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O'REILLYGMT

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O'ReillyGMT is a new blog from O'Reilly. We plan to bring you the low-down on tech culture from Iceland, Russia, South Africa and every place in between, from grass roots coding in solitary rooms, through the hopes and dreams of start-ups, via the pioneering work done by governments, charities and direct action groups, to the sizeable contributions of the major corporations that grace this territory.

Our main line of reportage will be technology, but we're keen to dive into ecology, business, media, the arts, academia whenever we learn something we'd like to pass on.

But we want this to be a two-way conversation. Please let us know what you're working on, comment on the stuff we write about, tell us what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong. We built this site to reflect what's going on: you know better than us, so please, join us!

Contact us – oreillygmt@oreilly.co.uk

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BOOK NEWS

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Is your group interested in reviewing our books?

If so, send me an email with the delivery address together with the book you would like to review. I will arrange for a free copy to be sent to you or the reviewer as soon as possible. When the review is published, please send me a copy or the url. I would also appreciate if you could send a copy of the review to www.amazon.co.uk

Latest books available for review –

- [40 Digital Photo Retouching Techniques with Photoshop Elements](#)
- [Access Data Analysis Cookbook](#)
- [Ajax with PHP 5](#) (PDF)
- [bash Cookbook](#)
- [Closeup Shooting \(Hard Cover\)](#) (*Rocky Nook*)
- [The Definitive ANTLR Reference](#) (*Pragmatic Bookshelf*)
- [Devices of the Soul](#) (hardcover)
- [Flash CS3 The Missing Manual](#)
- [Flex Early Evaluation: Assessing Flex and Your Project Needs](#) (PDF)
- [The FreeBSD 6.2 Crash Course](#) (PDF)
- [Learning Ruby](#)
- [Learning WCF](#)

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- [MAKE: Technology on Your Time Volume 10](#)
- [Making Your Mark in Second Life: Business, Land, and Money](#) (PDF)
- [Managing the Test People: A Guide to Practical Technical Management](#)
- [The Myths of Innovation](#) (hardcover)
- [Office 2007: The Missing Manual](#)
- [Programming Firefox](#)
- [Programming Flex](#)
- [Rails on Windows](#) (PDF)
- [Reaching a Global Online Audience](#) (PDF)
- [RESTful Web Services](#)
- [Setting Up Google Apps Standard Edition](#) (PDF)
- [Sony Alpha DSLR A100: A Better Manual](#) (PDF)
- [Understanding Oracle Clinical](#) (PDF)
- [Windows Vista Accelerated](#) (*Young Jin*)
- [Yahoo! Pipes](#) (PDF)

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General News

[New Adobe CS3 Books on the Way](#)

Just in time for the largest software release in Adobe's 25-year history, Adobe Creative Suite 3, we're introducing our new "Learning" series. The new self-paced learning system includes tutorial books, video demos, online resources, and instructor guides. We're creating five brilliantly illustrated books covering everything you need to know about the applications in CS3: Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Dreamweaver, and InDesign. Each book can be used on its own or as part of a comprehensive curriculum. Written by product experts and trainers, these new Learning books will be published soon.

[A Q&A with Scott Berkun, author of "The Myths of Innovation"](#)

Seattle-based author Scott Berkun's first book, 2005's "The Art of Project Management, quickly scaled the bestseller charts. In his widely anticipated new book, "The Myths of Innovation," Scott aims to demystify innovation. In a recent conversation, Scott illuminates why much of what we think we know about innovation is not only false, but may actually stifle our creativity.

[Project Management Bookshelf](#)

You'll Wonder How You Managed Without Them--Learn from veteran managers of software and web development how to plan, manage, and lead projects. These books use dozens of examples from the history of technology, business, and the arts, you'll learn how to convert the knowledge you have into ideas that can change the world.

[600 Hours of Video Training Now in Safari](#)

Safari has added top-notch video content to the Safari Library. Safari Library customers now get full access to 75 technical and design courses from leading video training experts. This impressive collection of online videos provides high-quality instruction on web design, software development, and graphics tools and techniques.

[Ruby on Rails Meets Eclipse](#)

Many developers are familiar with the Eclipse development environment. With RDT and RadRails, Ruby on Rails developers can have access to the same powerful feature set. Deepak Vohra provides a detailed walkthrough of how to install these packages, and how to create a simple CRUD application using them.

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[Create Create Your Own O'Reilly Shirt, Mug, or Poster](#)

In just three easy steps you can create a one of a kind shirt, mug, or poster adorned with your favorite O'Reilly animal. Create yours now!

