

Haiku OS

a quick look

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Agenda

three perspectives

- User
- Developer
- Porter

What is Haiku?

- Desktop-oriented operating system
- Not Linux, not UNIX
- BeOS clone, binary compatible
- MIT licensed



User

- Package management
- Icons
- File management
- Replicants
- Stack & Tile

Package management

- Very elegant solution
- HPKGs are being put into /packages directory
 - Metadata in .PackageInfo file inside the package
- packagefs mounts them
- Directories like /bin, /develop, etc. are virtual and read-only
- Overriding files by putting them in equivalent structure under /non-packaged
- Problems to solve:
 - Packages are being built and uploaded manually
 - No way to reproduce the package repository
 - No automatic build system deployed
 - Three have been developed


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Featured packages

**Album** ★★★★★ 4.8(4) An image viewer/organiser designed for BeOS-compatible systems
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**Arduino** ★★★★★ IDE for the Arduino embedded hardware family
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**Album** ★★★★★ 4.8 (4) 0.9.4-2 Install
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An image viewer/organiser designed for BeOS-compatible systems

Album is a file browsing and tagging utility for BeOS/Haiku. The idea is to have a work pad for pictures from different locations so they may be viewed and tagged. The program is not limited to pictures and BFS (Be File System) volumes, although that makes most sense since some of the functionality has to do with file attributes.

[<no info>](#)
<http://users.volja.net/mkovac1/proj/album/>

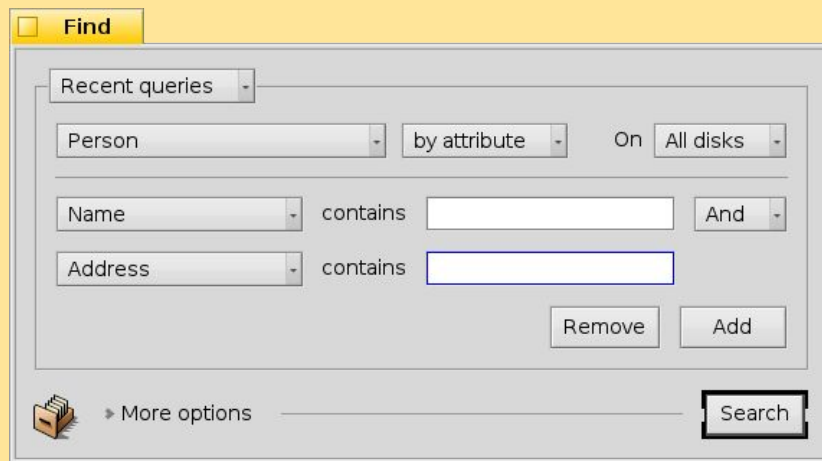
Icons

- Vector icons
- Haiku Vector Icon Format (HVIF)
 - Supports LODs
- Small size (max. ~1 KiB)
 - Can be embedded in a file attribute

