

Re: Curious (Student)

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Matthew,

I am reading over **The Design and Implementation of the FreeBSD Operating System** right now and it is filled with everything you need to know to grok the entire kernel. Give it a go if you have the \$60, if not, see if there is a local BSD user group [2] in your area as they might have a copy that you could purchase (plus you should go to the UG meetings anyway).

Good luck and have fun,

-wtgee

[1]http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0201702452/qid=1098457315/sr=2-1/ref=pd_ka_b_2_1/103-6610586

[2]<http://www.freebsd.org/usergroups.html>

On Fri, 22 Oct 2004 15:36:21 +0200 (CEST), Olivier Gautherot
<olivier@gautherot.net> wrote:

> *Hi Matthew!*

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> *Welcome to the club :-)* *The only thing I can tell you is that you*
> *made a good choice for your new OS – definitely a lot of good stuff*
> *to learn... and valuable experience if one day you choose to look*
> *at something else but I know I should not talk about competition ;–)*
> *The community is great too – that's another asset of the project.*

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>> *The other programming task I can get done given a set of standards, but*
>> *the one question that I have not been so far been able to answer due*
>> *to the lack of financial resources is: Is there a general motherboard*
>> *architecture, you see if I knew the specific address of the DMA, IO*
>> *Controller etc, I would be in a position to write low level code to*
>> *operate with high level code.*

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> *Well, if you (or a neighbour) have an old PC that you're about to scrap,*
> *it is probably a good candidate for a test machine. BSD will run on*
> *old architectures (Pentium and before) – although you should not expect*

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- > *to run the latest KDE or 3D flight simulator on it ; -) If you're*
- > *interested in networking, you can run a more than decent firewall, thou*