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INSTALL – Installation procedure for NetBSD/alpha.

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DESCRIPTION

About this Document

This document describes the installation procedure for NetBSD 2.1 on the *alpha* 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.

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 fifty four different system architectures (ports), featuring seventeen machine architectures across fifteen distinct CPU families, and is being ported to more. The NetBSD 2.1 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. For information on them, please see the NetBSD web site at .: **http://www.NetBSD.org/**)

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 2.0 and 2.1 Releases

The NetBSD 2.1 release is the first functional update release of the NetBSD 2 release branch. This provides numerous functional enhancements, including support for many new devices, hundreds of bug fixes, patches and updates to kernel subsystems, and many enhancements to the user environment. In addition, all of the security fixes and critical bug fixes from the NetBSD 2.0.3 update are included as well. The result of these improvements is a stable operating system fit for production use that rivals most commercially available sys-

tems.

It is impossible to completely summarize all the changes that have gone in over the over nine months since the release of NetBSD 2.0. Some highlights include:

Kernel

- Fix a bug that caused spontaneous reboot under heavy load on SH3/4 platforms.
- Fixed some sparc64 and alpha pmap issues.
- A longstanding bug in the SYSV semaphore code has been fixed.
- Eliminated hangs when large processes fork.
- `ata`(4) and `wdc`(4) drives now only downgrade modes due to actual CRC errors, and UDMA modes are downgraded more slowly.
- The `pdcsata`(4) driver was added, with support for the Promise SATA150 series of controllers, including RAID support.
- The RAIDframe disk driver had various bugfixes and improvements.
- Added support for various devices from the nVidia nForce3 chipset. (i386, amd64)
- Fixed interrupt problems on some Intel Xeon systems.
- Added support for the VT642 SATA RAID Controller.
- Various fixes to the `esiop`(4) driver.
- Added support for the Dell CERC SATA RAID to the `aac`(4) driver.
- Added support for additional Dell boards to the `ahd`(4) driver.
- Fix a number of issues with the `ehci`(4) driver.
- Added `ukyopon`(4) : Kyocera AIR-EDGE phone driver.
- The `wdc`(4) driver has been fixed for commands with opaque data structures. `atactl smart status` now works on big-endian hosts.

Networking

- `wm`(4) fixed major performance issues with the i82547 Gig-E chip.
- `sk`(4) improved chip identification and improved performance, and added support for the Belkin Gigabit Desktop Network PCI card.
- Fix a bug which would crash the system when destroying `vlan`(4) interfaces.
- Added `rtk`(4) and `tl`(4) interfaces as `rnd`(4) sources.
- Added support for the Compaq Netelligent 10 T/2 PCI UTP/Coax Controller to the `tl`(4) driver.
- Added support for changing the MTU of an `stf`(4) interface.
- Added support for IPv6 over `gre`(4) interfaces.
- The `hme`(4) driver now supports Sun QFE boards on non-sparc hardware.
- `stge`(4) Fix some bigendian issues, and some other issues. Now works on sparc64 with hardware checksums.

File system

- Fix a number of NFS issues.
- Fixed file access problems via SMBFS when the file is already open on the server.
- Various improvements to LFS, the BSD log-structured file system.

Security

- `krb5`(3) Support changing passwords in a Windows 2000 (or later) domain.
- Fixed a possible Denial of Service attack via IPSec AH packets.
- NetBSD-SA2005-07 AES-XCBC-MAC always caculated with same key
- NetBSD-SA2005-06 Multiple vulnerabilites in CVS
- NetBSD-SA2005-05 `cgd`(4) key destruction on unconfigure
- NetBSD-SA2005-04 Buffer overflows in MIT Kerberos 5 telnet client
- NetBSD-SA2005-03 F_CLOSEM local denial of service
- NetBSD-SA2005-02 Local DoS via audio device with specific drivers

System administration and user tools

- `ntpd`(8) coredump if local system and NTP server did not have overlapping protocol family support (IPv4 vs. IPv6, for example) fixed.
- `pax`(1) has a number of bugfixes and new features.
- `ifwatchd`(8) has been fixed to call the CARRIER script if a link is already up during the initial interface scan.
- CVS has been upgraded to version 1.11.20.
- Avoid crashes in `grep`(1) on empty or very large files.
- Fixed a number of issues in `gzip`(1)

Miscellaneous

- Added VT switching for the cats port.
- Various fixes and improvements to the cross-build system.
- Fixed some issues in libpthread and libpthread_dbg.
- Implement a USB memory reserve to work around problems plugging in (for example) `umass`(4) devices after boot.
- Package tools have been upgraded to version 20050530.

alpha specific

There have been many alpha-specific enhancements since the NetBSD 1.5 release. These include:

- Working Loadable Kernel Modules (LKMs)
- IEEE 754 floating point completion code.
- PowerStorm 4d20 graphics card support.

- Multiprocessor support for the following systems:
  - AlphaServer 1200
  - AlphaServer 4100
  - DEC/Alpha Processor, Inc. DP264
  - DEC/Alpha Processor, Inc. UP2000
  - DEC/Alpha Processor, Inc. UP2000+
  - API CS20
  - Compaq DS20

NetBSD 2.1 on alpha is, as usual, also fully backward compatible with old NetBSD/alpha binaries, so you don't need to recompile all your local programs.

Changes Between The NetBSD 1.6 and 2.0 Releases

The NetBSD 2.0 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 over two years of development that went into the NetBSD 2.1 release. Some highlights include:

Kernel

- Ports to new platforms including: amd64, evbsh5, and xen.
- Native thread support has been added, based on Scheduler Activations. Applications which support native threads can now take full advantage of the high-performance NetBSD POSIX threads implementation.
- Kernel events notification framework - kqueue kqueue provides a stateful and efficient event notification framework. Currently supported events include socket, file, directory, fifo, pipe, tty and device changes, and monitoring of processes and signals. kqueue is supported by all writable filesystems in the NetBSD tree (with the exception of Coda) and all device drivers supporting poll(2).
- Improvements have been made to NetBSD's Linux emulation to support the latest Sun JDK/JRE for Linux. Testing has shown that it now runs as well as it does on Linux natively.
- NetBSD 2.0 enforces non-executable mappings on many platforms. This means that parts of the stack and heap are made non-executable when they are marked writable. This makes exploiting potential buffer overflows harder.
- For the i386 port it now supports SMP and has a new ACPI and power management framework which takes advantage of Intel's ACPI implementation.
- The macppc port also now supports SMP as well as hardware support for newer G4 models has been added.
- SMP support has been added to the sparc port as well.
- New generic i2c framework, supporting bit-bang and "intelligent" controllers.
- `sysctl`(9) was switched from a static binding to a dynamic implementation.
- Add a new driver `satalink`(4) and move SATA support from other controllers into this along with adding support for new controllers.