[User Group Members Receive a Special 30% Discount on O'Reilly Learning Courses](#)

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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- Web Programming
- Open Source Programming
- .NET Programming
- Client-Side Web Programming featuring AJAX

To redeem, use Promotion Code "ORALL1," good for a 30% discount, in Step #3 of the enrollment process. Each course comes with a free O'Reilly book and a 7-day money-back guarantee. [Register online](#).

Open Source

[Building a Data Warehouse with MySQL and Perl](#)

Most of us are at least somewhat familiar with the kind of relational database schemas that are created for e-commerce sites, among others. But there's another kind of database model out there: the data warehouse. Sam Tregar gives us the lowdown on this highly UNrelational database.

[OpenBSD 4.1: Puffy Strikes Again](#)

OpenBSD 4.1 has recently been released. It includes improvements to spam fighting, SMP, porting to new platforms, and much more. As usual, Federico Biancuzzi has sought out some of the most influential OpenBSD developers for a discussion of what you'll find in 4.1

[Five Ways to Improve Your Perl Programming](#)

Inside every tangle of obfuscated Perl code is a clean, well-architected gem struggling to emerge from its cocoon. brian d foy has spent a lot of time thinking about this for his new book, "Mastering Perl," and has come up with a Top Five list of things that every Perl programmer should be thinking about when writing code.

Sys Admin

[Top 7 Things System Administrators Forget to Do](#)

Do system administrators really forget to do basic tasks because they're lazy or do the pressures of the job keep them from getting everything done? Tom Adelstein explores the top seven tasks system administrators forget to do.

[Five Basic Mistakes Not to Make in DNS](#)

DNS has managed to keep the Internet afloat for decades, but it spend a lot of its time handling junk requests that should never have escaped from a local WAN. Ron Aitchison has a list of five basic things that every DNS administrator should take care of to keep DNS a happy infrastructure.

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Digital Media

[Rick LePage on Fine Art Printers for Aperture](#)

Affordable hardware for fine art printing is more bountiful than ever. In this exclusive Inside Aperture podcast, Macworld editor at large, Rick LePage, covers the latest offerings from Epson, HP, and Canon.

Rick supplies plenty of insight about how HP is challenging Epson, and some thoughts about Canon's emergence, then absence in the mid range fine art market. Derrick Story chats with Rick during a visit to San Francisco.

[Review: Boss Micro BR Palmtop Recording Studio](#)

At just over 3x5 inches, the Boss Micro BR is a digital recording studio you can use anywhere. It records up to 32 tracks, has a built-in mic and drum machine, and even plays your MP3s. Can it possibly work at just \$229 street? Reviewer Gina Fant-Saez finds out.

Mac

[Building Custom iQuiz Data](#)

iQuiz is a brand new, flashy iPod game from Apple that allows users to create custom games and run them using the iQuiz interface. In this tutorial, Erica Sadun shows how to create custom iQuiz files and provides sample code and files.

[Customizing TextMate](#)

TextMate is one of the most popular text editors among Mac developers, in part due to how much you can customize the powerful program. James Edward Gray II recently wrote "TextMate: Power Editing for the Mac" and presents this article on creating an RPN calculator in TextMate as an example of how to do complex TextMate customizations.

Microsoft/.NET

[Preston Gralla on Vista](#)

Safari recently interviewed Preston Gralla, author of "Windows Vista in a Nutshell." He's authored over 30 books and countless articles for publications ranging from PC Magazine to the Los Angeles Times. He's a frequent guest on TV and radio shows covering technology and has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, and NPR.

[Installing and Configuring ISA 2006](#)

Internet Security and Acceleration Server (ISA) 2006, Microsoft's latest release of its popular web proxy and security suite, has become a full-blown perimeter security solution for both small and large networks. Chris Sanders shows you how to set it up and configure it for best performance.

[Why Do ASP.NET Programmers Need to Learn CSS?](#)

ASP.NET has not been great at controlling the layout of elements on a web page. Dan Hurwitz and Jesse Liberty show you how to gain precise controls over presentation with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). They argue that programmers who embrace CSS as their own, rather than thinking of it as an esoteric skill of designers, place themselves ahead of the pack.

Java

[Interview with Tim Bray: Atom, JRuby, and the Ecumenical Sun](#)

Tim Bray recently took some time out of his hectic schedule to talk to the O'Reilly

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Network about his current work on the Atom protocol, his views on JRuby, and Sun's evolving Web strategy. Find out what is on Tim's mind these days.

