

Trying out the new OpenBSD 3.8

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Yesterday OpenBSD, the proactively secure Unix-like operating system, released version 3.8, featuring several improvements to networking, RAID management tools, and increased security. At openbsd.org you can download installation files or order the official three-disc CD set, which supports 16 processor architectures out of the box. I took this new release as an opportunity to perform my first ever OpenBSD install.

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I downloaded a boot CD image for my test machine, a SunBlade 100. It is an entry-level 64-bit UltraSPARC-IIe workstation -- a few years old, and begging for either an upgrade to Solaris 10 or an entirely new operating system. Not all architectures support booting from local media, but for those that do you can get started with just the boot image, and perform the rest of the installation over FTP.

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