Networking

- `ipf`(8) has been upgraded to version 4.1.3.
- `tcp`(4) now implements path MTU discovery blackhole detection (i.e. it will turn off path MTU discovery if the connection is losing).
- Socket buffer insertion is now O(C). This can provide a substantial performance boost to some applications which use large socket buffers.
- `wi`(4) has support for Host-AP mode, allowing Intersil Prism2/2.5/3-based boards to be used to make an 802.11 Access Point.
- Support for `ipf`(8) has been added to `bridge`(4) and `brconfig`(8)
- Change port allocation from linked list to a hash table for better performance.

File system

- FreeBSD's UFS2 has been ported to NetBSD. UFS2 is an extension to FFS, adding 64 bit block pointers and support for extended file storage. Among other enhancements, UFS2 allows for file systems larger than 1Terabyte.
- The cryptographic disk driver (cgd) can be used to encrypt disks or partitions, using some strong encryption algorithms, like AES (Rijndael) and Blowfish. cgd can also be configured to encrypt swap.

Security

- The systrace utility has been added to the system. systrace monitors and controls an application access to the system by enforcing access policies for system calls. The systrace utility might be used to trace an untrusted application's access to the system. In addition, it can be used to protect the system from software bugs (such as buffer overflows) by constraining a daemon's access to the system. The privilege elevation feature of systrace can be used to obviate the need to run large, untrusted programs as root when only one or two system calls require the elevated privilege.
- Verified Exec support has been added in this release. Verified Exec verifies a cryptographic hash before allowing execution of binaries and scripts. This can be used to prevent a system from running binaries or scripts which have been illegally modified or installed. In addition, Verified Exec can also be used to limit the use of script interpreters to authorized scripts only and disallow interactive use.

System administration and user tools

- Switched from the GPL version to a non-GPL version of various tools including gzip and awk.

Miscellaneous

- NetBSD 2.0 supports a new toolchain based on gcc 3.3.3 and binutils 2.14. gcc 3.3.1 adds support for a number of CPU targets and greatly improved support for i386 and other targets. The support for new platforms in gcc 3.3.3 has enabled the porting of NetBSD to even more architectures.
- Updates of most third party packages that are shipped in the base system to the following latest stable releases:
  - bind 8.3.7
  - binutils 2.14
  - cvs 1.11.17
  - diffutils 2.8.1
  - file 4.08
  - gcc 3.3.3

  - gdb 5.3
  - grep 2.5.1
  - groff 1.19
  - less 381
  - openssl 0.9.7d
  - postfix 2.0.19
  - sendmail 8.12.11
  - tcpump 3.7.1
  - texinfo 4.6

- Many new packages in the *pkgsrc* system, including the latest open source desktop KDE3, OpenOffice, perl, Apache and many more. A number of new platforms are supported, including Darwin, FreeBSD, IRIX, Linux, OpenBSD and Solaris. Support for various other platforms (among them AIX, BSD/OS and HP-UX) is currently being worked on thanks to our new, portable bootstrap kit which makes it much simpler to port pkgsrc support to new operating systems. At the time of writing, there are over 5400 third party packages available in pkgsrc.

Kernel interfaces have continued to be refined, and more subsystems and device drivers are shared among the different ports. You can look for this trend to continue.

Important notes about NetBSD 2.1

- As noted above, the sendmail third-party program has been upgraded since the last release. The new version of sendmail runs without requiring being set-user-ID to "root".

  In order to retain the functionality that a newly installed system can send mail "out of the box", the default has changed so that sendmail will now start by default, and listen for host-local connections.

  If this behaviour is not desired, you can either
  1. explicitly set the sendmail variable to "NO" in `/etc/rc.conf`,
  2. modify `/etc/mail/submit.cf` to point to another host,
  3. modify `/etc/mailer.conf` to point to something else than sendmail, or
  4. make sendmail set-user-ID to "root", remove `/etc/mail/submit.cf`, and set the sendmail_suid variable to "YES" in `/etc/rc.conf`.

  The latter method is strongly discouraged.

The Future of NetBSD

The NetBSD Foundation has been incorporated as a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to encourage, foster and promote the free exchange of computer software, namely the NetBSD Operating System. The foundation will allow for many things to be handled more smoothly than could be done with our previous informal organization. In particular, it provides the framework to deal with other parties that wish to become involved in the NetBSD Project.

The NetBSD Foundation will help improve the quality of NetBSD by:

- providing better organization to keep track of development efforts, including co-ordination with groups working in related fields.
- providing a framework to receive donations of goods and services and to own the resources necessary to run the NetBSD Project.
- providing a better position from which to undertake promotional activities.
- periodically organizing workshops for developers and other interested people to discuss ongoing work.

We intend to begin narrowing the time delay between releases. Our ambition is to provide a full release every six to eight months.

We hope to support even *more* hardware in the future, and we have a rather large number of other ideas about what can be done to improve NetBSD.

We intend to continue our current practice of making the NetBSD-current development source available on a daily basis.

We intend to integrate free, positive changes from whatever sources submit them, providing that they are well thought-out and increase the usability of the system.

Above all, we hope to create a stable and accessible system, and to be responsive to the needs and desires of NetBSD users, because it is for and because of them that NetBSD exists.

Sources of NetBSD

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

NetBSD 2.1 Release Contents

The root directory of the NetBSD 2.1 release is organized as follows:

`.../NetBSD-2.1/`

`CHANGES`	Changes since earlier NetBSD releases.
`LAST_MINUTE`	Last minute changes.
`MIRRORS`	A list of sites that mirror the NetBSD 2.1 distribution.
`README.files`	README describing the distribution's contents.
`TODO`	NetBSD 's todo list (also somewhat incomplete and out of date).
`patches/`	Post-release source code patches.
`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 2.1 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.
79 MB gzipped, 367 MB uncompressed

pkgsrc This set contains the "pkgsrc" sources, which contain the infrastructure to build third-party packages.
24 MB gzipped, 200 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.
5 MB gzipped, 20 MB uncompressed

src This set contains all of the base NetBSD 2.1 sources which are not in **gnusrc**, **sharesrc**, or **syssrc**.
37 MB gzipped, 176 MB uncompressed

syssrc This set contains the sources to the NetBSD 2.1 kernel for all architectures; `config`(8); and `dbsym`(8).
26 MB gzipped, 140 MB uncompressed

xsrc This set contains the sources to the X Window System.
84 MB gzipped, 450 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:

`BSDSUM` Historic BSD checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command:
cksum -o 1 *file*.

