Improving nanoBSD

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- Removing media dependency
- Improving NanoBSD image-update scripts
- Adding Ports compilation/installation
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Removing media dependency

- NanoBSD use hard-coded disk name (/dev/ad0 as example) preventing to generate "universal" disk image:
 - An image that use /dev/ad0 can't be used from an USB stick
- Proposed patch (available in current, 8.2R):
 - Using UFS label in /etc/fstab

Improving image-update scripts

- NanoBSD uses 2 image-update scripts:
 - updatep1 (for updating non-active partition1)
 - updatep2 (for updating non-active partition 2)
- Improvement proposed (already used in BSD Router Project):
 - Merge both scripts in only one (with autodection of the non-active partition)
 - Adapt the script for using UFS label
 - Fixing boot0cfg problem that no more change the "active" state of partition (using gpart)

Ports compiliation/Installation

- NanoBSD permit to install software package only
- Proposed NanoBSD config file that compile/install ports during NanoBSD image generation (used in BSD Router Project and FreeNAS)
 - Supports only amd64/i386 cross-compilation
 - FreeBSD ports doesn't support cross-compilation

Include multi architectures support

- Available for i386 <=> amd64
 - Only some ports meet problems
- Without the ports support:
 - Should be possible to merge the existing ARM code (didn't have hardware for working on it)
 - Works in progress for sparc64 (used in BSD Router Project)

NanoBSD examples of uses

- FreeNAS 8 from iXsystems (http://freenas.org)
- BSD Router Project (http://bsdrp.net)
- pfSense embedded (http://www.pfsense.org)

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