Agenda

Maintainership
Status
Community
Ports
Challenges
“Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance.”

- Kurt Vonnegut (1922 - 2007)
Status

- Enterprise production
- Performance leadership
- Competitive feature set

“I'm not interested in preserving the status quo; I want to overthrow it.”

- Niccolo Machiavelli
Community

- Growing participation
- Revitalized QEMU community

We started off trying to set up a small anarchist community, but people wouldn't obey the rules.

- Alan Bennett
Ports

- s390
- ia64
- Many flavors of powerpc
- ARM (coming soon?)

- Clean, simple, short code
- No bug reports

If debugging is the art of removing bugs, then programming must be the art of inserting them.

- Unknown
Challenges

- Essentially the same as the challenges facing Linux
  - Need to continue improving
    - With growing burden of backwards compatibility
    - Growing risk of regression
    - More developers poking at code
  - Keep maintainers' scope limited
    - Can focus on reasonable amount of code
  - “Add-ons” - Kemari, sheepdog, ... 
  - Improved documentation, specifications 
  - Improved and automated testing 
  - High bar to new interfaces

“A lot of people say, 'Well, I like a challenge.' I don't like challenges. Life is tough enough without any challenges.”

- Jackie Gleason
Questions