

# Why are we using FreeBSD?



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# FreeBSD: Why it's cool

- It's fast
- Extremely stable
- Proven over many years at many sites (Yahoo)
- Uses a single source tree
- FreeBSD project is a non-commercial & independent
- FreeBSD uses the BSD license vs. the *more* restrictive GPL license
- Excellent software package system
- Updating and upgrading FreeBSD is reliable and can be done without a binary install
- FreeBSD has a massive software repository (18,500+ ports as of May 2008).

# FreeBSD: Why it's cool cont.

- FreeBSD can run Linux applications, and it can run them as efficiently as Linux in most cases
- Several superior FreeBSD features include:
  - Indexed database file for user passwords
  - Software RAID such as `geom`
  - ZFS file system support
  - A large and experienced community for support
  - Very geeky logos...

