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***Ajax: The Definitive Guide
ISBN 10: 0596528388
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528386>>

***Augmented Reality @ Home (Pragmatic Bookshelf)
ISBN 10: 1934356034
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9781934356036>>

***Building a Web 2.0 Portal with ASP.NET 3.5
ISBN 10: 0596510500
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510503>>

***Facebook: The Missing Manual
ISBN 10: 0596517696
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596517694>>

***iPhoto '08: The Missing Manual
ISBN 10: 0596516185
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596516185>>

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***Learning ActionScript 3.0
ISBN 10: 059652787X
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596527877>>

***The Ruby Programming Language
ISBN 10: 0596516177
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596516178>>

***Visualizing Data
ISBN 10: 0596514557
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514556>>

***Wikipedia: The Missing Manual
ISBN-10: 0596515162
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596515164>>

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YOUR BOOK REVIEWS
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***London pm reviewed
1. Programming Collective Intelligence -
http://london.pm.org/reviews/programming_collective_intelligence.html
2. High Performance Websites -
<http://london.pm.org/reviews/high-performance-web-sites.html>

*** PHPFreakz reviewed -
1. Learning Python by Vincent Elschot
Dutch review:
http://wiki.phpfreakz.nl/Learning_Python
English review on
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596513986/> (submitted anonymously)
2. Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders by Kasper Veen
Dutch review:
http://wiki.phpfreakz.nl/Illustrated_Guide_to_Astronomical_Wonders
English review on
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596526856/>

***Birmingham pm reviewed –
Linux System Programming - <http://birmingham.pm.org/reviews/57>

***Manchester pm reviewed –
1. MAC OS X Leopard Pocket Guide -
http://www.amazon.co.uk/MAC-Leopard-Pocket-Guide-Reference/dp/customer-reviews/0596529813/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1&customer-reviews.start=1#customerReviews

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2. The Art of Agile Development -

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Art-Agile-Development-Chromatic/dp/customer-reviews/0596527675/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1&customer-reviews.start=1#customerReviews

*** Get-PSUG - UK PowerShell User Group reviewed –
Windows PowerShell Cookbook -

<http://richardsiddaway.spaces.live.com/blog/cns!43CFA46A74CF3E96!1010.entry>
and <http://www.culminisconnections.com/sites/get-psuguk/Lists/PowerShell%20Books/AllItems.aspx>

*** Poland Developer Group reviewed –
Programming WPF –

http://www.amazon.co.uk/review/R2SPV9C5SXYHWQ/ref=cm_cr_rdp_perm
http://www.oreillynet.com/cs/catalog/view/cs_msg/94765

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Your events and where you can meet O'Reilly
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***Solutions Linux, La Defense, Paris – 29-31 January

<http://www.solutionslinux.fr/en/index.php>

***Files and Backup, London – 19-20 February
Organized by UKUUG

<http://www.ukuug.org/events/seminars/fab/>

***Fosdem, Brussels – 23-24 February

www.fosdem.org

***PHP Conference, London – 29 February

<http://www.phpconference.co.uk>

***Barcamp, Manchester – 1 March

<http://barcamp.org/BarCampManchesterUk>

***QCon, London – 12-14 March

<http://qcon.infoq.com/london/conference/>

***Spring 2008 Conference, Birmingham – 31 March-2 April
Organized by UKUUG

<http://www.ukuug.org/events/spring2008/>

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Conference News
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For more events, please see:

<<http://events.oreilly.com/>>

***Money:Tech, New York City, New York--Feb 6-7, 2008

The inaugural O'Reilly Money:Tech conference will raise the level of conversation around technology advances in the investment industry, bringing together innovators with established players to increase adoption and awareness and push the technology forward.

<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/money/>>

***Tools of Change for Publishing Conference (TOC), New York City, New York--Feb 11-13

The Tools of Change for Publishing (TOC) Conference explores how technology is influencing the future of publishing, sparking creativity and inspiring conversation for leading change in the industry.