[An Interview with Robert Brewin](#)

What happens when you get the CTO of Sun and the editor of OnJava in the same room at JavaOne? A short but informative interview for the OnJava readers about JavaFX Script, JavaFX Mobile, and the future of the Java platform.

Web

[PittMFUG Pittsburgh Adobe Flash Users Group Chats with Author Colin Mook](#)

Pittsburgh Adobe Flash Users Group interviewed Colin Mook about his upcoming book "Essential ActionScript 3." Listen to the podcast.

[Besiege Your Web Application--Load Testing over HTTP](#)

Paul explains how to test your web apps to ensure they can handle heavy user demand.

[JavaScript and Screenreaders](#)

Kevin Yank take a look at how Web Developers can make their sites accessible to users who use screenreaders.

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Conference News
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[Where 2.0 Conference 2007](#)

May 29-30, 2007
San Jose, CA

Last Chance - Register using code "whr07dsug" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price.

[O'Reilly TOC Conference](#)

June 18-20, 2007
San Jose, CA

Use code "toc07dsug" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

[O'Reilly Open Source Convention 2007](#)

July 23-27, 2007
Portland, Oregon

Use code "os07dsug" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

[Ubuntu Live](#)

July 22-24, 2007
Portland, Oregon

Use code "ubu07dsug" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

[O'Reilly Energy Innovation Conference](#)

August 22-24, 2007

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San Francisco, CA

Use code "ei07usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

For complete conference information, go to: <http://conferences.oreilly.com/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS (ORM = O'Reilly will be there)
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ORM*** [DebConf 2007](#), 17-23 June – Edinburgh, UK

DebConf is the Debian Project's developer conference. In addition to a full schedule of technical, social and policy talks, DebConf provides an opportunity for developers, contributors and other interested people to meet in person and work together more closely. It has taken place annually since 2000 in locations as varied as Canada, Finland and Mexico.

*** [Hack Day](#), 16-17 June, Alexandra Palace, London

"Expect U.K. Hack Day to be substantially similar to what we did in Sunnyvale last September, including physical, mental, and psychic sustenance. As before, you need to sign up in advance because space at the venue--especially space on the wireless network at the venue--will be limited, and we want the experience to be outstanding for everyone." – Kent Brewster

ORM*** [WebTech 07](#), 29/30 June - Varna, Bulgaria

4th Internet technologies conference will take place in the bulgarian seaside at city of [Varna](#). The conference as in the previous 3 years will focus on new technologies in web programming, open source and everything that stands for IT (Internet Technologies). During the two days event visitors will be acquainted with many aspects of these technologies and will be introduced to the future plans for development. Main themes are going to be programming languages as PHP, Perl, Python, the .Net technology and many more which you will be able to see in the schedule section.

ORM*** [LUG Radio](#), 7-8 July – Wolverhampton, UK

LUGRadio Live is a popular community-driven fun and social two-day event, run by the team who produce the [LugRadio](#) fortnightly Linux and open source radio show, that is focused on Open Source, free software and related technologies. It brings together a range of speakers, exhibitors, BOFs, events and more in a memorable two day extravaganza that is sure to rock your socks off. In its third year, LUGRadio Live is sure to beat the last two years that have proven incredibly successful and placed LUGRadio Live as *the* event to attend in the Open Source and free software calendar.

ORM*** [Guadec](#), 15-21 July - Birmingham, UK

GUADEC (pronounced GWAH-DEC) is an acronym for the GNOME Users' And Developers' European Conference. Held annually in cities around Europe, GUADEC is the largest get together of GNOME users, developers, foundation leaders, individuals, governments and businesses in the world. Presentations are given by software developers, business leaders and users who are involved in Open Source, Free Software and of course, GNOME. These combine with many practical sessions and discussion groups which set the direction of the GNOME project. It also aims to attract new developers and contributors, as well has serve as a meeting point for corporate interests and allow us to showcase some of the latest technologies.

ORM*** [Profoss](#), 9-10 October - Brussels, Belgium

Profoss is geared towards IT professionals. People behind Profoss are IT professionals and will take care to position Profoss as a reliable source when you need information about Free and Open Source Software for your enterprise. The theme of the first event is [Asterisk](#), the open source telephone system, that brings the flexibility needed to replace old and expensive PBX systems.

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A more complete list of events can be found on www.oreillygmt.eu

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London Perl Mongers reviewed

Backup & Recovery - http://london.pm.org/reviews/backup_and_recovery.html

Koalabs reviewed –

Essential CVS - <http://henry.precheur.org/index.php?2007/05/20/15-essential-cvs-review>

That's all for now.

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