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Managing FreeBSD jails with Sylve and Ansible ☆

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Sylve is the new FreeBSD Foundation sponsored VM and jail manager for FreeBSD.

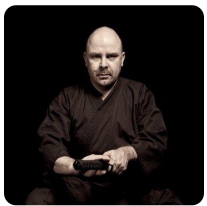
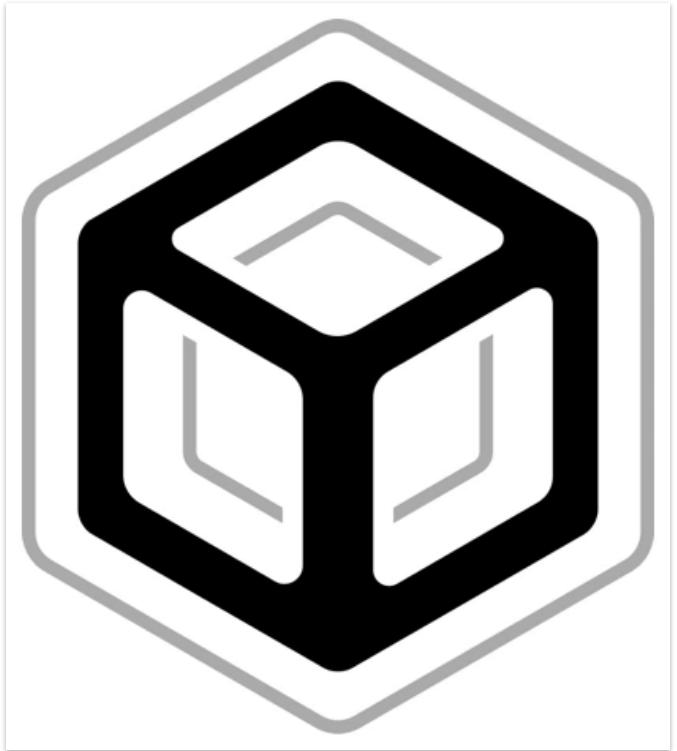
In this tutorial I will cover

- Prerequisites
- Installation and set up
- Creating and managing jails
- Creating and using jail templates
- Networking concepts for jails - virtual switches, firewall & NAT
- Deploying applications in jails using Ansible
- Snapshot and backup concepts

For hands on exercises attendants should bring a laptop capable of running FreeBSD inside a local hypervisor of choice.

Target audience: operators of FreeBSD based infrastructure

Level: beginner



Patrick M. Hausen

Patrick M. Hausen, born in 1968, developed an interest in all things Unix and networking in general in the late 80s. Having worked on various commercial implementations and looking for an operating system that would be more capable than Minix for actual daily use at home he found out about FreeBSD in 1993.

He's been using, hacking, advocating and occasionally cursing FreeBSD ever since.

In 1997 he joined [punkt.de](#) GmbH and has been responsible for network and data centre operations up to this day.

With his colleagues he designed and built the FreeBSD jail and ZFS based hosting platform known as "proServer".