Introducing BonesBSD

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About

BonesBSD is a fork of the OpenBSD kernel on -current.

The goal is to maintain the most useful or critical functionality, removing unused parts of the kernel.

History

Change	Diff	
Initial commit	+3,174,432	
Remove macppc, socppc	+13	-47,349
Remove powerpc	+15	-12,039
Remove hppa	+13	-53,093
Remove alpha	+26	-63,034
Remove loongson, mips64, octeon, sgi	+15	-129,373
Remove sparc64 and afb microcode	+27	-125,641

History

Change	Diff	
Remove m88k, luna88k	+3	-46,583
Remove landisk	+8	-8,805
Remove arm	+14	-90,010
Remove sh		-20,274
Remove NTFS	+2	-4,414
Remove NFS and nfssvc(2)	+22	-18,064
Remove FUSE	+7	-3,331
Remove drm (inteldrm, radeondrm)	+6	-394,799

History

Lines before: 3,174,432

Lines after: 336,921 (89% decrease)

Compiled size before: 14.7M (amd64)

Compiled size after: 10.9M (25% decrease)

Still functions the same on amd64 and i386.

Breaking Userspace

Breaking userspace is inevitable. If you want to use an architecture no longer supported: too bad.

For cases of noticeable errors in userspace, if they're avoidable I generate a patch.

Ex: patches/0001-Remove-rc-NFS-reference.patch

Installation

- Install OpenBSD
- Clone BonesBSD
- od bonesbsd/sys/arch/\$(machine)/compile/GENERIC.MP/
- make obj
- make config
- 10 ln -sf /usr/bin/gcc /usr/bin/cc
- make (until error occurs assembling locore.S)
 - Might care enough to actually fix this later
- 10 ln -sf /usr/bin/clang /usr/bin/cc
- Remove line 43 from obj/Makefile (-msave-args)
- 🚇 make
- make install

Old kernel is moved to /obsd.

What's next

Still plenty of things to remove:

- ipv6 (ie sys/netinet6/)
- IBM eFUSE
- isofs (ie sys/isofs/, both cd9660 and udf)
- Xenocara, aperture driver, etc. X.org remnants
- msdosfs (ie sys/msdosfs/)
- Hyper-V virtualization (ie sys/arch/\$(machine)/)
- VMware tools (ie sys/arch/\$(machine)/)

What's next

Undecided:

- mouse? (pseudo-devices, wsmouse daemon, drivers, etc.)
- wireless? (IEEE 802.11, ie sys/net80211/)
- audio? (and sndio) will likely require userspace patches
- fifofs? (ie sys/miscfs/fifofs/)
- deadfs? (ie sys/miscfs/deadfs/)

Complex:

- Merge upstream changes occasionally (maybe only every time OpenBSD has a release)
- Rewrite certain userspace things that break, so they don't depend on removed syscalls.