

Re: Reflections on Trusting Trust

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aristeu wrote:

>> *Can you explain what you mean here. Virtually all distfiles needed to
>> build a port have MD5 and maybe SHA-256 hashes embedded in the ports
>> tree. The only way to easily circumvent these is to subvert the ports
>> tree – which gets back to the issue of trusting the FreeBSD distribution.
>> I agree that there's currently no integrity checking on packages.
>> (And, BTW, tar has no integrity checks).*
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> *Anyone who is between you and freebsd cvsup server can make his own ports
> tree repository. That being done, he just need to redirect your connection
> and wait 'til your next cvsup sync is done.*

This is why I wrote portsnap.

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