

Summary of the Documentation Working Group Session

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Attendees

- 👁 Gavin Atkinson
- 👁 Wilko Bulte
- 👁 Michael Dexter
- 👁 Gábor Kövesdán (via Skype)
- 👁 Dru Lavigne
- 👁 Benedict Reuschling
- 👁 Hiroki Sato
- 👁 Niclas Zeising

Documentation repository conversion

- Doc repo conversion to Subversion underway
 - prototype to be released within this month
 - announcement email from doceng@ coming later
- Allows branching/tagging of doc tree for releases
 - Content removal while still keeping document history

Documentation repository conversion

- similar structure to src repo:

- `head/doc/$LANG/articles`
`head/doc/$LANG/books`
`head/doc/$LANG/htdocs` ← `www/$LANG`
`head/doc/$LANG/share/sgml` ← `www/$LANG/share/sgml`
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- `release/9.0/doc` **for each releases**

- `user/` **and** `project/` **for committers**

- Thanks to Gavin who proposed a similar layout

DocBook SGML to XML conversion

- Gábor Kövesdán did a lot of work in that area
 - Ready to make the switch after CVS→SVN conversion in a working branch
 - A few issues with XSLT 1.0 remain
 - Apache FOP for PDF output and doc styling

BSDinstall handbook

chapter

- Huge amount of work done by Gavin Atkinson, Warren Block and Glen Barber
- Separate google code repo:
<https://code.google.com/p/freebsd9-documentation/>
- Preliminary version at:
<http://www.wonkity.com/~wblock/freebsd9/book.html>
- Will be committed very soon to official doc repo
- Help find bugs/typos, enhance writing, translate

Other issues discusses

- FreeBSD Wiki/Forums good for initial content creation, more work needed for final conversion
 - fill information gaps in official documentation
 - recruiting new doc committers
- Idea of Foundation sponsored „summer of doc“
- Better/more doc PR tags like [handbook], [typo]
- XML Editor template to help write up docs

Q&A

Thanks for listening!

Report bugs, give feedback, discuss issues on:

- `freebsd-doc` mailing-list
- `#bsddocs` on `efnet`