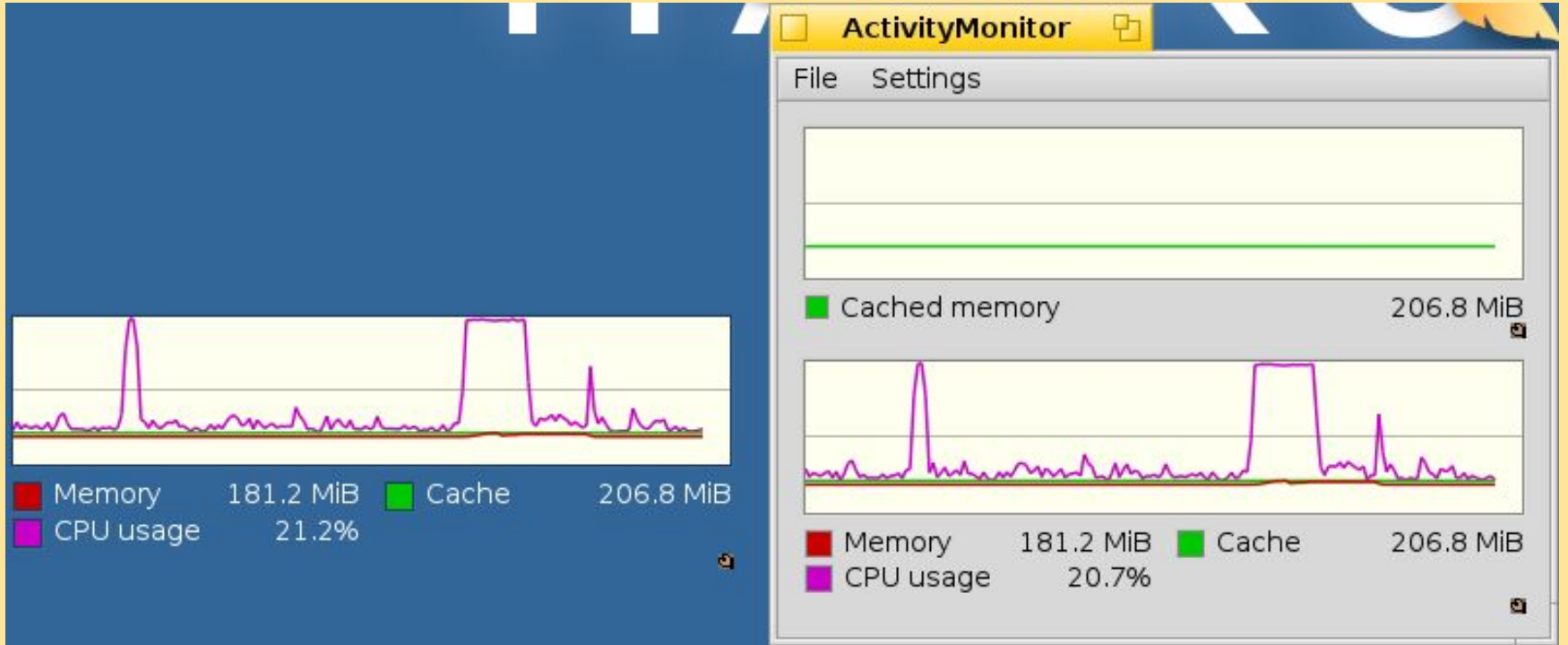


File management

- You can move or rename any file, regardless if it is opened somewhere
- Extensive file attributes support
 - You can define your own attributes...
 - ...and search by them...
 - ...but it creates compatibility problems



Replicants



Stack & Tile

The screenshot displays a KDE desktop environment. On the left, a file manager window shows a directory listing for `/Data/Koder/src`. The listing includes files such as `App.cpp`, `App.h`, `AppPreferencesWindo...`, `Editor.cpp`, `Editor.h`, `EditorWindow.cpp`, `EditorWindow.h`, `GoToLineWindow.cpp`, `GoToLineWindow.h`, `Languages.cpp`, `Languages.h`, `main.cpp`, `Preferences.cpp`, `Preferences.h`, `Styler.cpp`, `Styler.h`, `XmlDocument.cpp`, `XmlDocument.h`, `XmlNode.cpp`, and `XmlNode.h`. The `EditorWindow.h` file is selected.

The main window is a code editor showing the implementation of a menu bar in `EditorWindow.cpp`. The code defines a `fMainMenu` object and populates it with various menu items and separators. The menu items include "File", "Edit", and "View", each with sub-items for file operations (New, Open, Save, Save as, Close, Quit), editing (Undo, Redo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Select all, Convert EOLs), and viewing (Special symbols, Show white space, Show EOLs, Search). The code uses `BTranslator` for internationalization and `BMenuItem` for menu items.

```
67 fMainMenu = new BMenuBar("MainMenu");
68
69 BLayoutBuilder::Menu<(fMainMenu)
70   .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("File"))
71     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("New"), MAINMENU_FILE_NEW, 'N')
72     .AddSeparator()
73     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Open"), MAINMENU_FILE_OPEN, 'O')
74     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Save"), MAINMENU_FILE_SAVE, 'S')
75     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Save as" B_UTF8_ELLIPSIS), MAINMENU_FILE_SAVE
76     .AddSeparator()
77     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Close"), B_QUIT_REQUESTED, 'W')
78     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Quit"), MAINMENU_FILE_QUIT, 'Q')
79     .End()
80   .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("Edit"))
81     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Undo"), B_UNDO, 'Z')
82     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Redo"), B_REDO, 'Y')
83     .AddSeparator()
84     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Cut"), B_CUT, 'X')
85     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Copy"), B_COPY, 'C')
86     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Paste"), B_PASTE, 'V')
87     .AddSeparator()
88     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Select all"), B_SELECT_ALL, 'A')
89     .AddSeparator()
90   .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("Convert EOLs"))
91     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Unix format"), MAINMENU_EDIT_CONVERTEOLS_
92     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Windows format"), MAINMENU_EDIT_CONVERTEO
93     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Old Mac format"), MAINMENU_EDIT_CONVERTEO
94     .End()
95     .AddSeparator()
96     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("File preferences" B_UTF8_ELLIPSIS), MAINMENU_
97     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Application preferences" B_UTF8_ELLIPSIS), MA
98     .End()
99   .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("View"))
100     .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("Special symbols"))
101     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Show white space"), MAINMENU_VIEW_SPECIAL
102     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Show EOLs"), MAINMENU_VIEW_SPECIAL_EOL)
103     .End()
104     .End()
105   .AddMenu(B_TRANSLATE("Search"))
106     .AddItem(B_TRANSLATE("Go to line" B_UTF8_ELLIPSIS), MAINMENU_SEARCH
```

