been copied to your hard disk, your machine is a complete NetBSD 5.0_STABLE system. However, that doesn't mean that you're finished with the upgrade process. You will probably want to update the set of device nodes you have in `/dev`. If you've changed the contents of `/dev` by hand, you will need to be careful about this, but if not, you can just cd into `/dev`, and run the command:

```
# sh MAKEDEV all
```

Finally, you will want to delete old binaries that were part of the version of NetBSD that you upgraded from and have since been removed from the NetBSD distribution.

Compatibility Issues With Previous NetBSD Releases

Users upgrading from previous versions of NetBSD may wish to bear the following problems and compatibility issues in mind when upgrading to NetBSD 5.0_STABLE.

The pthread libraries from previous versions of NetBSD require that the `sysctl`(3) node `kern.no_sa_support` be set to `0`. This affects the following environments:

- Running a 5.0 kernel with an older userland.
- Running an older userland inside a chroot'ed environment on a 5.0 system.
- Running older statically linked pthread applications.

The 5.0 kernel defaults to `0` for `kern.no_sa_support`, which covers the first case. However, please note that a full installation of 5.0 (either from scratch or through an upgrade) will set `kern.no_sa_support` to 1 during the boot process. This means that for the last two cases, you will have to manually set `kern.no_sa_support` to `0`, using either the `sysctl`(8) command or through `sysctl.conf`(5).

Note that **`sysinst`** will automatically invoke

```
postinstall fix
```

and thus all issues that are fixed by **`postinstall`** by default (see below) will be handled.

Issues affecting an upgrade from NetBSD 3.x releases

See the section below on upgrading from NetBSD 4.x as well.

The following issues can generally be resolved by running *postinstall* with the **etc** set:

```
postinstall -s /path/to/etc.tgz check
postinstall -s /path/to/etc.tgz fix
```

Issues fixed by *postinstall*:

- Various files in `/etc` need upgrading. These include:
  - `/etc/defaults/*`
  - `/etc/mtree/*`
  - `/etc/daily`
  - `/etc/weekly`
  - `/etc/monthly`
  - `/etc/security`
  - `/etc/rc.subr`
  - `/etc/rc`
  - `/etc/rc.shutdown`
  - `/etc/rc.d/*`
  - `/etc/envsys.conf`

The following issues need to be resolved manually:

- The users '_proxy', '_rwhod', and '_sdpd' and the groups '_proxy', '_rwhod' and '_sdpd' need to be created and the user 'uucp' needs to be updated.
- A number of things were removed in the NetBSD 4.0 release, including: the evbsh5 port, the Fortran 77 compiler (g77), NETCCITT, NETNS, Sendmail, Sushi, UUCP, and Vinum. If you were using any of these, please see the "Components removed from NetBSD" at
  http://www.NetBSD.org/releases/formal-4/NetBSD-4.0.html#removals
- The replacement of Sendmail by Postfix can be handled automatically by *postinstall* but it is not done by default. If you want to transition to Postfix, the command

  ```
  postinstall -s /path/to/etc.tgz fix mailerconf
  ```

  will update your `/etc/mailer.conf` file to use Postfix as the MTA. When using **`sysinst`** to upgrade the system, it will ask if you want this to be done.

  Note that if you have a customized Sendmail setup, you need to set up Postfix in an equivalent way; there is no tool for automatic conversion of Sendmail configuration to a Postfix one.

  Postfix will be started automatically when the system boots. You may see messages like "$sendmail is not set properly" at boot. You can suppress them by removing `/etc/rc.d/sendmail` and `/etc/rc.d/smmsp`. Those files and other parts of sendmail configuration like files under `/usr/share/sendmail` are not removed by default while upgrading for those who want to continue using sendmail from outside the base system. If you want to delete them, *postinstall* can be used:

  ```
  postinstall -s /path/to/etc.tgz fix sendmail
  ```

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  - `/etc/monthly`
  - `/etc/security`
  - `/etc/rc.subr`
  - `/etc/rc`
  - `/etc/rc.shutdown`
  - `/etc/rc.d/*`
  - `/etc/envsys.conf`

The following issues need to be resolved manually:

- The users '_httpd' and '_timedc' and the groups '_httpd' and '_timedc' need to be created.
- Unprivileged use of the `mount`(8) command now requires the *`nosuid`* and *`nodev`* options to be explicitly specified. Previously, these options were automatically enforced even if they were not explicitly specified.
- A number of things have been removed from the NetBSD 5.0_STABLE release. See the "Components removed from NetBSD" section near the beginning of this document for a list.

Using online NetBSD documentation

Documentation is available if you installed the manual distribution set. Traditionally, the "man pages" (documentation) are denoted by '`name(section)`'. Some examples of this are

- `intro`(1),
- `man`(1),
- `apropos`(1),
- `passwd`(1), and
- `passwd`(5).

The section numbers group the topics into several categories, but three are of primary interest: user commands are in section 1, file formats are in section 5, and administrative information is in section 8.

The *man* command is used to view the documentation on a topic, and is started by entering **man** [*`section`*] *`topic`*. The brackets [] around the section should not be entered, but rather indicate that the section is optional. If you don't ask for a particular section, the topic with the lowest numbered section name will be displayed. For instance, after logging in, enter

```
# man passwd
```

to read the documentation for `passwd`(1). To view the documentation for `passwd`(5), enter

```
# man 5 passwd
```

instead.

If you are unsure of what man page you are looking for, enter

```
# apropos subject-word
```

where *subject-word* is your topic of interest; a list of possibly related man pages will be displayed.

Administrivia

If you've got something to say, do so! We'd like your input. There are various mailing lists available via the mailing list server at majordomo@NetBSD.org. To get help on using the mailing list server, send mail to that address with an empty body, and it will reply with instructions. See **http://www.NetBSD.org/mailinglists/** for a web interface.

There are various mailing lists set up to deal with comments and questions about this release. Please send comments to: netbsd-comments@NetBSD.org.

To report bugs, use the send-pr(1) command shipped with NetBSD, and fill in as much information about the problem as you can. Good bug reports include lots of details.

Bugs also can be submitted and queried with the web interface at
http://www.NetBSD.org/support/send-pr.html

There are also port-specific mailing lists, to discuss aspects of each port of NetBSD. Use majordomo to find their addresses, or visit **http://www.NetBSD.org/mailinglists/**

If you're interested in doing a serious amount of work on a specific port, you probably should contact the 'owner' of that port (listed below).

If you'd like to help with this effort, and have an idea as to how you could be useful, send us mail or subscribe to: netbsd-users@NetBSD.org.

As a favor, please avoid mailing huge documents or files to these mailing lists. Instead, put the material you would have sent up for FTP or WWW somewhere, then mail the appropriate list about it, or, if you'd rather not do that, mail the list saying you'll send the data to those who want it.

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