`CKSUM` POSIX checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command:
cksum *file*.

`MD5` MD5 digests for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command:
cksum -m *file*.

`SYSVSUM` Historic ATT System V UNIX checksums for the various files in that directory, in the format produced by the command:
cksum -o 2 *file*.

The MD5 digest is the safest checksum, followed by the POSIX checksum. The other two checksums are provided only to ensure that the widest possible range of system can check the integrity of the release files.

NetBSD/alpha subdirectory structure

The alpha-specific portion of the NetBSD 2.1 release is found in the `alpha` subdirectory of the distribution: `.../NetBSD-2.1/alpha/`. 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.

`sets/` alpha binary distribution sets; see below.

`installation/`
`floppy/` alpha boot and installation floppies; see below.
`diskimage/`
`tapeimage/`
`cdhdtape` is included for the case where the installer is written to a CD, hard drive, or tape. This image file is the same for the CD, HD, and tape cases, but a separate `tapeimage/` directory exists to hold a copy of the `README` file and to meet the NetBSD `release`(7) standard.

`instkernel/`
: contains a `netbsd.gz` installation kernel; this is the same installer kernel as in all the other install images, but without the various boot program and file system wrappers. It can be netbooted or diskbooted from a previous installation. no need to **gunzip** this image.

`misc/`
: contains `GENERIC.fs`, a `GENERIC` kernel in a bootable file system image. This is used in some unusual installations as described in the next section.

Bootable installation/upgrade floppies

There are three bootable images in the NetBSD alpha distribution. One is for a dual-floppy boot and is split into two separate files. The other is a single-file image containing the same install kernel, but intended to be written to a CD, tape, or hard drive. The third image is a `GENERIC` kernel intended for production use in unusual cases. This can be useful at some sites when:

- You want to run diskless but SRM bugs prevent the firmware from netbooting. You can work around this problem by always booting the generic kernel from the floppy.
- SRM doesn't recognize your (hard) disk controller but NetBSD does. This happens more frequently than you might think. SRM will usually only boot from `siop`(4) or `isp`(4) SCSI devices, and on most platforms will not boot from an IDE drive. NetBSD will happily operate with almost any SCSI root or an IDE root; the solution here is to netboot a kernel or always boot from floppy.

Binary distribution sets

The NetBSD alpha binary distribution sets contain the binaries which comprise the NetBSD 2.1 release for the alpha. The binary distribution sets can be found in the `alpha/binary/sets` subdirectory of the NetBSD 2.1 distribution tree, and are as follows:

base
: The NetBSD 2.1 alpha **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. It includes shared library support, and excludes everything described below.
21 MB gzipped, 63 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.
24 MB gzipped, 101 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/alpha 2.1 `GENERIC` kernel, named `/netbsd`. You *must* install this distribution set.
4 MB gzipped, 8 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.
8 MB gzipped, 30 MB uncompressed

misc This set includes the (rather large) system dictionaries, the typesettable document set, and other files from `/usr/share`.
3 MB gzipped, 9 MB uncompressed

text This set includes NetBSD's text processing tools, including `groff`(1), all related programs, and their manual pages.
3 MB gzipped, 8 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 XFree86, and tightly track XFree86 releases. They are currently equivalent to XFree86 4.4.0. 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, 22 MB uncompressed

xcomp The extra libraries and include files needed to compile X source code.
14 MB gzipped, 63 MB uncompressed

xfont Fonts needed by X.
31 MB gzipped, 39 MB uncompressed

xetc Configuration files for X which could be locally modified.
0.03 MB gzipped, 0.17 MB uncompressed

xserver The X server.
6 MB gzipped, 15 MB uncompressed

The alpha 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 -xpf`** command from the root directory (`/`) of your system. This utility is used only in a Traditional method installation.

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

NetBSD/alpha System Requirements and Supported Devices

NetBSD/alpha 2.1 runs on most of the DEC Alpha PCI platforms, on all of the TURBOChannel models, on the high end 8200 and 8400 systems, and on the 4100 series.

The SRM console is required. This console can be distinguished from the ARC console (which is used to boot Windows NT) by the fact that it has a command line interface, rather than a menu-driven interface. The SRM prompt is ‘’.

Some platforms have both the SRM console and the ARC console, and can switch between them, and other platforms have only one type of console loaded at any one time. If your system comes up with the ARC firmware, it may be possible to switch it to SRM with a menu or to download SRM from
ftp://gatekeeper.dec.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/index.html.
You may want to buy a firmware update CD from Compaq Computer Corporation.

More information on supported platforms and devices can be found on the alpha port web pages at **http://www.NetBSD.org/**.

A basic system will fit on a 200 MB disk (including swap) without too much difficulty, but you will probably want at least 500 MB of disk to have any level of comfort.

Although it is actually possible to boot and install NetBSD/alpha in only 16 MB of RAM, you will want to have at least 32 MB. We support add-in devices on the PCI, ISA, EISA and TurboChannel buses. Because NetBSD has an extremely machine-independent device driver system, many device drivers are the same as used in other ports that use the same bus. For example, the *de* network card driver is shared by the i386 and alpha ports. Some drivers on inspection appear as if they will work on the alpha but have not been tested because that hardware was not available to NetBSD testers; these are marked as *UNTESTED* below. If you have one of these devices, and it does work, please get in touch with `port-alpha-maintainer@NetBSD.org` and let us know that it works. If it doesn't work, do the same thing and we can probably fix it pretty easily.

Supported PCI bus devices

- Graphics Adapters
  - VGA-compatible video (*pcivga*)
  - ZLXp-E1 DECchip 21030-based video (*tga*)
  - ZLXp-E2 and ZLXp-E3 video (*tga*)
- Network Cards
  - DECchip 21x40-family 10 and 100 Mbps Ethernet (*de*, *tlp*)
  - DEC DEFPA FDDI (*fpa*)
  - PCI LANCE Ethernet (*le*; *UNTESTED*)
  - Efficient Networks ENI-155p ATM (*en*; *UNTESTED*)
  - 3Com 3c59x and 3c90x (except 3c906) 10 and 100 Mbps Ethernet (*ep*)
  - Intel EtherExpress Pro 10/100B PCI Ethernet (*fxp*)
  - SMC EPIC/100 Fast Ethernet boards (*epic*)
- SCSI Controllers
  - Adaptec 291x, 2920, 2930C, 294x, 295x, 39xx, 19160, 29160 and AIC-78xx SCSI (*ahc*)
  - BusLogic 9xx SCSI (*bha*, Works on alpha PC164)
  - Qlogic ISP 10x0-family SCSI (*isp*)
  - NCR/Symbios 53c8xx-family SCSI (*siop, esiop*; NCR825 Doesn't always work)
- Miscellaneous Devices
  - Cyclades Cyclom-Y serial boards (*cy*; *UNTESTED*)
  - PCI-PCI bridges (*ppb*; Tested with the DECchip 21050, but should work with all bridges and system firmware revisions that comply with the PCI-PCI bridge specification)