Developer

- BeAPI
- Hybrid builds
- Debugger
- Translators
- Qt
- Java
- Contributing

BeAPI

- Native language: C++
- Object Oriented but nowadays a bit dated
- New in Haiku:
 - LayoutKit
 - LocaleKit
 - NetworkKit
 - CryptoKit (WIP, recently started)
- Creating bindings is problematic
- GUI programming only with C++ or yab (or bash with `dialog` clones)

Hybrid builds

- Due to binary compatibility goal Haiku still uses GCC 2.95
- Hybrid builds ship with both GCC2 and GCC5
 - GCC2 for the main OS
 - GCC5 for userland applications
- Official release is GCC2 with GCC5 userland libraries
- Unsupported builds:
 - GCC5 with GCC2 userland libs
 - GCC2/5 only

Debugger

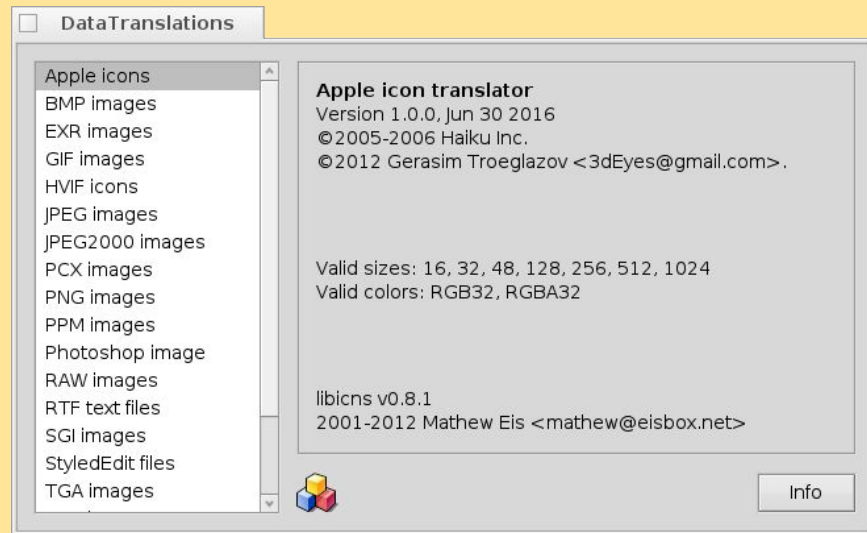
The screenshot displays a debugger window for a process named "Debugger (71521)". The interface is divided into several panes:

- Threads:** A table listing running threads. Thread 71780 is highlighted as "Debugged" and is named "worker".
- Stack:** A table showing the current stack frame at address 0x72d6b9a8, with IP 0xa2eb10. The function is "Worker::Worker1oop(void) + 0x1a".
- Source Code:** The file "src/apps/debugger/dwarf/DwarfFile.cpp" is open. A "while" loop is highlighted in yellow, and the current execution line is highlighted in blue. The code reads:

```
while (dataReader.BytesRemaining() > 0) {  
    // length  
    bool dwarf64;  
    TRACE_CFI_ONLY(off_t entryOffset = dataReader.Offset());  
    uint64 length = dataReader.ReadInitialLength(dwarf64);
```
- Variables:** A table of local variables. The variable "dataReader" is highlighted with a blue square and has a value of "[@ 0x72d6b598]". Other variables include "this" (0x4384e30), "usingEHFrameSection" (true), "unit" (0x4396e40), "addressSize" (4), "subprogramEntry" (0x4384970), "location" (2004), "inputInterface" (0x5589748), "outputInterface" (0x55895c8), "_framePointer" (0x72d6b768), "currentFrameSection" (0x4388b90), "gcc4EHFrameSection" (true), "dwarf64" (true), "length" (43460685800584800), "lengthOffset" (116704552173961223), "cieId" (43462794629527168), and "DataReader::BytesRemaining(void) returned" (264).

