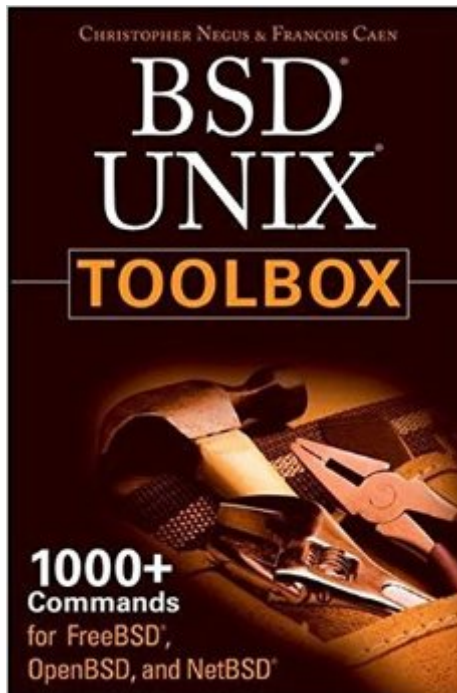# BSD UNIX Toolbox: 1000+ Commands For FreeBSD, OpenBSD And NetBSD

Synopsis

Learn how to use BSD UNIX systems from the command line with BSD UNIX Toolbox: 1000+ Commands for FreeBSD, OpenBSD and NetBSD. Learn to use BSD operation systems the way the experts do, by trying more than 1,000 commands to find and obtain software, monitor system health and security, and access network resources. Apply your newly developed skills to use and administer servers and desktops running FreeBSD, OpenBSD, NetBSD, or any other BSD variety. Become more proficient at creating file systems, troubleshooting networks, and locking down security.

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The meat of this book, like it's Linux counterparts in the series (I read Ubuntu Linux Toolbox: 1000+ Commands for Ubuntu and Debian Power Users), lies in the useful shell commands that even seasoned administrators may have overlooked or useful combinations that never occurred to them. Personally I've used Linux since 1999 and have three or four years of professional administration on Linux, HP-UX, and Solaris. To my surprise I still found one or two new tricks in the Ubuntu book and quite a few more in the BSD book.A junior administrator or a intermediate hobbyist will find countless pointers, commands, and insight that takes years of reading man pages, web searching, and chatting with other geeks to figure out. I know Francois Caen, one of the writers in this series, and his goal was to bring together all these "tools" he uses every day to accelerate your learning curve. I think he and Negus met that goal.While I thought this book was good, it was missing a few things I expected to see. It's clearly focused on Linux users who want to put their toe in the BSD

pool. That's pretty good for me, primarily a Linux user, but users not coming from a Linux background may be lead slightly astray. Special attention is paid to setting up a FreeBSD system that can play nicely with Linux systems (reading ext2/3 file systems, for example). I feel that the Linux compatibility received a bit too much coverage, but given the popularity of Linux, many will appreciate it.

BSD Unix Toolbox (BUT) is a straightforward system administration book that could apply to many Unix-like operating systems. The title mentions "BSD" but the BSD-specific material is FreeBSD-oriented. The non-FreeBSD sections (such as using a shell) could apply to any Unix-like OS, so in that sense other BSDs like OpenBSD or NetBSD are "covered." However, sections like Ch 2 (Installing FreeBSD and Adding Software) have no OpenBSD or NetBSD equivalents. Nevertheless, I recommend BUT for anyone looking for a rapid introduction to BSD system administration.BUT is thorough but fast and dry. Michael Lucas' Absolute FreeBSD is still my favorite FreeBSD book, and you're more likely to find neat aspects of the OS in a book by Dru Lavigne. Bryan Hong's recent book is place to find recipes for installing popular open source applications on FreeBSD. The people who will like BUT the most are those with little to no BSD experience, or those with some Linux experience looking to transition to FreeBSD.BUT will probably fill a lot of knowledge gaps in the intended audience. I really liked the book's style, whereby it introduces a task and shows command-line examples. Everything uses this approach, which is a winning formula. The vast majority of the book is command line-oriented, with no apologies. If you're using FreeBSD this is probably what you're looking for anyway. I also liked the reference tables, especially in the appendices.One caution: if you own one or more of the other "Toolbox" books, there's probably a decent amount of overlap. There's only so much to say about using Samba, or checking process listings, or running backups, when the underlying applications are all the same.

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