Supported ISA bus devices

- Graphics Adapters
  - VGA-compatible video (*vga*; Text console only)
- Network Cards
  - 3Com 3c509 Ethernet (*ep*)
  - DEC DE200,DE201,DE202 (*le*)
  - DEC DE203,DE204,DE205 (*lc*)
- Miscellaneous Devices
  - PC-style parallel ports (*lpt*)
  - NS16450 and NS16550 UARTs (*com*)
  - ISA multi-port 16x50 boards (*ast*, *boca*; Only the latter has been tested)

Supported EISA bus devices

- Network Cards
  - DEC DEFEA FDDI (*fea*)
  - 3Com 3c5xx series (*ed*; *UNTESTED*)
- SCSI Controllers
  - Adaptec 274x and aic7770 SCSI (*ahc*; *UNTESTED*)
  - BusLogic 7xx SCSI (*bha*; *UNTESTED*)

Supported Turbochannel bus devices

- Graphics Adapters
  - CFB video (PMAG-BA, *cfb*)
  - SFB video (PMAGB-BA, *sfb*)

  Note: Although these boards are supported by NetBSD/alpha since there is no keyboard or mouse support available for the TurboChannel systems, they aren't very useful. XXX: is this still true now that the MI sfb.c is used???
- Network Cards
  - DEC LANCE Ethernet (PMAD-AA, *le*; *UNTESTED*)
  - DEC DEFTA FDDI (PMAF-F, *fta*)

Note that some devices, especially ISA-based devices, have to have certain settings set properly for the install and `GENERIC` kernels to detect them. (Once installed, you can always rebuild your own kernel to detect them anywhere you wish, of course.) Here is a list of such devices and the necessary settings:

```
Device          Name    Port    IRQ     DRQ     Misc
------          ----    ----    ---     ---     ----
Serial ports    com0    0x3f8   4               [8250/16450/16550/clones]
                com1    0x2f8   3               [8250/16450/16550/clones]
                com2    0x3e8   5               [8250/16450/16550/clones]

Parallel ports  lpt0    0x378   7               [interrupt-driven or polling]
                lpt1    0x278                   [polling only]
                lpt2    0x3bc                   [polling only]

AHA-174x SCSI host adapters (in enhanced mode)
                ahb0    any     any     any

AHA-2X4X or AIC-7xxx-based SCSI host adapters
                ahc0    any     any     any

Bus Logic BT445, BT74x, or BT9xx SCSI host adapters
                bha0    0x330   any     any
                bha1    0x334   any     any

MFM/ESDI/IDE/RLL hard disk controllers
                wdc0    0x1f0   14              [supports two devices]
                wdc1    0x170   15              [supports two devices]

ATA disks       wd0, wd1, ...
SCSI disks      sd0, sd1, ...
SCSI tapes      st0, st1, ...
SCSI and ATAPI CD-ROMs cd0, cd1, ...
```

```
        For each SCSI and IDE controller found, the SCSI or ATA(PI) devices
        present on the bus are probed in increasing ID order for SCSI and
        master/slave order for ATA(PI).
       So the first SCSI drive found will be called sd0, the second sd1,
       and so on ...

3COM 3x59X or 3COM 3x90X PCI Ethernet boards
               ep0     any     any     [you must assign an interrupt in your
                                        PCI BIOS, or let it do so for you]

Intel EtherExpress 100 Fast Ethernet adapters
               fxp0    any     any     [you must assign an interrupt in your
                                        PCI BIOS, or let it do so for you]

DEC DE200,201,202 EtherWORKS II/Turbo ISA Ethernet boards
               le?    0x300   5       memory at D0000-DFFFF
               le?    0x200   10      memory at D8000-DFFFF

       You should enter the following SRM console command to enable the
       le device:
        isacfg -mk -slot ? -dev 0 -handle DE200-LE -irq0 5
           -membase0 d0000 -memlen0 10000 -iobase0 300 -etyp 1 -enadev 1

DEC DE203,204,205 EtherWORKS III ISA Ethernet boards
               lc0    0x300   any
               lc1    0x320   any

       You should enter the following SRM console command to enable
       the device:
        add_de205
```

Getting the NetBSD System on to Useful Media

Note that if you are installing or upgrading from a writable media, the media 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 `alpha/binary/sets`.

Proceed to the instruction on installation.

MS-DOS floppy NetBSD doesn't include split sets to keep the distribution size down. They can be created on a seperate machine using the `split`(1) command, running e.g. **`split -b 235k base.tgz base.`** to split the `base.tgz` file from `alpha/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 sixth that number of 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 `204.152.184.75` and the IPv6 address is `2001:4f8:4:7:2e0:81ff:fe21:6563` (as of June, 2004).

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.

Note: This method of installation is recommended for those familiar with using BSD network configuration and management commands. If you aren't, this documentation should help, but is not intended to be all-encompassing.

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 of 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.

Note: This method of installation is recommended for those already familiar with using BSD network configuration and management commands. If you aren't, this documentation should help, but is not intended to be all-encompassing.

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 **misc, 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-2.1
# cd alpha/binary
# tar -cf tape_device misc etc kern
```

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

If you have any data on your disks that you want to keep, *back it up* before starting. Note that NetBSD/alpha does not support booting more than one operating system from a single disk, although it's fine to have multiple operating systems on your machine if you have a separate disk for NetBSD, or if one of them uses a network boot.

Installing the NetBSD System

Installation of NetBSD/alpha is now easier than ever! For the latest news, problem reports, and discussion, join the port-alpha mailing list by mailing a line saying