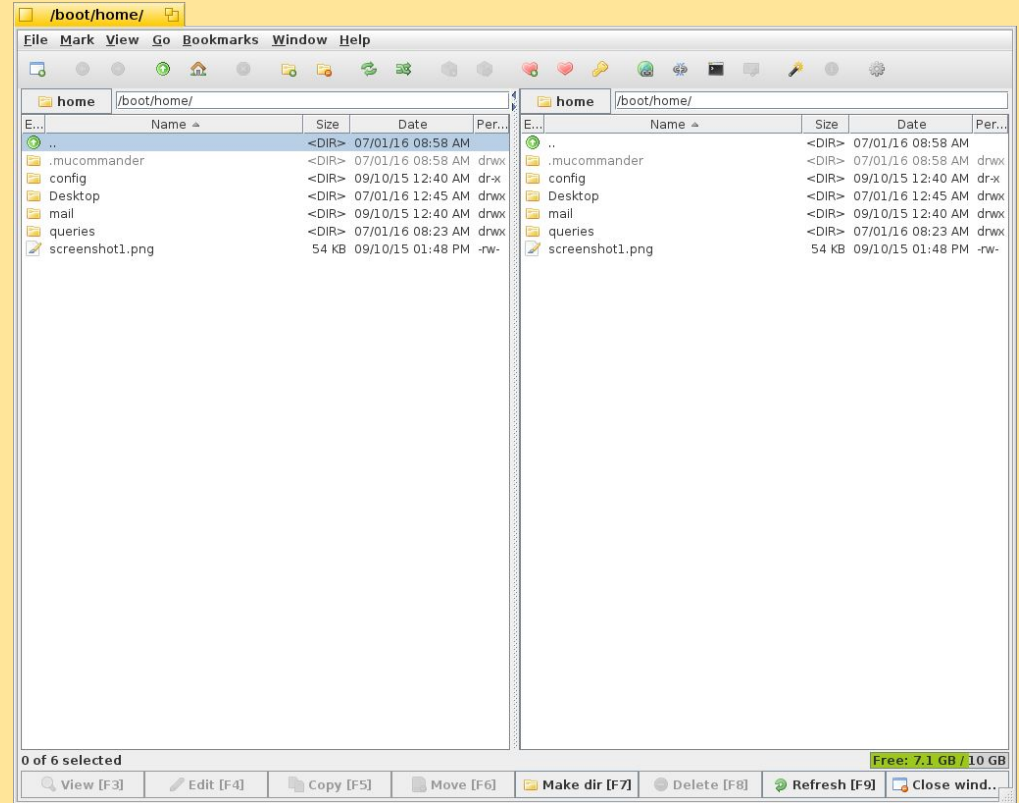
Translators

- OS-wide plugin system
- Applications can easily support many formats



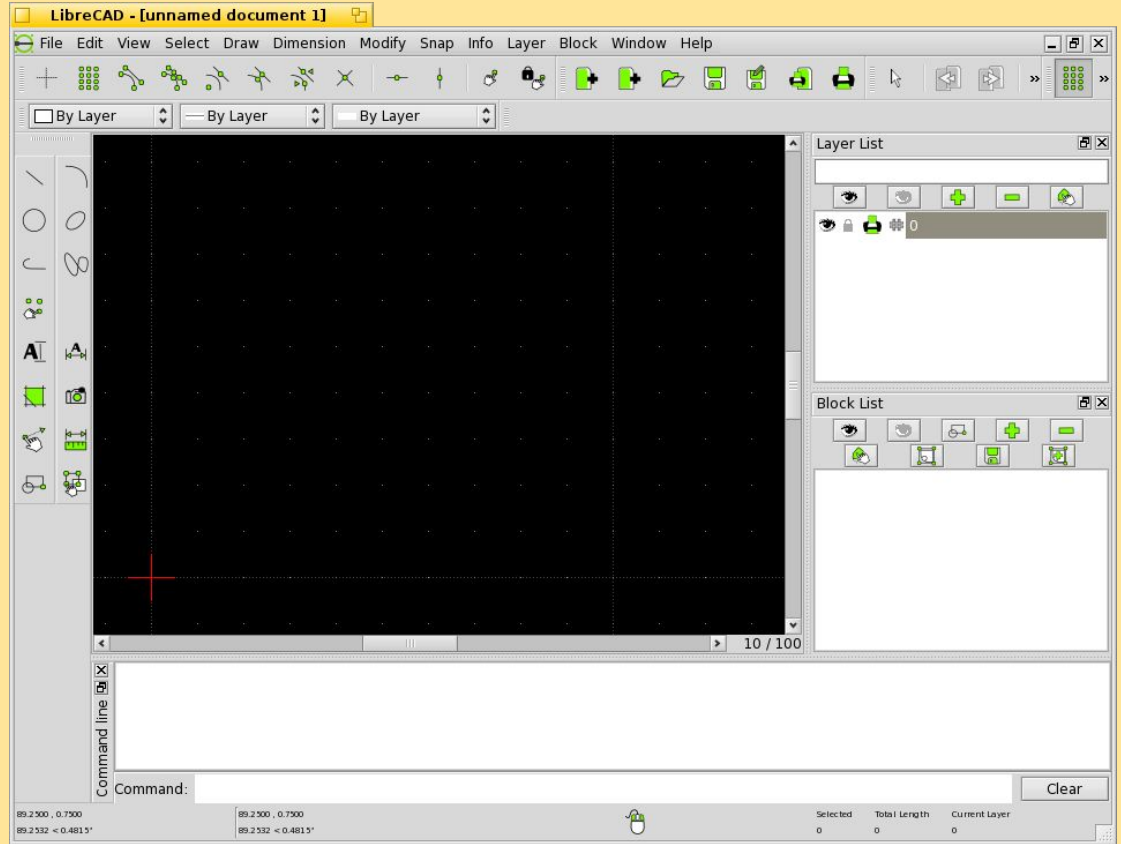
Java

- OpenJDK 7
- OpenJDK 8
- Eclipse doesn't work
 - SWT requires Java API bindings
- NetBeans works - kind of...
 - Starts only the first time



Qt

- Qt 4
 - put together to “just work”
- Qt 5
 - upstreamed



Contributing

- Haiku
 - Trac for issue tracking
 - Patches attached to issues
 - Code review happens on ML after committing
- HaikuPorts
 - GitHub's pull request workflow

Porter

- POSIX compatibility
- Ports system
- Sample recipe

Ports system

- HaikuPorter
 - Written in Python 2
 - Emits warnings in case of misplaced files
 - Features build master mode
 - Builds packages in `chroot`-ed environment
- Currently just one master branch
- Patches stored in one `.patchset` file
 - HaikuPorter creates a git repository for the extracted sources
 - Retains commit history
 - HaikuPorter can automatically extract them from changes
- Follows Gentoo Portage's directory structure

Sample recipe

```
SUMMARY="Short description of ProjectX"
DESCRIPTION="Long ProjectX description."
HOMEPAGE="https://homepage/of/projectx.org"
COPYRIGHT="2014 Developer name"
LICENSE="MIT"
REVISION="1"
SOURCE_URI="https://example.com/projectx-$portVersion.tar.gz"
CHECKSUM_SHA256="00000000000000000000000000000000"
