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NEWS FROM O'REILLY AND BEYOND

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Open Source

***Design Tips for Building Tag Clouds

To give you a sampling of what you'll find in "Building Tag Clouds in Perl and PHP," a new, downloadable PDF from O'Reilly, we've excerpted this section on tips for designing the most effective tag clouds.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2006/06/08/designing-tag-clouds.html>>

***Switching Back to Desktop Linux

Almost everyone at O'Reilly owns an iBook or PowerBook and almost everyone runs Mac OS X. It's not everyone's ideal operating system, however. Recently, free software editor chromatic explained to Mac editor Derrick Story why he switched back to desktop Linux. Here's what he wants in a usable Unix desktop.

<<http://linux.oreillynet.com/pub/a/linux/2006/06/01/switching-back.html>>

Digital Media

***Travel Advice for Photographers

Are you the type of photographer who wants to be prepared for every situation on the road? If so, pro shooter Ed Carreon has tips for the traveling photographer based on his years of experience. You won't believe some of the items in his travel kit.

<<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2006/06/14/travel-advice-for-photographers.html>>

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Mac

***Apple vs. the Bloggers: How It Unfolded and Where It Stands Now

When AppleInsider and PowerPage published apparently purloined confidential documents from Cupertino, Apple sued their ISPs to find out who inside the company was leaking. This set into motion a series of court proceedings that helped define the rights of bloggers and privacy for those who use the Internet. Richard Koman reports.

<<http://www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2006/06/13/apple-vs-the-bloggers.html>>

***MacBook Pro: The Thermal Paste Question

The MacBook Pro is a hot machine--literally so hot that it becomes uncomfortable on your lap after extended periods of use. Some users blame the excessive use of thermal paste between the main chips on the logic board and the thermal pipes. Is this the problem? James Duncan Davidson cracks open his MacBook Pro to find out.

<<http://www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2006/05/23/thermal-paste-question.html>>

Windows/.NET

***Windows Vista Beta 2 Up Close and Personal

Vista Beta 2 is finally out. What's good and what's bad? Wei-Meng Lee takes it for a test drive and gives you the full rundown.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/windows/2006/05/30/whats-good-and-bad-with-vista-beta-2.html>>

***Avalon Beta 2 Change Notes + Samples

Chris Sells and Ian Griffiths ("Programming Windows Presentation Foundation") have prepared updated samples and change notes for the Avalon book for the move from the Feb CTP to Beta 2.

<<http://www.sellsbrothers.com/news/showTopic.aspx?ixTopic=1996>>

***Designing Small Windows Networks

It's not as simple as you think to design a network for small business--you need to design for maximum benefit with minimum resources. Mitch Tulloch tells you how to do it, taking into account everything from deploying Small Business Server to rolling your own solution.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/windows/2006/06/06/designing-small-windows-networks.html>>

Java

***What Is Jetty?

Of course Tomcat is the first Java application server you think of, but is it the right tool for every job? The open source Jetty serves up JSPs and servlets in just a fraction of the memory needed by other app servers and is designed for easy embedding in other applications and non-traditional Java environments. Ethan McCallum takes a look at the big things in this small package.

<<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2006/06/14/what-is-jetty.html>>

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***Achieving Inversion of Control with Eclipse RCP

Eclipse RCP uses a popular plugin scheme for extending the capabilities of the core platform. Meanwhile, the Inversion of Control pattern is a popular means of having a runtime container provide an implementation of some needed service. Put them together and effectively, you're plugging in the implementation of your plugin. Riccardo Govoni shows how a little bytecode manipulation makes this possible.

<<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2006/06/07/ioc-for-eclipse-rcp.html>>

Podcasts

***MacVoices #654: Edie Freedman on the 2006 O'Reilly Photoshop Cook-off, Photoshop Cookbooks, and O'Reilly Animals Editor Edie Freedman talks about the 2006 O'Reilly Photoshop Cook-off contest, the O'Reilly Photoshop Cookbook series, and about how she helped create the animal covers that have become such an important part of the O'Reilly identity.

