Documentation Working Group
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Overview

Looking back to what happpened since last time

- Switched from DocBook XML to AsciiDoctor
  - Markdown-like syntax, easy to get started with
  - Less markup to learn, yet rich styling
  - Transition complete, few issues remain
  - Feedback welcome, work in progress
  - FDP has a rosetta stone page[1] page to ease transition
- Face-lift for our docs, documentation project portal
- New `docs.freebsd.org` URLs, no more language codes
- Stuff I may have forgotten, but nevertheless important...

Big thanks to Sergio Carlavilla Delgado and others for driving these changes!

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[1] https://docs.freebsd.org/en/books/fdp-primer/rosetta/

Translations

- Weblate replacing manual translations of our docs
- Works nice with AsciiDoctor, let's translators focus on strings instead of tags
- Get started here: https://wiki.freebsd.org/Doc/Translation/Weblate
  - Briefly introduce yourself on the mailing list and what language you want to work
  - Register: `https://translate-dev.freebsd.org/`
  - Join an existing team or start your own if none exists yet

Thanks to Danilo G. Baio for driving these Weblate-based translation efforts!

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A Brief Overview of Activities in Docs

- Sergio is working on handbook and FAQ content updates
    - Contributors and reviewers welcome
    - Low hanging fruit, yet useful
- New design for freebsd.org, planned to be released with FreeBSD 14
- New ports portal in progress
- Manual pages portal approved by Doceng team, date TBA
- Online doc editor, presented at AsiaBSDcon 2023[2]

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[2]https:
//docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vTZKJwOvtONpoIp08Gr3R0d8ndBAhq_
wCr7tDpEpaJURJLgq9QHzi6bFMUc6ML_SvZ-CZvfNr_M1_Je/pub?slide=id.p

Vale Project

Initiated and driven by moin@

- textproc/vale: Command-line tool that brings editorial style guide to life
- Goal: quality improvements, a consistent style across different contributors
- Linter for docs
- Get started: FDP Primer Chapter 11.7: Linting with Vale
- Efforts ongoing, needs feedback about what options to use

Overview

Your input

- What do you want to see in docs?
- We're looking for more people, consider joining
  - Easy to get started with
  - Plenty of work in various areas
  - Directly visible results
  - Benefits whole community
- A lot of doc bits expired or are about to...