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INSTALL – Installation procedure for NetBSD/sgimips.

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DESCRIPTION

About this Document

This document describes the installation procedure for NetBSD 2.0.2 on the *sgimips* 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 2.0.2 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 2.0.1 and 2.0.2 updates

The NetBSD 2.0.2 release is the second security/critical update of the NetBSD 2.0 release branch. This represents a selected subset of fixes deemed critical in nature for stability or security reasons. All of these fixes will also appear on future NetBSD releases (e.g. NetBSD 2.1 , etc) from the NetBSD 2.0 release branch as well.

Specific updates are as follows:

Kernel

- Avoid endless loop in F_CLOSEM fnctl which could be abused for a local DOS.
- Avoid possible security issues on amd64, x86 and xen by properly checking range for copyinstr and copyoutstr.
- Make pmap_map() work on sun4 machines so these are usable again.
- Fix a UVM problem that causes hangs when large processes fork.
- Fix pthreads on sun4c hardware by fixing a problem with detecting faults in atomic load/store instructions.
- Address further pthread issues on sparc and sparc64 by defining a new LWP flag which indicates that we're in the process of doing a context switch.
- Make sun3 port functional again by restoring the definition for MAXPHYS as it is now used rather than MAXBSIZE to limit page cache I/O sizes.
- Prevent lockups/panics if the VOP_LOOKUP() call unlocked the parent directory node.
- Prevent a kernel panic on boot with a PX graphics card on DECstations.
- Fix prep port to be functional by ensuring that the OpenPIC register window is mapped during startup.
- Clear freed memory in `cgd`(4) code to avoid possibly security issues.

Networking

- Disabled the oow test in ipf because it is killing valid packets.
- Prevent deadlock/panic on NFS clients after NFS server reboots and caches aren't in sync.
- Fix an NFS panic caused by truncating a file while another client is writing data to it.
- Avoid infinite loops when getting NFS readdir response without any entries or EOF.
- Fix possible remote DOS via IPSec AH packets.

System administration and user tools

- Teach groff about NetBSD versions that aren't on the branches documentation.
- Add description for Solaris 10 dual boot installation.
- Document PTHREAD_CONCURRENCY.
- Fix bug in binutils which broke Firefox under NetBSD-sparc64.
- Address xpm security problems reported in CAN-2005-0605.

sgimips specific

Changes Between The NetBSD 2.0 release and 2.0.1 update

The NetBSD 2.0.1 release is the first security/critical update of the NetBSD 2.0 release branch. This represents a selected subset of fixes deemed critical in nature for stability or security reasons. All of these fixes will also appear on future NetBSD releases (e.g. NetBSD 2.1 , etc) from the NetBSD 2.0 release branch as well.

Specific updates are as follows:

Kernel

- Prevent panics on powerpc with DIAGNOSTIC kernels and trap handling.
- Make the macppc INSTALL kernel bootable again by moving the load address to the correct location.
- Fix a major issue with sparc64 pmap to prevent crashes under heavy load.
- Fix major performance issue with xen port so idle loop doesn't consume 100% of cpu time.
- Fix xen port so it can reboot cleanly instead of hanging.
- MMU fixes for sh3 based ports to prevent reboots under heavy load.

Networking

- Fix major performance issues with the i82547 Gig-E chip which improves performance with `wm`(4)
- Fix problems with `sk`(4) performance on ASUS A8V motherboards.
- Prevent panics in ipf when receiving IPv6 packets.
- NFS fixes to address incorrect atimes updates and cache coherancy issues.

System administration and user tools

- Fix `swapcontext`(3) for amd64 so that it works correctly.

sgimips specific

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 2.0.2 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 4500 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.

sgimips specific

This is the first major release of NetBSD for the sgimips platform.

Important notes about NetBSD 2.0.2

- 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/Sites/net.html**

NetBSD 2.0.2 Release Contents

The root directory of the NetBSD 2.0.2 release is organized as follows:

`.../NetBSD-2.0.2/`

`CHANGES`	Changes since earlier NetBSD releases.
`LAST_MINUTE`	Last minute changes.
`MIRRORS`	A list of sites that mirror the NetBSD 2.0.2 distribution.
`README.files`	README describing the distribution's contents.
`TODO`	The NetBSD 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 2.0.2 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 2.0.2 sources which are not in **gnusrc**, **sharesrc**, or **syssrc**.
37 MB gzipped, 176 MB uncompressed

syssrc This set contains the sources to the NetBSD 2.0.2 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/sgimips subdirectory structure

The sgimips-specific portion of the NetBSD 2.0.2 release is found in the `sgimips` subdirectory of the distribution: `.../NetBSD-2.0.2/sgimips/`. 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_INDY.gz`
A kernel suitable for booting on Indy, Indigo 2 and similar machines.
`netbsd.ecoff-GENERIC_INDY.gz`
GENERIC_INDY targeted for being bootable on older Indigo 2 and possibly Indy machines with PROMs that do not understand the ELF binary format.
`sets/` sgimips binary distribution sets; see below.