<<http://www.macvoices.com/archives/2006/654.html>>

***Pixie Hunt: A High-Tech Scavenger Hunt

Teams of Where 2.0 attendees hit the streets of San Jose last night on a high-tech scavenger hunt. They carried camera phones and GPS pucks as they raced to complete their tasks quickly and creatively. (4 minutes, 22 seconds)

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/network/2006/06/13/where-podcast-pixie-hunt.html>>

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BOOK NEWS
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Copies of our books are available for your members to review -- send me an email with the delivery address together with the book you would like to review. When the review is published, please send me a copy or the url. I would also appreciate if you could send a copy to www.amazon.co.uk <<http://www.amazon.co.uk>>

Latest books available for review -

Active Directory Cookbook, Second Edition

If you're among those looking for practical hands-on support, help is here with Active Directory Cookbook, Second Edition, a unique problem-solving guide that offers quick answers for Active Directory and updated for Window Server 2003 SP1 and R2 versions. This best selling book provides solutions to over 300 problems commonly encountered when deploying, administering, and automating Active Directory to manage users in Windows 2000 and Windows Server 2003.

Computer Security Basics, Second Edition

The new edition builds on the well-established principles developed in the original edition and thoroughly updates that core knowledge. For anyone involved with computer security, including security administrators, system administrators, developers, and IT managers, Computer Security Basics 2nd Edition offers a clear overview of the security concepts you need to know, including access controls, malicious software, security policy, cryptography, biometrics, as well as government regulations and standards.

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DNS and BIND, Fifth Edition

The fifth edition covers BIND 9.3.2, the most recent release of the BIND 9 series, as well as BIND 8.4.7. BIND 9.3.2 contains further improvements in security and IPv6 support, and important new features such as internationalized domain names, ENUM (electronic numbering), and SPF (the Sender Policy Framework). Whether you're an administrator involved with DNS on a daily basis or a user who wants to be more informed about the Internet and how it works, you'll find that this book is essential reading.

Learning PHP and MySQL

Featuring basic concepts explained in plain English, Learning PHP and MySQL is the ideal guide for newcomers attracted to the popular PHP and MySQL combination. Learn how to generate dynamic web content in a slow, easy-to-follow fashion. Also covers error handling, security, HTTP authentication, and more. Part of O'Reilly's bestselling "Learning" series.

Pragmatic Version Control, Second Edition <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616657>>

This book covers the theory behind version control and how it can help developers become more efficient, work better as a team, and keep on top of software complexity. Version control, done well, is your "undo" button for the project: nothing is final, and mistakes are easily rolled back.

Rails Recipes <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616606>>

You've read the tutorials and watched the online videos. You have a strong grasp of all of the ingredients that make up a successful Rails application. But ingredients don't just turn themselves into a meal. Chad Fowler's Rails Recipes is a collection of recipes that will take you step by step through the most cutting edge, modern Rails techniques, mixing the ingredients to create world-class web applications. Learn how to do it, and how to do it right.

Ubuntu Hacks

Like all books in the "Hacks" series, Ubuntu Hacks includes 100 quick tips and tricks for all users of all technical levels. Beginners will appreciate the installation advice and tips on getting the most out of the free applications packaged with the Ubuntu Linux distribution, while intermediate and advanced readers will learn the ins-and-outs of power management, wireless roaming, 3D video acceleration, server configuration, and much more.

***Coming Soon

Ajax Design Patterns <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/ajaxdp/>>

Digital Photography: The Missing Manual <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/digphototmm>>

>From Java to Ruby <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0976694093>>

Interface Oriented Design <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0976694050>>

Just Right Software Planning & Estimation <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616622>>

MCSE Core Required Exams in a Nutshell, Third Edition

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

No Fluff, Just Stuff Anthology <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616665>>

Pragmatic Unit Testing in C# with NUnit, Second Edition

<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616673>>

Unicode Explained <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/unicode>>

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Conference News
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***EuroOSCON banner

EuroOSCON will take place in Brussels on September 18-21

Put Up an O'Reilly EuroOSCON Banner, Get a Free Book and much more!