<<http://www.toccon.com>>

***OSCON 2008 Call for Participation

O'Reilly Media is seeking proposals from people in tune with the heartbeat of open source.

<<http://en.oreilly.com/oscon2008/public/cfp/13>>

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***Ubuntu Live 2008 Call for Participation

This is your opportunity to present your experiences of working with Ubuntu to a knowledgeable audience that is keen to learn more and participate.

<<http://en.oreilly.com/ubuntu2008/public/cfp/12>>

***O'Reilly GSP West Conference--San Diego, CA--March 3-4

This two-day conference presents a behind-the-scenes look at the business and technology of social networking platforms. With MySpace, Facebook, and Flickr attracting millions of visitors each day, the implications for business, marketing, and software developers are enormous.

<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/gspwest/>>

Use code "gspw08usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/gspwest2008/public/content/register>>

***Register for O'Reilly Money:Tech Conference, New York, NY-- February 6-7

Your key to hacking Wall Street, giving you new data, new tools, and new approaches to money and investing.

<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/money/>>

Use code "mt08usgr" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<https://en.oreilly.com/money2008/user/account/signup/attendee>>

***Web Expo SF Registration is Open, San Francisco, CA--Apr 22-25

A companion event to the Web 2.0 Summit, Web 2.0 Expo is an expanded, inclusive gathering for the technology and business communities through a combined conference and trade show.

Use code "websf08ug" when you register and receive \$100 off any conference package or a free expo hall pass.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/etech/>>

***Registration for ETech Open, San Diego, CA--March 3-6

Body hacking. DIY spectrum. Crowd visualization. Sensor games. ETech 2008 will explore the tech that's influencing how we're seen as individuals and what affects our perception of the world around us.

<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/etech/>>

Use code "et08usrg" when you register and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/et2008/public/content/register>>

***Registration for TOC Open, New York, NY--February 11-13

Technology is transforming publishing. Are you ready for the future? This conference is a must attend event for anyone interested in shaping the future of the business of books.

<<http://www.toccon.com>>

Use code "toc08usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/toc2008/public/content/register>>

***2008 MySQL Conference & Expo Registration is Open--

Santa Clara, CA--April 14-17

The largest gathering of MySQL developers, users, and DBAs worldwide, the event reflects MySQL's wide-ranging appeal and capabilities. The open atmosphere of the MySQL Conference & Expo helps IT professionals and community members to create the best database applications, tools, and software through expert instruction, hands-on tutorials, readily available MySQL developers, and guru business advice.

Use code "mys08usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/toc2008/public/content/register>>

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O'Reilly School of Technology
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***O'Reilly School of Technology Courses: UG Members Receive a 30% Discount

O'Reilly School of Technology has opened its virtual doors with educational offerings and certification for IT students looking to further their careers or to launch one. As an O'Reilly User Group member, you save on all the courses in the following University of Illinois Certificate Series:

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News From O'Reilly & Beyond
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UG News

***O'Reilly and Safari Books Online are JOLT Award Finalists

Safari Books Online and O'Reilly Radar are two of the six finalists in Web Sites/Developer Networks category. Finalists in General Books category include, "The Myths of Innovation" and "Beautiful Code" (both in Safari Books Online) category and "Head First SQL" is finalist in technical books category.

<<http://www.joltawards.com/finalists.html>>

***New Rough Cuts Community Features in Safari Books Online

Safari recently upgraded our interactive publishing service, Rough Cuts manuscripts-in-progress, to include online community features such as comment viewing and posting. Available to Safari Library subscribers, Rough Cuts enables you to stay at the forefront of technology innovation and the ability to engage with peers and world-renown authors. Check out Rough Cuts today and start getting ahead.

<<http://www.oreilly.com/roughcuts/>>

***DIY O'Reilly Gear

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<http://www.qoop.com/photobooks/photofront/pub_store.php?pub_name=oreilly>

Articles

***How to Tell Your Perl Story (at OSCON)

Have you done something stunningly cool or staggeringly useful with Perl in the past year? Conference season will be here soon; it's time to consider giving a talk to your local monger group, a regional conference, or even OSCON. Perl track committee member brian d foy gives several guidelines to help you decide what to talk about and how to present it.