```
subscribe port-alpha
```

to `majordomo@NetBSD.org`. Also, see **http://www.NetBSD.org/** for more information.

If you encounter any problems, please report them via the mailing list or the `send-pr`(1) program so that they can be fixed for the next release.

To install or upgrade NetBSD, you need to first boot an installation program and then interact with the screen-menu program **sysinst**. The installation program actually consists of the NetBSD kernel plus an in-memory file system of utility programs.

The usual procedure is to write the installation system to a floppy disk set and then boot from the floppies, however, there are now six ways to boot the NetBSD/alpha installation system! Each approach loads the exact same installation bits. The six paths are:

- Floppy disk boot
- CD boot
- Hard Drive Boot
- Magnetic Tape Boot
- Existing Root FS Boot
- Network boot

In all cases, you need to transfer a bootable image of the installation system from the NetBSD CD or from an ftp site to the chosen media type. Although booting from floppy is the usual path, the hard drive boot is useful if you have another operating system (and a spare drive) already installed, or if you don't mind swapping hard drives from box to box. CD and tape boots are nice and fast if you have a CD writer or a tape format in common with another previously installed UNIX -like system. Finally, most versions of SRM can locate the NetBSD boot program **netboot** via bootp and download it via tftp, **netboot** then mounts the root file system (/) via NFS and loads the kernel.

Note that if you are installing or upgrading from a writable media, the media 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.

- Floppy disk boot

  The 3.5", 1.44 MB boot floppy set is found under the NetBSD/alpha 2.1 distribution directory in `alpha/installation/floppy/` as two files called `disk1of2` and `disk2of2`, or as three files called `disk1of3`, `disk2of3`, and `disk3of3`. You need to put these disk images on two or three floppy disks.

  If you have a UNIX -like system handy, you can do this with commands like the following:

  ```
  # dd if=disk1of3 of=/dev/rfd0a bs=18k
  # dd if=disk2of3 of=/dev/rfd0a bs=18k
  # dd if=disk3of3 of=/dev/rfd0a bs=18k
  ```

  If the UNIX -like system you are using is not a NetBSD system, you will probably need to replace `/dev/rfd0a` with the name of the floppy device on your particular system.

  If you have an MS-DOS or Windows system available, you can use the **rawrite.exe** utility to transfer the image to a floppy disk. This utility is provided with the NetBSD/i386 install tools, under `i386/installation/misc`; a documentation file, **rawrite.doc** is available there as well.

  Once the floppy has been made, you simply need to put it in the drive and type

  ```
  B DVA0
  ```

- CD boot
- Hard Drive boot
- Magnetic Tape Boot

  All three of these media types use the same initial image: `.../installation/diskimage/cdhdtape` The image can be written to a hard drive partition with a command like:

  ```
  # dd if=cdhdtape bs=16k of=/dev/rsd0c
  ```

  To boot from a magnetic tape device such as DAT or DLT, it is important to create the tape image with 512-byte records. Use a command like:

```
# dd if=cdhdtape bs=512 of=/dev/rst0
```

If the host system is not NetBSD, the names of the destination devices are likely to be different. Be sure to use a "raw partition" device that doesn't skip over labels!

The use of CD-R devices varies greatly depending on the host OS and host software; it isn't possible to give typical instructions here.

- Existing Root FS Boot

  The installation subdirectory `instkernel/` contains `netbsd.gz`; this is the same install kernel but without a bootable file system image wrapped around it. You can perform an complete reinstall by beginning it as an upgrade, and booting this kernel in the normal way off the root file system (`/`) of a previous installation.

  The gzipped image can be booted directly; it is not necessary to uncompress it first.

- Network Boot

  Booting NetBSD/alpha 2.1 over a network requires a BOOTP or DHCP server, a TFTP server and an NFS server. (These are usually all run on the same machine.) There are three basic stages to the boot:

  – alpha console software sends a BOOTP request to get its own address, the address of the TFTP server and the file to download. It downloads this file, which is the second stage bootstrap, via TFTP and then executes it.

  – The secondary boot program resends the BOOTP request, this time also locating the NFS server and root path. It mounts the root path via NFS and reads in and transfers to the kernel: `/netbsd`.

  – The kernel probes and configures the devices, and then sends out another BOOTP request so it can find out its address, the NFS server, and path. It then mounts its root (`/`) via NFS and continues.

  You will need to set up servers for BOOTP, TFTP and NFS.

  If you want to run a full system from the network, untar the NetBSD snapshot or distribution into a directory on your server and NFS export that directory to the client. Make sure you put a kernel there as well, and create the device nodes in `/dev` with **`sh ./MAKEDEV all`**. Detailed instructions on netbooting can be found by visiting the NetBSD alpha platform page: **http://www.NetBSD.org/Ports/alpha**

  At the time of this release, the URL for the netbooting instructions is:
  http://www.NetBSD.org/Documentation/network/netboot/

  You'll want to map root to `root` (rather than the default `nobody`) when you export your root file system (`/`). A typical `/etc/exports` line on a NetBSD system would be:

  ```
  /usr/export/alpha -maproot=0 myclient.mydom.com
  ```

  One option is to load just the install kernel over the network but then proceed to a normal disk-based install and disk-based operation. (Perhaps the alpha doesn't have a floppy drive, or you just don't want to use a Windows system to make the floppy; we understand.)

  For this case, you still need to export an NFS root, but the only thing it needs to have in it is the `instkernel` image from the distribution.

  The gzipped image can be booted directly; it is not necessary to uncompress it first.

  The console will be using TFTP to load the NetBSD boot program, so for the TFTP setup, you need to copy the second stage bootstrap, **`netboot`**, into an appropriately named file such as `boot.netbsd.alpha` in the directory used by your TFTP server. If you extracted a full snapshot, you can get the netboot program from `/usr/mdec/netboot`; if not, you can get this from the `installation/netboot` directory where you found the alpha distribution.

For the BOOTP server you need to specify the:

- hardware type (Ethernet)
- hardware address (Ethernet MAC address)
- IP address of the client
- subnet mask of the client
- address of of the TFTP/NFS server
- name of the second stage bootstrap loaded via TFTP
- path to the root for the client (mounted via NFS)

Here's an example for a UNIX -like system running **bootpd**:

```
myhost.mydom.com:        :ht=ethernet:ha=0000c0391ae4:\
        :ip=192.168.1.2:sm=255.255.255.0:\
        :sa=192.168.1.1:bf=boot.netbsd.alpha:rp=/usr/export/alpha:
```

And here's an example for a UNIX -like system running the ISC **dhcpd**:

```
host axp {
        hardware ethernet 0:0:c0:39:1a:e4;
        fixed-address 192.168.1.2;
        option host-name "myhost.mydom.com";
        filename "boot.netbsd.alpha";
        option root-path "/usr/export/alpha";
        option domain-name-servers 192.168.1.1;
        option broadcast-address 255.255.255.0;
        option domain-name "my.domain";
}
```

The only Ethernet device the console on most alpha systems knows how to boot from is the onboard Ethernet interface or a DEC Tulip (21040, 21041, 21140) PCI Ethernet card. Some older SMC 100 Mbps cards that use this chip have been known to work as well. Many older systems will not be able to use the newer 2.0 stepping of the 21140, however. If your system appears not to be receiving packets, this may be the problem. (You may or may not be able to update your firmware to fix this; see the alpha port pages on **http://www.NetBSD.org/** for more information on this.) In general, 10 Mb cards from manufacturers other than DEC will work, and 100 Mb cards not from DEC will not.

Once you're set up, you should be able to boot with:

```
boot -proto bootp ewa0
```

You should permanently set your protocol to BOOTP with:

```
set ewa0_protocols bootp
```

The 3000 series of Turbochannel systems and certain other models use *old SRM*, do not have a **-proto** option and use different device names. They also tend to not netboot very well so you probably don't need to worry about this section. However, if you want to give it a try, note the following differences:

- There is no **-proto** argument, or **ewa0_protocols** variable. Old SRM uses bootp if the device name is given as **ez0**.
- The use of the `setnetbootinfo`(8) program will probably also be necessary, as it is unlikely that an SRM from that era will properly communicate the ethernet HW address to the boot program.
- Example:

```
boot ez0
```

Running the sysinst installation program

1. *Introduction*

   Using **sysinst**, installing NetBSD is a relatively easy process. You still should read this document and have it in hand when doing the installation process. This document tries to be a good guideline for 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* PCMCIA *issues*

   Machines with PCMCIA slots may have problems during installation. If you do not have PCMCIA on your machine (PCMCIA is only really used on laptop machines), you can skip this section, and ignore the "[PCMCIA]" notes. If you do have PCMCIA in your machine, you can safely ignore this section and the "[PCMCIA]" the first time, as you are likely to not have problems. Should troubles occur during floppy boot, they may be PCMCIA specific. You should then re-read this section and try again, following the instructions in the "[PCMCIA]" notes.

   This section explains how to work around the installation problem.

   The kernel keeps careful track of what interrupts and I/O ports are in use during autoconfiguration. It then allows the PCMCIA devices to pick unused interrupts and I/O ports. Unfortunately, the `INSTALL` kernel may not detect all devices in your system. This may be because the `INSTALL` kernel only supports the minimum set of devices to install NetBSD on your system, or it may be that NetBSD does not have support for the device causing the conflict.

   For example, suppose your laptop has a soundblaster device built in; the `INSTALL` kernel has no sound support. The PCMCIA code might allocate your soundblaster's IRQ and I/O ports to PCMCIA devices, causing them not to work, or to lock up the system. This is especially bad if one of the devices in question is your ethernet card.

   The kernel attempts to probe for available interrupts that are usable by the PCIC (PCMCIA interrupt controller), which should alleviate interrupt conflicts; however, I/O port conflicts are still possible.

   This problem will impact some, but not all, users of PCMCIA. If this problem is affecting you, watch the "[PCMCIA]" notes that will appear in this document.

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).

- Two floppy disks.
- 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 120 MB more.

- Creating the boot floppies. You can create the floppies needed for installation under MS-DOS or Windows. Supposing your 1.44 MB floppy drive is drive A:, and your CD is drive E: do the following from an MS-DOS command prompt:

```
e:
cd \NetBSD-2.1\i386\installation\misc
rawrite
```

  When asked for a source filename, answer
  (...alpha installation root)`\floppy\disk1of2`

  When asked for a destination drive answer '**a**'.

- To create a bootfloppy under NetBSD or other UNIX -like system, you would type something like:

```
# dd if=.../boot1.fs bs=18k of=/dev/rfd0a
```

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  - Insert the first boot floppy you just created. Boot the computer. Type

```
B DVA0
```

    After language selection, the main menu will be displayed.

```
.*********************************************.
* NetBSD-2.0 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**, after you have removed the bootfloppy from the drive.

- 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 the file `/etc/rc.conf` to match your system needs.
- Your installation is now complete.
- For configuring the X window system, if installed, see the files in `/usr/X11R6/lib/X11/doc`. Further information can be found on **http://www.xfree86.org/**.

5. *Booting NetBSD*

   [PCMCIA] Unplug your PCMCIA devices, so that they won't be found by NetBSD.

   Boot your machine. The boot loader will start, and will print a countdown and begin booting.

   If the boot loader messages do not appear in a reasonable amount of time, you either have a bad boot floppy or a hardware problem. Try writing the install floppy image to a different disk, and using that.

   It will take a while to load the kernel from the floppy, probably around a minute or so, then, the kernel boot messages will be displayed. This may take a little while also, as NetBSD will be probing your system to discover which hardware devices are installed. 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.

   Note that once the system has finished booting, you need not leave the floppy in the disk drive.

   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*

   [PCMCIA] You can skip this section, as you will only get data from floppy in the first part of the install.

   If you will not use network operation 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 in reply to answers relating to this.

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. Depending on how many disks are found, you may get a different message. You should see disk names like `wd0`, `wd1`, `sd0` or `sd1`.

8. *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, it will be checked if there are already other systems present on the disk, and you will be asked to confirm whether you want to overwrite these.

9. *Editing the NetBSD disklabel*

   The partition table of the NetBSD part of a disk is called a *disklabel*. There are 4 layouts for the NetBSD part of the disk that you can pick from: **Standard, Standard with X, Custom** and **Use Existing**. The first two use a set of default values (that you can change) suitable for a normal instal-

lation, possibly including X. With the **Custom** option you can specify everything yourself. The last option uses the partition info already present on the disk.

You will be presented with the current layout of the NetBSD disklabel, and given a 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**. Some partitions in the disklabel have a fixed purpose.

`a` Root partition (`/`)

`b` Swap partition.

`c` The NetBSD portion of the disk.

`d`–`h` Available for other use. Traditionally, `d` 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.

10. *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, enter `yes` at the prompt.

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.

11. *Getting the distribution sets*

The NetBSD distribution consists of a number of *sets*, that come in the form of gzipped tarfiles. A few sets must be installed for a working system, others are optional. At this point of the installation, 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'.

12. *Installation using ftp*

To be able to install using ftp, you first need to configure your network setup, if you haven't already at the start of the install procedure. **sysinst** will do this for you, asking you if you want to use DHCP, and if not to provide data like IP address, hostname, etc. If you do not have name service set up for the machine that you are installing on, you can just press `RETURN` in answer to these questions, 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 when answering the questions to configure networking, 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.