`installation/`
`netboot/`
NFS-root images

Binary distribution sets

The NetBSD sgimips binary distribution sets contain the binaries which comprise the NetBSD 2.0.2 release for the sgimips. The binary distribution sets can be found in the `sgimips/binary/sets` subdirectory of the NetBSD 2.0.2 distribution tree, and are as follows:

base The NetBSD 2.0.2 sgimips **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.
20 MB gzipped, 72 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.
21 MB gzipped, 88 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, 9 MB uncompressed

kern-GENERIC_INDY
This set contains a NetBSD/sgimips 2.0.2 `GENERIC_INDY` kernel (for Indy, Indigo 2 and Challenge S/M machines), named `/netbsd`. This set also contains an ECOFF kernel named `/netbsd.ecoff` that your system may need to boot. You *must* install this distribution set.
3 MB gzipped, 7 . 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, 9 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, 24 MB uncompressed

xcomp The extra libraries and include files needed to compile X source code.
10 MB gzipped, 40 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.
11 MB gzipped, 37 MB uncompressed

The sgimips 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.

The following are included in the `sgimips/installation` directory:

`diskimage/`

`diskimage.gz` FFS disk image of the installation filesystem.

`netboot/`

`diskimage.tgz` Minimal file set necessary for NFS-root installations; to be extracted on the NFS server.

The following are included in the `sgimips/binary/kernel` directory:

`netbsd.ecoff-GENERIC_INDY.gz` An ECOFF version of the `GENERIC_INDY` kernel (gzipped). This kernel can be used when booting machines whose PROMs do not understand the ELF binary format.

`netbsd-INDY_INSTALL.gz` A gzipped `INDY_INSTALL` kernel, which includes an embedded ramdisk with the installation tools.

`netbsd-INDY_INSTALL.ecoff.gz` An ECOFF version of the `netbsd-INDY_INSTALL` kernel (also gzipped).

`netbsd-INDY_INSTALL.symbols.gz` Symbols for `netbsd-INDY_INSTALL.gz`.

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

NetBSD/sgimips System Requirements and Supported Devices

NetBSD/sgimips is aimed to run on MIPS-based computers manufactured by SGI.

Supported machines

- IP12 R3000 - Indigo
- IP20 R4000 - Indigo
- IP22 R4000/R4400/R4600 – Challenge M, Challenge S, Indigo 2 and Indy
- IP22 R5000 – Challenge S, Indy
- IP32 R5000 - O2
- IP32 R10000 - O2

Unsupported machines

- IP19 R4000 - Challenge Onyx
- IP21 R8000 - Power Challenge / Power Onyx
- IP25 R10000 - Power Challenge 10000 / Power Onyx 10000
- IP26 R8000 - Indigo 2 R8000
- IP27 R10000/R12000 - O200 / Origin 2000 / Onyx2
- IP28 R10000 - Indigo 2 R10000
- IP30 R10000/R12000 - Octane
- IP35 R12000A - Origin 3000 / Onyx 3000

Supported devices

- Serial ports
  - On-board Zilog Z8530 Dual Uart (IP12, IP20, IP22/24) (*ttyz*),
  - On-board 16C550 Serial ports (IP32). (*ttyC*).
- Ethernet
  - On-board SGI Seeq 80c03 ethernet controller (IP12, IP20, IP22/24) (*sq*),
  - On-board MACE Ethernet controller (IP32) (*mec*),
  - Most PCI Ethernet controllers (IP32)
- SCSI
  - On-board Western Digital WD33C93 SCSI controller(s) (IP12, IP20, IP22/24) (*wdsc*),
  - On-board Adaptec AIC-7889 SCSI controller (IP32) (*aic*),
- Audio
  - On-board HAL2 controller (IP22/24) (*haltwo*)
- Graphics adapters

  - SGI NG1 "newport" (IP22/24) (*newport*),
  - SGI GR2 (IP20) (*grtwo*)

- Keyboard and mouse devices
  - PC keyboard controller (IP22/24) (*pckbc*)

Unsupported devices

- Some graphics adapters
- Video hardware
- Parallel ports
- zs keyboard/mouse
- Mace Ethernet controller (IP32)

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
- FTP
- Remote NFS partition
- 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 `sgimips/binary/sets`.

