

Documentation Working Group Summary

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Documentation repository conversion to SVN

- Test repository at <http://svn.freebsd.org/doc/>
- Note: `www` is now called `htdocs`
- old and unused directories were removed → tab completion works again
- Decision, what goes into projects (translations?) and user areas
- Support from clusteradmin/infrastructure people needed to do the final steps
- **Finish this by the end of the week?**
- Use svn properties to track status of translated docs in the translation projects was discussed

Recruiting new doc committers and translators

Current problems

- Translations like chinese, spanish, italian are really old
- Not enough mentors for new translators or doc people

Suggested solutions

- probably easier to have multiple mentors per mentee due to time constraints and time zones
- Idea: a mentor team to approve commits through a mailing list
- FreeBSD doc blog to raise awareness of current needs and what is going on in docs area
- use Google translate and have a native speaker check the output

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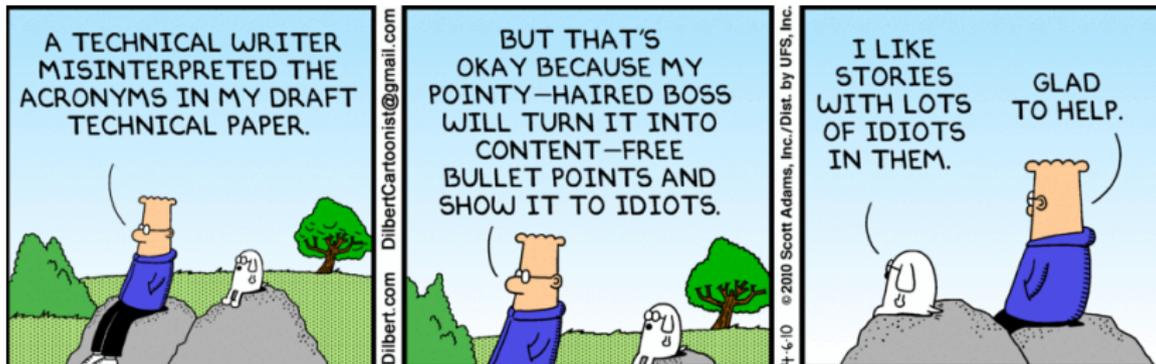
Interaction with other parts of the project



src/ports and doc interactions

- Need something documented? A man page written?
 - Request help on doc mailing-list
 - You provide the notes, we turn it into a nice looking document/man page
- How about adopting OpenBSD's policy of "No commits happen without documentation"?
 - Would foster developer documenter relationship
 - New features would be used by more users since it is documented
- Action items: man page for BHyVe and Subversion

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Marketing

- www and doc mailing lists should be combined, update requests to website should go to doc@
- should docset include advertising materials that are kept up-to-date?
- we need to change how we generate buzz, press releases, update documentation prior to a release
- we need a press person as official contact, most likely someone at the Foundation
 - needs to be easy to find on the website
 - marketing@ mailing list gets virtually no mail and is not listed on mailing list page
 - advertise this more

Misc stuff

Wouldn't it be great to have ...

- an official `fxr.freebsd.org` to get all kinds of information from `src`, commits, cross referencing it between different BSDs and query that easily?
- a periodic script that runs `textproc/igor` over all man pages and documentation and mail the results to everyone?
- a weekly digest of what has happened in `src` (highlights)?
- an official blog (`dev`, `doc`, `ports`) for committers that is officially hosted on the FreeBSD website
 - Syndicated on the news section of the FreeBSD website
 - No need to edit SGML/XML, static pages maybe?

Q&A

Questions, comments, feedback, suggestions?

