How (writing for) the FreeBSD Journal works
Devsummit Talk

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Why this talk?

- What is the FreeBSD Journal?
- Motivating more article contributions
- Explaining the process

What is the FreeBSD Journal?

- Free bi-monthly Journal publication
- Has been around for 9 years
- Main topic is FreeBSD with changing issue topics, like
  - Software and System Management (January-February)
  - ARM64 is Tier 1 (March-April)
  - Disaster Recovery (May-June)
  - Science, Systems, and FreeBSD (July-August)
  - Performance (September-October)
  - Monitoring and Metrics (November-December)
- Content written entirely by the community
- Curated by editorial board
- Designed by ACM Queue magazine team
- Financed by advertisers in the magazine

Why write for the Journal?

- No need to be a developer to contribute to the Journal
- Professional way of spreading the word about FreeBSD and its features
- Write about your FreeBSD passion as:
    - technical article
    - tutorial
    - side-bar
    - column
- Official publication (ISBN and all) to link to
- Beautiful designs done by the Journal team
- Low overhead process lets you focus on the writing features
- We'd love to have a handful of regular writers available providing content

The Writing Process

- Editorial board member contacts you about a potential topic
- You agree to write

  format plain-text, markdown, or Word processor

  timeframe typically a month

  submission via email to jmaurer@freebsdjournal.com

- Article gets designed and sent back to you for feedback
- Don't worry too much about your b0rken English or Yoda grammar...
- Review and make changes, corrections, additions
- When satisfied: final version gets published in next issue

Questions

Any questions?