Proceed to the instruction on installation.

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.

Preparing your System for NetBSD installation

First and foremost, before beginning the installation process, *make sure you have a reliable backup* of any data (e.g., an old IRIX installation) you wish to preserve.

Booting NetBSD/sgimips for the first time is most commonly done from the network. You must set up DHCP, TFTP, and possibly NFS for the installation procedure to be successful. Although newer SGI bootproms can read ELF kernels directly from the network, others require that you boot an ECOFF version of the kernel. Attempting to boot an ELF kernel on a system with a PROM that only supports ECOFF binaries will result in the following message being displayed by the PROM:

```
Illegal f_magic number 0x7f45, expected MIPSELMAGIC or MIPSEBMAGIC.
```

You can convert the standard ELF format kernel into an ECOFF kernel using the `elf2ecoff` tool.

Note that some older bootproms have an interesting bug in reading the kernel via TFTP. They handle the port number as a signed entity, and can thus not connect to ports >32767. You can work around this problem on the TFTP server (given that it is a NetBSD host) by using "sysctl" to set "net.inet.ip.anonportmin" and "net.inet.ip.anonportmax" to more suitable values. For example:

```
# sysctl -w net.inet.ip.anonportmin=16384
# sysctl -w net.inet.ip.anonportmax=32767
```

Installing the NetBSD System

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 installation methods are:

1. Installation from an existing NetBSD or IRIX system by booting the install kernel from an existing file system.
2. Installation in a diskless environment. This means that you will install your entire system onto a remotely shared disk.

3. Booting the install kernel over the network and installing onto a local disk. The beginning of the procedure is similar to diskless installation, but you will eventually end up writing the system onto your local disk.

You should familiarize yourself with the console PROM environment and the hardware configuration. A good place to study PROM tricks is the IRIX "prom" manual page. Be sure you know how to print the configuration of your machine, and how to boot from disk or network, as appropriate.

To boot from disk, use:

- **All machine types:**

```
>> setenv systempartition scsi(0)disk(X)rdisk(0)partition(8)
>> setenv osloadpartition scsi(0)disk(X)rdisk(0)partition(0)
>> setenv osloadfilename netbsd
>> setenv osloadoptions auto
>> setenv osloader boot
```

For all drives (including all SCSI-2 drives), the kernel should correctly detect the disk geometry.

If you're installing NetBSD/sgimips for the first time it's a very good idea to pre-plan partition sizes for the disks onto which you're installing NetBSD. Changing the size of partitions after you've installed is difficult. If you do not have a spare bootable disk, it may be simpler to re-install NetBSD again from scratch.

To be able to boot from local disk an SGI Volume Header partition is required. This special partition is accessed by the PROM to load the NetBSD/sgimips boot program. The partition should be about 2 MB in size, but can be reduced somewhat. The minimum size can approach 150k, but this doesn't leave room for upgrade boot programs.

Install via a bootable CD-ROM

The NetBSD/sgimips CD-ROM is not ISO-formatted. Since SGI PROMs can not boot from an ISO/CD-9660 filesystem, the CD-ROM image is generated with an SGI Volume Header for the bootstrap loader and an ISO/CD-9660-formatted partition for the distribution.

To install from a NetBSD/sgimips CD-ROM, enter the PROM command-line environment and execute one of the following commands, replacing *X* with the SCSI-ID of the CD-ROM:

(for most Indigo2 (IP22) and Indy (IP24) machines)

```
>> boot -f scsi(0)cdrom(X)rdisk(0)partition(8)ip2xboot
```

(for Indigo (IP20) and Indigo2/Indy machines with old PROMs)

```
>> boot -f scsi(0)cdrom(X)rdisk(0)partition(8)aoutboot
```

(for O2 (IP32) machines)

```
>> boot -f pci(0)scsi(0)cdrom(X)rdisk(0)partition(8)ip3xboot
```

Installation for diskless configurations

This section assumes you know how to configure DHCP, TFTP, and NFS services on your server.

