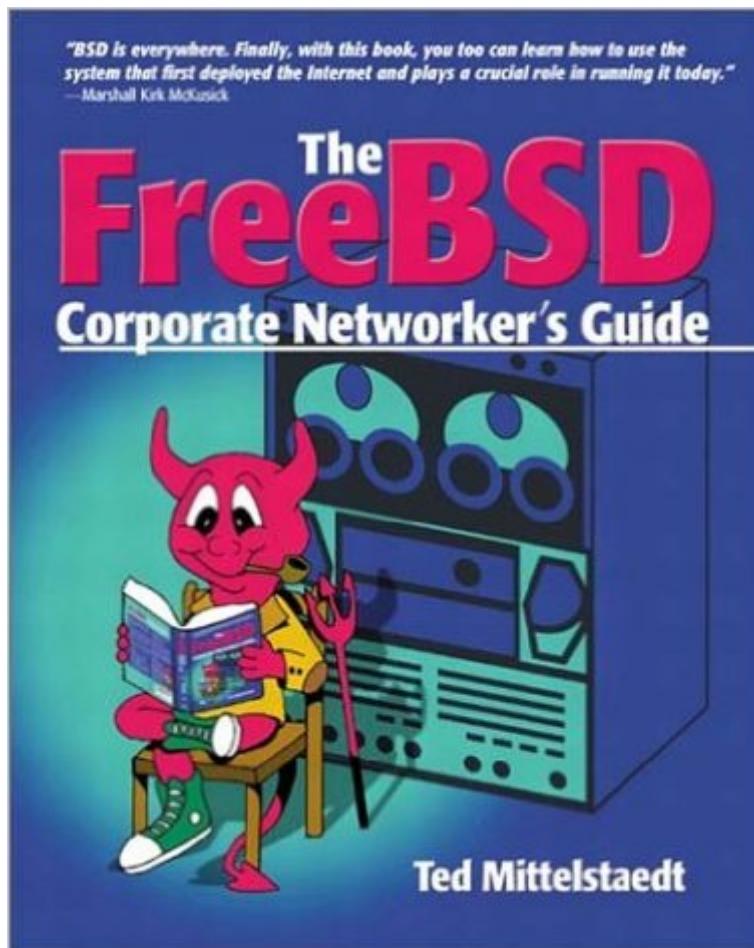


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# FreeBSD Corporate Networker's Guide (With CD-ROM)



## **Synopsis**

FreeBSD runs many of the Web's most demanding applications. Yahoo! uses FreeBSD to deliver nearly 500 million page hits a day; even Microsoft's Hotmail has run for years on FreeBSD. Now, there's a single source of documentation for the thousands of technical professionals who've discovered FreeBSD and want to leverage its awesome power. The FreeBSD Corporate Networker's Guide covers everything IT professionals need to know to deploy and manage FreeBSD in applications from the desktop to high availability enterprise servers. Start with an overview of how FreeBSD compares with Windows NT, and the roles a FreeBSD server might play in an enterprise network. Next, review server planning, hardware selection, and infrastructure preparation; then walk through the steps involved in a successful FreeBSD installation. Master every aspect of FreeBSD Internet connectivity and services -- including TCP/IP, DNS, security, Apache, email, and more. Learn the fundamentals of FreeBSD system administration; use FreeBSD systems as firewalls and routers; configure Samba to support Windows workstations; deliver efficient print services, and more. The book concludes with a "manifesto" explaining why companies should consider migrating all their business-critical applications to FreeBSD, whatever they're using now. An accompanying CD-ROM contains FreeBSD 4.1, the latest version.

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I am a network intrusion detector building and deploying FreeBSD-based sensors for use at work and home. I am trying to augment my "end user" perspective with an administrator's skill set. I was

anxious to add to my limited knowledge of installing and configuring FreeBSD.Ted says his book "is written for beginning FreeBSD administrators," and has "operating with the Microsoft operating system and networking as a primary goal." This is true. The perfect reader is comfortable with installing and manipulating FreeBSD, but is not sure how best to implement FreeBSD-based email, web, print, or Windows share serving. Newbies will not find enough hand-holding, and gurus on a man-page diet may not be satisfied.A unique aspect of the book is its analysis of Microsoft's products. With a FreeBSD bias, Ted is not afraid to lift up the Microsoft rock and show the bugs scurrying underneath. Windows devotees might welcome some of his hints on administering Microsoft's email products!This 400-page book devotes substantial sections to non-BSD topics like advocacy and history (40+ pages), router configuration, and general email services, which didn't bother me. Similar to Rod Smith's approach in The Multi-Boot Configuration Handbook, inclusion of material beyond strict FreeBSD configuration helps build well-rounded system administrators. Those needing more detail and explicit instructions would probably wish for less history and more command-line configuration.The strongest feature is the author's breadth of knowledge and devotion to linking FreeBSD to multiple Microsoft OS products. Who needs to run TCP/IP on DOS, and have it talk to FreeBSD? If you do, check out this book! (Fond memories of installing Trumpet Winsock on Windows 3.

Buy the FreeBSD CNG if you want to spend a week-end (and more) discovering and playing with FreeBSD. It's a nice deal for \$49.95. It is also a useful acquisition for more fluent users who look for a book that consolidates information about where to find information about FreeBSD.I admit it right away, I did not buy the book for the contents but rather for the FreeBSD 4.2 CD-ROM. A cheap way to get a recent release without downloading an obscene amount of data over Internet. An impulse act of consumerism some would say.I'm not (read not at all) an expert in FreeBSD but I already installed and used it on various machines. So, I'm not the best person to tell whether or not you can use the FreeBSD CNG to start from scratch. But I would say yes because while reading some chapters, you clearly see that the author actually went through the stuff he's talking about.If you reach a road block when installing and configuring FreeBSD you'll probably find a way to get out of the pit while browsing the book. The text is full of pointers which will guide you through the gory parts of a first FreeBSD installation, as well as future changes of configurations. Anyway, as the author says himself up front, read the online manuals and documentation (thank you for saying so). To which you must add that installing FreeBSD is simple compared to some others OSes which, supposedly, do all the things for you.Although I don't think it is its primary goal, the FreeBSD CNG is

a good compromise between the two other books about FreeBSD: "The Complete FreeBSD" (which starts with more basic stuff, slightly outdated but still a good introduction for the complete beginner) and the FreeBSD Handbook (which has no structure nor index and that you get online as well as on your system once it's running).

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