<<http://www.perl.com/pub/a/2008/01/18/how-to-tell-your-perl-story.html>>

***Creating Games in Ruby

Nearly every developer fosters a secret desire to create cool video games, but for most of us, the barriers to entry (knowing how to create performant graphics code) has kept us out of the game. But there are several toolkits for Ruby that can get you on your way without a Ph.D.

Part 1: <<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/ruby/2007/12/04/creating-games-in-ruby.html>>

Part 2: <<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/ruby/2007/12/18/creating-games-in-ruby-part-2.html>>

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***Administering MySQL Using Flex

Adobe's Flex offers a rich client-side user experience, but how do you use it to create practical applications. In this article, you'll see how to hook Flex up to a PHP backend to do some simple MySQL administration.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2008/01/15/administering-mysql-using-flex.html>>

***Joe Schorr on Leopard & Aperture

Derrick Story interviews Senior Product Manager Joe Schorr, on some of the most enticing and useful features for Aperture photographers.

<<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2008/01/08/joe-schorr-on-leopard-and-aperture.html>>

***Less is More: Steve Jobs' Macworld 2008 Keynote Address

Steve Jobs opened the Macworld surprise envelope at the 2008 keynote address and out slid a sleek notebook computer: the Macbook Air. Daniel Steinberg was on hand for the unveiling and files this report about all the new hardware, iPhone updates, and more.

<<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2008/01/17/macworld-2008.html>>

***LILO and GRUB: Boot Loaders Made Simple

LILO and Grub are the most popular Linux bootloaders. Usually, your Linux distribution chooses and configures one or the other for you, but this article provides a handy comparison of the two, and offers some troubleshooting and configuration tips if you ever want to do it by hand.

<<http://www.linuxdevcenter.com/pub/a/linux/2008/01/22/lilo-and-grub-boot-loaders-made-simple.html>>

***The Art & Science of JavaScript

In this tutorial, we'll look at a technique for using CSS and JavaScript to build a first-person-perspective maze, in homage to old-school adventure games like Dungeon Master and Doom.

<<http://www.sitepoint.com/article/art-science-javascript>>

For more articles, go to:

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----- Blogs -----

***A Year in O'Reilly Books (2007) from Tim O'Reilly

<http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2008/01/a_year_in_oreilly_books.html>

***HF JavaScript: Learn Outside the Book

<http://www.oreillynet.com/headfirst/blog/2008/01/hf_javascript_learn_outside_th.html#more>

***Scott Kelby--Katrin's New Book is a Winner, and I Know Eight People I'm Sending a Copy to This Week.

<<http://www.scottkelby.com/blog/2008/archives/939>>

***Freaking Multitudes of .htaccess great balls of fire

<<http://blogs.oreilly.com/digitalmedia/2007/12/freaking-multitudes-of-htaccses.html>>

***Windows Mobile Weekly Roundup

<http://www.oreillynet.com/windows/blog/2008/01/windows_mobile_weekly_roundup_71.html>

***TMTOWTDI -> The Right Way to Do It

<http://www.oreillynet.com/onlamp/blog/2008/01/tmtowtdi_the_right_way_to_do_i.html>

***PhoneValet & iPhone: Instant Landline Voice Mail

<<http://blogs.oreilly.com/digitalmedia/2008/01/phonevalet-iphone-instant-land.html>>

***Thoughts on Firefox 3.0

<http://www.oreillynet.com/xml/blog/2008/01/thoughts_on_firefox_30.html>

***What Do You Want to Read from Head First Authors?

<http://www.oreillynet.com/headfirst/blog/2008/01/what_do_you_want_to_hear_from.html#more>

***Presents for Under Your Tree (for next year)

<http://www.oreillynet.com/headfirst/blog/2007/12/presents_for_under_your_tree_f.html>

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