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## New Releases--Books, Short Cuts, and Rough Cuts

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ISBN10: 0596519222  
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ISBN10: 0596518196  
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\*\*\* Groovy Recipes (Pragmatic Bookshelf)

ISBN10: 0978739299

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\*\*\* iPhone Open Application Development: Rough Cuts Version

ISBN10: 0596519516

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596519513>>

\*\*\* LINQ Pocket Reference

ISBN10: 0596519249

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596519247>>

\*\*\* Rails for PHP Developers (Pragmatic Bookshelf)

ISBN10: 1934356042

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9781934356043>>

\*\*\* ScreenOS Cookbook

ISBN10: 0596510039

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510039>>

\*\*\* Subject To Change: Creating Great Products & Services for an Uncertain World (coming soon)

ISBN10: 0596516835

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596516833>>

\*\*\* Switching to the Mac: The Missing Manual, Leopard Edition

ISBN10: 0596514123

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514129>>

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ISBN10: 0596515847

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### YOUR BOOK REVIEWS

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\*\*\*Namur LUG reviewed

Designing Web Navigation -

[http://www.namurlug.org/drupal/review\\_designing\\_web\\_navigation](http://www.namurlug.org/drupal/review_designing_web_navigation)

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\*\*\* Edinburgh pm reviewed –

Linux Networking Cookbook

<http://edinburgh.pm.org/book-reviews/linux-networking-cookbook.html>

\*\*\*Durham CompSoc reviewed –

1. Learning Web Design (3rd ed.)

<http://compsoc.dur.ac.uk/reviews/Learning-Web-Design.html>

2. Don't Get Burned on eBay

<http://compsoc.dur.ac.uk/reviews/Ebay.html>

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Your events and where you can meet O'Reilly  
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\*\*\* Java IDE Mini Tour, Italy

10th of March in Genova and the 12th of March in Rome.

<http://www.ideday.org>

\*\*\*QCon, London – 12-14 March (O'Reilly table)

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

\*\*\*Spring 2008 Conference, Birmingham – 31 March-2 April (O'Reilly table)

Organized by UKUUG

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

\*\*\*FOWD – London, 17-18<sup>th</sup> April (O'Reilly table)

<http://upcoming.yahoo.com/event/322723/>

\*\*\*HP User Group Seminars: Further details from admin@hpug.org

"SAN Analysis Monitoring & Debugging" - 6 March LONDON

"HP-UX - Pure Brilliance Quiz" - 13 March BRACKNELL

"OpenVMS - Tried & Tested for Resilience and Speed" - 19 March LONDON

"HP Software Business Technology Optimization" - 27 March LONDON

"OpenVMS Update Day" - 1 April LONDON

"Data Networks & Storage Networks" - 3 April WARRINGTON

"LINUX Management on ProLiant Blades" - 9 April BIRMINGHAM

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Conference News  
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\*\*\*Web 2.0 Expo New York, NY--September 16-19

The Call for Participation is now open. Web 2.0 Expo is for the builders of the next generation web: designers, developers, entrepreneurs, marketers, business strategists, and venture capitalists. O'Reilly and CMP are seeking the best and brightest in the Web 2.0 universe to show the world how the next Internet Revolution is being designed and delivered.

<<http://www.web2expo.com/ny>>

To submit a proposal to speak at Web 2.0 Expo, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/webexny2008/public/cfp/18>>

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\*\*\*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 registration price. Early registration discount deadline ends February 26.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<https://en.oreilly.com/mysql2008/public/register>>

\*\*\*\*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 tradeshow.

Use code "websf08ug" when you register and receive \$100 off any conference package or a free expo hall pass. Early registration discount deadline ends March 20.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<https://en.oreilly.com/webexsf2008/public/register>>

\*\*\*Where 2.0 2008 is Open, Burlingame, CA--May 12-14, 2008

At the O'Reilly Where 2.0 Conference, we expose the tools pushing the boundaries of the location frontier, track the emergence of new business models and services, and spend time examining new sources of data and the platforms for collecting them.

Use code "whr08usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price. Early registration discount deadline ends March 23.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<https://en.oreilly.com/where2008/public/register>>

\*\*\*\*Registration for RailsConf 2008 is Open, Portland, OR--  
May 29-June 1, 2008

Co-produced by Ruby Central and O'Reilly Media, RailsConf is "the" event for the growing Rails Community--the largest official gathering dedicated to everything Rails. If you're passionate about Rails and what it helps you achieve--or if you're curious about how Rails can help you create web applications better and faster--this conference is the place to be.

