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Dear Readers,

At the very beginning, we had some doubts about the BSD mag project. We thought, well... there is no magazine devoted to this operating systems, but at the same time we had been wondering why nobody came up with this idea... first thought – there is no interest in the market. But we decided to take the risk and see how it all works. We ended up being right. It turned out that you really need this mag and finally you have something prepared especially for you – not for open source software user – but you!

From the very beginning you gave us great support and help. Working with you is a real pleasure and in my opinion we became a great team!

Since you are all used to and support the idea of a main focus in each issue – this time we devoted the whole mag to one distribution – PC-BSD. When preparing each issue we try to give you the most useful tips and practical knowledge. Jerry Dixon guides you through the process of installation and configuration of PC-BSD and Jan Stedehouder shows the best way of installing software on a FreeBSD-based system. We also prepared many how-to's that will help you to develop your skills. James T. Nixon III discusses personalizing PC-BSD desktop. Eric Vintimilla guides you through using FreeBSD for the off-site backup. Donald T. Hayford demonstrates how to build NetBSD for embedded systems using Cygwin. Amjith Ramanujam presents ZFS – a state of the art filesystem on FreeBSD 7. Dan Fairs introduces Django: a web framework for perfectionists with deadlines.

In the multimedia section, Jason Ellison tells a story about the use of open source software in a local radio station.

For those who don't really feel like getting more into details, BSD team and Federico Biancuzzi prepared an interview with PC-BSD folks: Kris Moore, the founder of the PC-BSD project, and Matt Olander, Chief Technology Officer at iXsystems. In the column Mikel King gives us his thoughts about BSD and its use in general.

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all the best



Karolina Lesińska
Executive Editor



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