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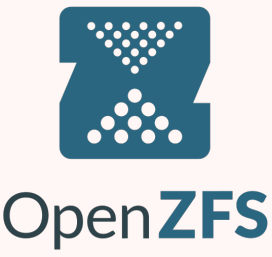
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Why FreeBSD?

There are many reasons to choose FreeBSD. Browse highlights below or explore [features](#) for more insights.

Native ZFS

[OpenZFS](#) is a mature, sophisticated, and much-loved file system. FreeBSD is one of the only operating systems to offer it as a fully integrated feature and not as manual add-on. This means it's painless to choose ZFS from the installer, and you won't have to worry during system upgrades.



Virtualization

FreeBSD comes with [bhyve](#), a feature-rich type 2 hypervisor. bhyve supports virtio hardware, PCI passthrough, and high-performance emulated NVMe. Run [bhyve\(8\)](#) directly, or leverage tools like [vm-bhyve\(8\)](#) to simplify management of virtual machines.



Jails

FreeBSD [jails](#) are isolated environments that allow you to partition your system's workload. Want to run a web server with its own isolated file system and networking? Put it in a jail. Use the built-in [jail\(8\)](#) command or leverage tools like [Bastille](#) to make jail management trivial.



Networking

FreeBSD has long been known for its excellent networking performance. Today companies like Netflix rely on the performance and stability of FreeBSD's network stack to handle some of the most demanding loads in the world.



Documentation

FreeBSD prides itself in having comprehensive, well-written documentation. You'll find it on the [documentation page](#), and perhaps more importantly you'll find it as part of the FreeBSD OS itself. Tools like [apropos\(1\)](#) make finding docs simple.



Community

The FreeBSD community is vibrant and collaborative. Engage virtually on [IRC](#), [Discord](#), or the [mailing lists](#); or attend a FreeBSD [event](#). And be sure to checkout all the community engagement driven by the [FreeBSD Foundation](#).



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