13. *Installation using NFS*

    To be able to install using NFS, you first need to configure your network setup, if you haven't already at the start of the install procedure. **sysinst** will do this for you, asking you if you want to use DHCP, and if not to provide data like IP address, hostname, etc. If you do not have name service set up for the machine that you are installing on, you can just press `RETURN` in answer to these questions, 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 when answering the questions to configure networking, you will need to specify an IP address instead of a hostname for the NFS server.

14. *Installation from CD-ROM*

    When installing from a CD-ROM, you will be asked to specify the device name for your CD-ROM player (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 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.

16. *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.

17. *Extracting the distribution sets*

    After the install sets containing the NetBSD distribution have been made available, you can either extract all the sets (a full installation), or only extract sets that you have selected. In the latter case, you will be shown the currently selected sets, and given the opportunity to select the sets you want. Some sets always need to be installed (**kern, base**) and **etc** they will not be shown in this selection menu.

    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, especially on machines with slow graphics consoles or serial consoles.

    After all the files have been extracted, all the necessary 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 than set a password for the "root" account, to prevent the machine coming up without access restrictions.

18. *Finalizing your installation*

    Congratulations, you have successfully installed NetBSD 2.1. You can now reboot the machine, and boot NetBSD from hard disk.

Manual and script-assisted installation

All of the installation procedures consist of putting a label on the disk to provide information on the sizes and placement of the partitions into which the disk is divided, putting the boot blocks on the disk, creating the file systems on the partitions, and unpacking the distribution tar archives.

1. Disk prep: label, boot block, and file system setup

   A. Manual Install from the Shell Prompt

      The normal installation involves running the install shell script and interactively configuring the file systems, and then simply unpacking the tar files into these followed by running MAKEDEV.

      However, as stated above it is also possible to do the installation yourself from the shell, and in any case it is helpful to understand what the install script does. The procedure is:

      - create `/etc/disktab`, see `disktab`(5)
      - run `disklabel`(8),
      - run `newfs`(8)
      - `mount`(8) the new root on `/mnt`
      - cd to `/usr/mdec` and run `installboot`(8)

      If you are reviewing man pages on NetBSD platforms other than alpha, be sure that when reading `installboot`(8) you read the alpha version by typing:

      ```
      # man 8 alpha/installboot
      ```

      At this point you need only unpack the distribution sets by running `tar`(1) as described below.

   B. `/install` and `/upgrade` traditional installation scripts

      The `install` and `upgrade` scripts are still there, so by exiting the **`sysinst`** program you can type `install` or `upgrade` at the shell prompt and run them as you did in the good old days.

      You may install on either a SCSI or an IDE disk; you will be prompted for the disk to install on. The disks in your system will be numbered starting at *x*`d0` (where *x* is an '`s`' for SCSI disks, '`w`' for IDE disks) based on the SCSI-ID or IDE drive order; if you have more than one disk, watch the boot messages carefully to see which ones are probed as which numbers.

      Once you've selected a disk to install on, you'll be prompted for the geometry. This is also displayed in the boot messages, and you'll be given a chance to review the boot messages again to get the exact figures for the number of cylinders, heads and sectors.

      After this you must specify the size of your partitions. Generally you'll be giving the sizes in cylinders; the install program will tell you how many bytes there are in each cylinder.

      The swap partition is the second thing you specify, after the / (root) partition. Regardless of the size of your disk, you'll want to specify a swap partition that's at least as large as the amount of RAM you have, and probably not less than 64 MB in any case.

      If you have a small disk (under 500 MB), it's probably best to devote all of the disk (excepting 64 MB or more for the swap) to the / (root) partition.

      If you have more space, we recommend devoting at least 32 MB, and preferably 48 MB, to the / (root) partition. `/usr` will need 150 MB or so if you're not installing X, 200 MB or so if you are. A typical organization is 50 MB for / (root), 150-250 MB for swap, and the remaining space for `/usr`. With enough swap space configured, you can make `/tmp` a nice, fast mfs. See `mount_mfs`(8), and note that the mfs will require swap space for the largest planned amount of `/tmp` storage. It doesn't return space when files are deleted, but just keeps it its own freelist so the swap space required is equal to the highwater mark of `/tmp` use, plus space required to back

up main memory and store inactive images.

Once you've specified this information, the install script will write the disklabel, install boot blocks to make the disk bootable, initialise the file systems, and mount them all under `/mnt`. You are now ready to go on to the next step.

2. Configuration: arranging access to the distribution sets

After doing the disk and file system setup with either shell commands or the script assist, you then need only unpack the distribution sets with the `tar`(1) command. To do this you will need access from the target host to the tar files that contain the operating system in order to extract them to your disk. This is done via an NFS or FTP transfer over a network, via a CD-ROM archive, a tape archive, or by preloading an accessible hard drive with the necessary tar files.

- Preparing to Install from a CD-ROM

  All you need to do is mount the CD-ROM, which will generally be device cd0. (The initial boot messages will tell you what the CD-ROM drive is probed as.) This would be done with:

  ```
  # mount -r -t cd9660 /dev/cd0a /mnt2
  ```

- Preparing to Install from the Network

  The first thing you need to do is configure the loopback network interface, which is done with the command

  ```
  # ifconfig lo0 127.0.0.1
  ```

  Then you will have to configure your Ethernet card. The command

  ```
  # ifconfig -l
  ```

  will give you a list of the network interfaces on your system. It will show you your ethernet cards first, followed by lo0 (the loopback interface that we configured above), ppp0 (the PPP interface) and sl0 (the SLIP interface).

  To configure your ethernet card, type **ifconfig** *if* `inet` *addr* [`netmask`] [`media` *media*] where *if* is the network card (interface), almost always `de0`, *addr* is the IP address, the optional *netmask* parameter is the network mask, and the optional *media* parameter is one of:

10base2	BNC connector	10 Mbps
AUI	AUI connector	10 Mbps
10baseT/UTP	Twisted pair connector	10 Mbps
100baseTX	Twisted pair connector	100 Mbps
100baseFX	Fibre-optic connector	100 Mbps
100baseT4	T4 twisted pair interface	100 Mbps

  If the host you are getting the data files from is not on the local network, you will also have to configure a gateway into your system. Do this with

  ```
  # route add default gateway-IP-address
  ```

  One improvement over the good old days is that the resolver is now present; by configuring `/etc/resolv.conf` you can get name resolution during any install NFS or FTP operations.

  Once networking has been configured, you may mount the directory with the install files via NFS, or download them via FTP.

  To mount them via nfs, type

```
# mount -t nfs hostname:/path/to/nfs/volume /mnt2
```

If this volume has been exported read-only, you may need the **-r** option to mount.