Use code "rc08usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<https://en.oreilly.com/rails2008/public/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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### \*\*\*A Look Back at 10 Years of OSI

It's been 10 years since the Open Source Initiative was launched, and what a 10 years it has been. Open Source has gone from an obscure and radical concept to a vibrant sector of the software landscape. For the 10th Anniversary, our faithful newshound Federico Biancuzzi talked to some of the early pioneers of the OSI (such as Bruce Perens and Eric Raymond) about where it came from and how it is relevant today.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/onlamp/2008/02/12/a-look-back-at-10-years-of-osi.html>>

### \*\*\*Aperture 2.0 with Joe Schorr

Aperture 2.0 is faster, easier to use, and produces better images, says Joe Schorr, Apple Senior Product Manager. In this interview with Derrick Story, Joe explains how Aperture 2.0 meets those lofty claims. This chat covers a lot of new ground.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/digitalmedia/2008/02/12/aperture-2-with-joe-schorr.html>>

### \*\*\*Using Xen for High Availability Clusters

Virtualization is one approach that you can take to implementing clusters. But you still have to arrange to handle failures in a high-availability environment. Here's one solution, using Xen.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/onlamp/2008/02/05/using-xen-for-high-availabilty-clusters.html>>

### \*\*\*Developing RESTful Web Services in Perl

REST has become a widely used alternative to protocols such as SOAP, providing a simpler way to tell your server what you want to do without all that messy WSDL stuff. In this article, you'll see how to create a RESTful web service, using Perl.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2008/02/19/developing-restful-web-services-in-perl.html>>

### \*\*\*Music Technology at NAMM 2008

Part 1: America's biggest musical instrument show debuted more high-tech wonders than ever this year. O'Reilly Digital Media prowled NAMM's five massive, noisy halls to bring back these high-tech hits.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/digitalmedia/2008/01/24/2008-namm-report.html>>

Part 2: We're back from NAMM 2008 with even more intriguing new gadgets and gear. Once again, the throbbing halls of America's biggest musical instrument trade show introduced a torrent of high-tech goodness. From a \$99 Steinway to a truly killer guitar, from audible notation to singing keys, here's what you'll be playing this year.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/digitalmedia/2008/01/31/2008-namm-report-part-2.html>>

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### \*\*\*Katrin Eismann's Digital Darkroom Magic

Katrin Eismann, coauthor of *The Creative Digital Darkroom*, sat down with Derrick Story at PhotoPlus Expo in New York for a chat about how the darkroom has evolved from chemical-based to digital, and how that evolution has influenced her approach to image making. Katrin touches on many interesting topics, including her explanation on 3-step sharpening.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/digitalmedia/2008/01/29/katrin-eismanns-digital-darkroom-magic.html>>

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### \*\*\*Community Pricing for Books

<[http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2008/02/community\\_pricing\\_for\\_books.html](http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2008/02/community_pricing_for_books.html)>

### \*\*\*Ruby Turns 15 and Other Important Stuff

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2008/02/ruby\\_turns\\_15\\_and\\_other\\_import.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2008/02/ruby_turns_15_and_other_import.html)>

### \*\*\*10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Facebook

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2008/02/10\\_things\\_every\\_parent\\_should.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2008/02/10_things_every_parent_should.html)>

### \*\*\*Mac FFOSS (Freeware/Free & Open Source Software)

<<http://blogs.oreilly.com/digitalmedia/2008/02/mac-ffoss-freewarefree-open-so-3.html>>

### \*\*\*Where Did the Courier & Helvetica Fonts Go?

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/linux/blog/2008/02/where\\_did\\_the\\_courier\\_and\\_helv\\_1.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/linux/blog/2008/02/where_did_the_courier_and_helv_1.html)>

### \*\*\*O'Reilly Books and the Cuban Internet

<[http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2008/01/folks\\_are\\_ofen.html](http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2008/01/folks_are_ofen.html)>

### \*\*\*Learning Flex From Scratch: Meet the Authors, Meet Flex

<<http://www.insideria.com/2008/02/lfs1-meet-the-authors-meet-fl.html>>

### \*\*\*Sonar for your Home

<<http://blogs.oreilly.com/digitalmedia/2008/02/sonar-for-your-home.html>>

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