We're looking for user groups to display our conference banner on their web sites. If you send me the link to your group's site with our O'Reilly 2006 O'Reilly European Open Source Convention banner, I will send you the O'Reilly book of your choice. Also your group will be entered in a draw where the winner will get 10 O'Reilly books of their choice, and the runner up a free subscription to Make Magazine. The draw will be made at the end of the conference.

EuroOSCON Banners:

<<http://ug.oreilly.com/banners/eurooscon/>>"

***EuroOSCON Registration is Open

The preliminary schedule for the 2nd annual EuroOSCON, O'Reilly's European Open Source Convention, 18-21 September in Brussels, is now available. Featured speakers include Jeff Waugh, Damian Conway, Greg Stein, Rasmus Lerdorf, Marten Mickos, Tim O'Reilly, and many others.

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

Members of user groups registered in the O'Reilly UK User Group Programme are entitled to 15% discount. Within the next few days I will be able to give you a promo code that will automatically give you a discount when registering online -

<<http://conferences.oreillynet.com/pub/w/46/register.html>>

***OSCON, July 24-28--Portland,OR

OSCON, the O'Reilly Open Source Convention, is still where open source rubber meets the road. OSCON happens July 24-28, 2006 in open source hotspot Portland, Oregon, and registration has just opened. Hundreds of sessions and tutorials. Thousands of open source mavericks, brainiacs, hackers, activists, scientists, and their admirers, some in business-casual disguise. Read all about it.

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

Use code "os06dsug" when you register, and receive 15% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://conferences.oreillynet.com/pub/w/46/register.html>>

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YOUR EVENTS
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*** UKUUG Linux Conference 2006 <<http://www.ukuug.org/events/linux2006>>

A wide cross-section of the Linux community will gather in Brighton for the annual UKUUG Linux Technical Conference. from Thursday 29th June - Sunday 2nd July 2006. It's a great way to broaden your knowledge and keep up-to-date with what's happening in the world of Linux. This low-cost event is for anyone with a serious interest in Linux including systems administrators, Linux professionals, developers and enthusiasts from companies and Linux user groups throughout the UK and beyond.

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Guadec 2006 - <<http://guadec.org/GUADEC2006>>

June 24-30th, Vilanova i la Geltru, Catalonia, Spain

The 7th annual GNOME User and Developer European Conference (GUADEC) will bring developers, GNOME Foundation leaders, individuals, businesses and governments, as well as Free Software and Open Source software users together in Vilanova i la Geltrú (Catalonia - Spain).

WebTech 2006 - <<http://wtconferences.com/2006/index.php>>

June 30th - July 1st - Sofia, Bulgaria

The conference 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

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***LUGRadio Live 2006 <http://www.lugradio.org/live/2006/index.php/Main_Page>

Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd July 2006 - Wolverhampton University Students' Union, Wulfruna Street Wolverhampton WV1 1LY

LUGRadio Live is an annual event driven by, and for the Open Source community. The event includes a range of speakers, exhibitors and other attractions, all housed within a unique event with a unique atmosphere. Last years event in June 2005 was a huge success, and this year LUGRadio Live 2006 will be nothing you have seen before.

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YOUR BOOK REVIEWS
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*** ActionScript.it reviewed -

Ajax Hacks - <<http://www.actionscript.it/showContent.cfm?id=698>>

*** Udruzenje Linux korisnika BiH reviewed -

Google: The Missing Manual 2e - <<http://www.linux.org.ba/osvrti/index.php?l=24>>

*** Nordest.pm reviewed -

Mind Performace Hack - <<http://blog.shenkong.org/MindPerformanceHacks>>

*** London pm reviewed -

Astronomy Hacks - <http://london.pm.org/reviews/astronomy_hacks.html>