1. Place the kernel into the TFTP server's download area. If the kernel has a ".gz" suffix, you must first uncompress it using the `gunzip` program. You must also decide which kernel you need to boot. Because of differences in SGI hardware between different machines, the kernel load addresses differ. You will need GENERIC32_IP2x for the Indy and Indigo2, ecoff-GENERIC32_IP2x for the Indigo (and Indy/Indigo2 machines with old PROMs), and GENERIC32_IP3x for the O2.

```
server# gzip -d -c netbsd-GENERIC32_IP2x.gz > /tftpboot/netbsd-sgimips
```

or

```
server# gzip -d -c netbsd.ecoff-GENERIC32_IP2x.gz >
```

```
/tftpboot/netbsd-sgimips
```

or

```
server# gzip -d -c netbsd-GENERIC32_IP2x.gz > /tftpboot/netbsd-sgimips
```

Note that your DHCP server must be configured to specify this file as the boot file for the client.

2. Unpack the distribution sets into the client's root directory on the server.

```
server# cd /export/client/mipseb
server# gzcat .../base.tgz | tar xvpf -
server# gzcat .../etc.tgz | tar xvpf -
[ repeat for all sets you wish to unpack ]
```

3. Load the kernel from the TFTP server:

```
>> setenv SystemPartition bootp():
>> setenv netaddr your.ip.here.please
>> boot
```

The installation of your diskless NetBSD/sgimips system is now complete! You may now skip ahead to any post-installation instructions.

Installation to local disk from the network

This section is a subset of the above section, and also assumes that you know how to configure DHCP and TFTP services on your server.

1. Place the install kernel into the TFTP server's download area. Just as above, you need to place the correct bootable kernel into the TFTP server's download area. However, instead of a GENERIC kernel, you must use the correct INSTALL kernel. This kernel contains a ramdisk with the installation tools and will allow you to proceed with installation without further setup.

   If the kernel has a ".gz" suffix, you must first uncompress it using the `gunzip` program. As above, you must choose either the netbsd-INSTALL32_IP2x, netbsd-INSTALL32_IP2x.ecoff, or netbsd-INSTALL32_IP3x kernel.

   Note that your DHCP server must be configured to specify this file as the boot file for the client.

2. Load the kernel from the TFTP server:

```
>> setenv SystemPartition bootp():
>> setenv netaddr your.ip.here.please
>> boot
```

Once you've booted the diskimage

Once you've booted the installation kernel you will need to select your terminal type. Use **vt100** for a serial console with a vt100-compatible terminal, or **xterm** or **xterms** for a `tip`(1) or `cu`(1) connection running in an `xterm`(1).

The system will then start the **sysinst** program.

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. *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.

3. *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), a hard disk and a minimum of 16 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.
   - The Quick Installation
     - Boot the system as described above. You should be at the **sysinst** main menu.

```
.*********************************************.
* 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 **Unmounted file system** as the medium. The CD-ROM device is usually cd0 and the partition 'a' (i.e. cd0a).
     - After all the files have been unpacked, go back to the main menu and select **reboot.**
     - Once the system reaches the PROM prompt, you will need to modify your PROM environment settings for SystemPartition, OSLoadPartition, OSLoader, OSLoadFilename and OSLoadOptions and then boot the hard 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/**.

4. *Booting NetBSD*

   You may want to read the boot messages, to notice your disk's name and capacity. Its name will be something like `sd0` 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 `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.

5. *Network configuration*

   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.

6. *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 `sd0` or `sd1`.

7. *Partitioning the disk*

   - Please note that shared installs of IRIX and NetBSD on the same drive have not been tested, and as such may cause problems or may not work. It is *strongly* recommended that all data is backed before attempting such installs.

8. *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 installation, 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` The SGI volume header (boot partition)

`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.

9. *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.

10. *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'.

11. *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.

12. *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.

13. *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.

14. *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.

    If this is a CD-ROM installation, the device used will be the name for your CD-ROM player with partition letter 'a' (usually cd0a).

15. *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.

16. *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.

17. *Finalizing your installation*

    Congratulations, you have successfully installed NetBSD 2.0.2. 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, 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_sq0="inet 123.45.67.89 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

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

```
ifconfig_sq0="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 and /etc/nsswitch.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 2.0.2/sgimips/All subdir. You can install them with the following commands under sh(1):

     ```
     # PKG_PATH=ftp://ftp.NetBSD.org/pub/NetBSD/packages/2.0.2/sgimips/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/2.0.2/sgimips/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 Packages.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 2.0.2 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 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 2.0.2 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 2.0.2.

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.

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