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\$company is pleased to announce the arrival of our first non-Linux OS, FreeBSD. With a huge developer and support community, reputation for stability and performance, powerful package management system, and ease of use, FreeBSD was the natural choice for our next OS.

But we were not swayed by the FreeBSD community or support alone! There were other factors including the concise and robust documentation, which also encompasses the FreeBSD Handbook. \$company, where we also love well thought out and concise technical writing, have added our own FreeBSD and Getting Started with FreeBSD tutorials. The Getting Started tutorials cover the basics of FreeBSD security, maintenance, and software installation while the FreeBSD tutorials cover more in-depth topics with help from the \$company community.

Another deciding factor was FreeBSD's lineage, a nod to Unix, which is different from Linux, which is Unix-like. For example, Linux was built from scratch as an Unix alternative where as FreeBSD has its beginnings directly from Unix. Despite their origins, there are similarities between the two OSes include POSIX compliancy, standardization of the overall feel, and design, of the systems. Additionally, the file system hierarchy are similarly divided, shell environments are the primary method of interaction for both systems, and the programming APIs share similar features.

The biggest difference between the two other than their start? Licensing. Linux is GNU based, with some software falling under the GNU General Public Licensing. FreeBSD on the other hand retain its BSD licensing. This means that in Linux, any changes of the code need to be pushed back to the source while FreeBSD modification contributions only need to include the copyright and a copy of the BSD licensing in the modified source code. Depending on their philosophy, the difference in licensing makes these options attractive to users.

Now you may be wondering what took so long to get FreeBSD to our customers? Whereas some OS variations, like Red Hat, offer cloud versions of the OS, FreeBSD does not. It is to this end deploying FreeBSD to our users meant we had to, from a publicly available port, install cloud-init which allows FreeBSD to run on OpenStack. Now FreeBSD fans can customize their kernels to their heart's desire.

If you've ever wanted a chance to experiment FreeBSD, and have tutorials at your fingertips while you play, now you can!

[Click here](#) to launch a FreeBSD image and [go here](#) for our series on the getting started with FreeBSD series, including a primer on the difference between FreeBSD and Linux.

PRESS RELEASE

NEW YORK, – May 16, 2015 – Beginning today, \$company is now offering FreeBSD, a secure, high performance and secure operating system that is suitable for a variety of server and desktop roles, to its users.

The availability of FreeBSD on \$company allows users and developers to port software across different OSes, have a secure system for personal or web server use, and provides robust advanced networking and performance. It is also ideal as an Internet or Intranet server.
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Thanks to the stability of the OS and its security, FreeBSD remains a popular choice among users and system administrators. It also has an active community of support and documentation.
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About FreeBSD

FreeBSD is an operating system focusing on features, speed, and stability. It is derived from BSD, a variation of Unix. FreeBSD is developed and maintained by a large community. Learn more at www.freebsd.org or follow FreeBSD on twitter @freebsd.

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