



Documentation Working Group Summary Report

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Less talk more action ?

- This time: focus on hacking instead of talking
- Small groups working on
 - turning open PRs into closed ones
 - updating handbook chapters for the print edition
 - common documentation issues



Topics discussed

- Overhaul the main freebsd.org website
 - Collect ideas/issues on the wiki:
<https://wiki.freebsd.org/website>
 - Form a team to create a prototype design
 - dynamic content like blogroll, twitter feed, ...
 - Include relevant teams for security implications
 - FreeBSD Foundation could provide access to professional web designers



Handbook print edition

- Will cover FreeBSD 10 features as well as 9.X
- We need more content and reviewers
 - Find and report outdated sections
 - Provide updated content
 - Can be plain text, doc people can turn it into markup
 - Doesn't have to be long
- Idea: maintainer-like people taking care of handbook sections/chapters keeping them updated
- Discussing possible print-on-demand options



Handbook maintainers

- Idea of having handbook chapter maintainers
 - Similar to port maintainers
 - Taking care of PRs, updating content, contact person
 - Ideally a team of doc and src committers
 - src committers provide explanation of functionality
 - doc committers turn them into understandable pieces
 - Reduce overall workload into smaller bits



Helping translation teams

- Problem: Translation teams too small to catch up with latest changes in english doc tree
- Manual translation sentence-by-sentence is inefficient
- Evaluation of open source translation tools
 - Reuse already translated words (Translation Memory)
 - Translators create final documents
 - Lower barrier for newcomers to participate



Questions ?

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