

Introducing FreeBSD in new environment

The good, the bad and the ugly

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- ▶ Working mostly in France and Africa
- ▶ Only one job really officially FreeBSD related

Disclaimer: subjective french point of view



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 - ▶ gdb 6.6

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Thanks