How To Do Things FreeBSD Edition

Networking

View open listening ports

> sockstat -146

View connections for a particular program

> sockstat -46 | grep grep ame>

Dig for a site using resolv.conf DNS servers

> drill <site name>

Dig for site using custom DNS

> drill <site name> @<dns server>

View Routing Information

> netstat -rn

Set Static IP

- > ifconfig <interface name> <ip> netmask 255.255.255.0 up
- > route add default gw <gateway>
 - Then edit /etc/rc.conf to make it permanent

Set DNS Server

- Edit /etc/resolv.conf

Package Manager

The main package manager on FreeBSD in `pkg`. There is also the ports system, which is like the AUR.

Install a piece of software

> pkg install <package name>

List installed packages

> pkg info

Verify packages

> pkg check -sa

Remove a package

> pkg delete <package name>

Look for available software

> pkg search <package name>

Ports: update

- > portsnap fetch
- > portsnap extract
- > portsnap update

Ports: Install one

- Find the port you want in the directory /usr/ports
- Enter the directory of that port
 - > make install clean

Remove a port

> make deinstall

Install a GUI

> pkg install xfce

Add "dbus_enable="YES" to /etc/rc.conf

- > echo ". /usr/local/etc/xdg/xfce4/xinitrc" > ~/.xinitrc
- > pkg install firefox xterm rxvt-unicode
- > startx

Note: You may need to install graphics drivers, such as nvidia-driver, before you can install x.

Compare installed files with originals

> freebsd-update IDS

Services

View running services (their init config files)

> service -e

Restart a service

> service restart <service>

Show the status of a service

> service status <service>

Users

FreeBSD has its own user management utilities

Add user to group

> pw usermod <username> -G <groupname>

Remove user from group

> pw groupmod <groupname> -d <username>

See who's in a group

> pw group show <groupname>

Lock or unlock user accounts

> pw <lock | unlock> <username>

Logs

View system logs

- 1. > touch /var/log/all.log && chmod /var/log/all.log
- Edit /etc/syslog.conf
- 3. > service syslogd restart

Firewall

FreeBSD has several firewalls. The main one is IPFW.

To enable, add these lines to /etc/rc.conf firewall_enable="YES" firewall_type="client"

Firewall rules are read from /etc/rc.firewall