### > Adventures with illumos

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#### > Introduction

- Long-time systems administrator
- Many years pointing out bugs in Solaris
- Invited onto beta programs
- Then the OpenSolaris project
- Voted onto OpenSolaris Governing Board
- Along came Oracle...
- illumos emerged from the ashes

# > illumos key strengths

- ZFS reliable and easy to manage
- Dtrace extreme observability
- Zones lightweight virtualization
- Standards pretty strict
- Compatibility decades of heritage
- "Solarishness"

#### > Directions

- ZFS (OpenZFS)
- XPG7 standards
- Missing pieces from open code
- Cleaning cruft
  - But can we preserve heritage?
- LX brand (native Linux emulation)

### > Distributions

- OpenIndiana OpenSolaris
- OmniOS server focus
- SmartOS Joyent's cloud
- Delphix/Nexenta/+ storage focus
- Tribblix one of the small fry
- Quite a few others

## > Why?

- Because it's hard
- Understand the inner workings
- Satisfy the target audience
- Make a flexible platform for development of new ideas
- Didn't like other distros!

### > Tribblix values

- Modern components
- Retro styling
- Lightweight window managers
- SVR4 packaging
- Lightweight and fast
- Simplicity and "just works"

### > Tribblix futures

- Zones and app deployment
  - Sparse-root, whole, partial, alien
- Simplify administration "just works"
  - Make internals invisible
- Modern application stacks
  - Many on top of go
  - Integrated with zones and zfs

### > Potholes

- Not enough time/people
- Fragmentation
  - All the work done at the distro level
- SPARC port struggling
- No cgo yet

## > Further reading

http://www.illumos.org/

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