To download the install sets with ftp, create a directory in which to put them and then use the ftp client to download them. Mirror sites are listed at: **http://www.NetBSD.org/mirrors/** A typical session might be:

```
# mkdir /mnt/usr/release
# cd /mnt/usr/release
# ftp ftp.NetBSD.org
```
the following commands are given to the **ftp** *program after logging in*
```
ftp prompt
ftp cd /pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-2.1/alpha/binary/sets
ftp mget *
ftp quit
```

Feel free, of course, to leave off the sets that you don't need if you don't plan to install everything.

3. Unpack distribution sets: Extracting the Operating System Files

   Change to the root directory of your hard drive (which is `/mnt` if you've used the standard install script to this point) by typing

   ```
   # cd /mnt
   ```

   For this and the following commands, replace `/mnt/usr/release/` with the path to your NFS volume or CD-ROM if that's how you chose to access your install files instead.

   The sets and kernel are extracted with:

   ```
   # cd /mnt
   # for i in base kern comp etc games man misc text; do
       tar -zxpf /mnt/usr/release/$i.tgz;
   # done
   ```

   or perhaps:

   ```
   # cd /mnt
   # for i in /mnt/usr/release/*.tgz; do
       echo $i
       tar -zxpf $i
   # done
   ```

   Now make the device nodes:

   ```
   # cd /mnt/dev
   # sh ./MAKEDEV all
   ```

4. Restart your system

   Unmount the file systems and halt. The exact instructions to type here will depend on the file systems you created, but typically the commands are:

   ```
   # cd /
   # umount /mnt/usr
   # umount /mnt
   # sync
   ```
   (**sync** *is not strictly necessary but it is traditional*)
   ```
   # halt
   ```

You should now be at the SRM console's prompt and can reboot into the new configuration (possibly after an optional power cycle) with a command such as:

```
boot dka0
```

This command might be: **boot dka100** if your drive is on ID 1. You can usually use **show device** to see a full list of bootable devices in your system. Your system will come up in single-user mode, ready for you to configure it.

You can create the floppy needed for installation under MS-DOS or Windows. Supposing your 1.44 MB floppy drive is drive A:, and your CD is drive **E:**, do the following from an MS-DOS command prompt:

```
e:
cd \NetBSD-2.1\installation\misc
rawrite
```

When asked for a source filename, answer

```
...\floppy\disk1of2
```

When asked for a destination drive answer

```
a
```

(Repeat the procedure for `installation/floppy/disk2of2`.)

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, with the most important ones 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).

   If your `/usr` directory is on a separate partition and you do not know how to use **ed**, you will have to mount your `/usr` partition to gain access to **ex** or **vi**. Do the following:

   ```
   # mount /usr
   # export TERM=vt220
   ```

If you have `/var` on a separate partition, you need to repeat that step for it. After that, you can edit `/etc/rc.conf` with `vi`(1). When you have finished, type **`exit`** at the prompt to leave the single-user shell and continue with the multi-user boot.

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

```
ifconfig_de0="inet 123.45.67.89 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

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

```
ifconfig_de0="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. If you're using the machine in a networked environment, 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.

   Unless you have connected an unusual terminal device as the console you can just press `RETURN` when it prompts for `Terminal type? [...]`.

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 have installed the X Window System, look at the files in `/usr/X11R6/lib/X11/doc` for information.

   Don't forget to add `/usr/X11R6/bin` to your path in your shell's dot file so that you have access to the X binaries.

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. This automatically handles any changes necessary to make the software run on NetBSD, retrieval and installation of any other packages on which the software may depend, and simplifies installation (and deinstallation), both from source and precompiled binaries.

   - More information on the package system is at
     http://www.NetBSD.org/Documentation/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/NetBSD/packages/
  usually in the `2.1/alpha/All` subdir. You can install them with the following commands under `sh`(1):

  ```
  # PKG_PATH=ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/2.1/alpha/All
  # 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 mozilla
  ...
  ```

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

  ```
  # setenv PKG_PATH ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/2.1/alpha/All
  ...
  ```

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

- Package sources for compiling packages on your own can be obtained by retrieving the file
  ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/NetBSD-current/tar_files/pkgsrc.tar.gz
  They are typically extracted into `/usr/pkgsrc` (though other locations work fine), with the commands:

  ```
  # mkdir /usr/pkgsrc
  # ( cd /usr/pkgsrc ; tar -zxpf - )  pkgsrc.tar.gz
  ```

  After extracting, see the `README` and `doc/pkgsrc.txt` files in the extraction directory (e.g. `/usr/pkgsrc/README`) 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/mail/sendmail.cf` file will almost definitely need to be adjusted; files aiding in this can be found in `/usr/share/sendmail`. See the `README` file there for more information. If you prefer postfix as MTA, 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 upgrade to NetBSD 2.1 is a binary upgrade; it can be quite difficult to update the system from an earlier version by recompiling from source, primarily due to interdependencies in the various components.

To do the upgrade, you must have the boot floppy set available. You must also have at least the **base** and **kern** binary distribution sets available, so that you can upgrade with them, using one of the upgrade methods described above. 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, the boot blocks on your NetBSD partition, 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 using the **sysinst** tool 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. Getting the binary sets is done in the same manner as the installation procedure; refer to the installation part of the document for how to do this. Also, some sanity checks are done, i.e. file systems are checked before unpacking the sets.

After a new kernel has been copied to your hard disk, your machine is a complete NetBSD 2.1 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 2.1.

Issues affecting an upgrade from NetBSD 1.6

The following issues can generally be resolved by extracting the **etc** set into a temporary directory and running *postinstall*:

```
mkdir /tmp/upgrade
cd /tmp/upgrade
pax -zrpe -f /path/to/etc.tgz
./etc/postinstall -s `pwd` check
./etc/postinstall -s `pwd` 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/*
- The following files are now obsolete: /etc/rc.d/fsck.sh /etc/rc.d/gated /etc/rc.d/kerberos /etc/rc.d/NETWORK /etc/rc.d/systemfs /etc/rc.d/xntpd and /etc/rc.d/ypset.

- The users and groups 'smmsp', needs to be created, 'news' is no longer part of the system.

The following issues need to be resolved manually:

- `postfix`(8) configuration files require upgrading.

```
cd /usr/share/examples/postfix
cp post-install postfix-files postfix-script /etc/postfix
postfix check
```

Using online NetBSD documentation

Documentation is available if you first install 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.

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. Additionally, bug reports can be sent by mail to: `netbsd-bugs@NetBSD.org`.

Use of `send-pr`(1) is encouraged, however, because bugs reported with it are entered into the NetBSD bugs database, and thus can't slip through the cracks.

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-help@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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