SOURCE_DIR="$portVersionedName"
PATCHES="projectx-$portVersion.patchset"
ADDITIONAL_FILES="projectx.rdef"

ARCHITECTURES="x86_gcc2 ?x86 ?x86_64"
SECONDARY_ARCHITECTURES="?x86"
```

Sample recipe

```
PROVIDES="
    projectx$secondaryArchSuffix = $portVersion
    lib:projectx$secondaryArchSuffix = $portVersion
"
REQUIRES="
    haiku
"
PROVIDES_level="
    projectx${secondaryArchSuffix}_level = $portVersion
    devel:libprojectx$secondaryArchSuffix = $portVersion
"
REQUIRES_level="
    haiku${secondaryArchSuffix}_level
    projectx$secondaryArchSuffix == $portVersion base
"
BUILD_REQUIRES="
    haiku_level
"
BUILD_PREREQUIRES="
    makefile_engine
    cmd:make
    cmd:gcc
"
```

Sample recipe

```
BUILD()
{
    make $jobArgs OBJ_DIR=objects
}

INSTALL()
{
    mkdir -p $libDir
    mkdir -p $includeDir

    cp -a objects/libprojectx.so $libDir
    cp -R include/. $includeDir

    prepareInstalledDevelLibs libprojectx
    packageEntries devel $developDir
}

TEST()
{
    make check
}
```

Miscellaneous

- FreeBSD network compatibility layer
 - Lets us use FreeBSD drivers without changes
 - Currently from FreeBSD 9
- No graphics drivers for modern video cards ;(
 - WIP Gallium3D port
 - Mesa swrast & softpipe
- Who cares?
 - TuneTracker Systems
 - University of Auckland



Thanks for listening!

Questions?

WWW: <https://haiku-os.org>

IRC: #haiku on FreeNode

<https://github.com/haikuports>