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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](mailto: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](http://www.amazon.co.uk)**

Latest books available for review –

New Releases: Books, Short Cuts

[Asterisk: The Future of Telephony, Second Edition](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510480/) -

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510480/>

[Autolt v3: Your Quick Guide](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596515126/) (Short Cuts) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596515126/>

[C# 3.0 in a Nutshell, Third Edition](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596527570/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596527570/>

[Darkstar: The Java Game Server](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514846/) (Short Cuts) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514846/>

[Designing Web Navigation](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528102/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528102/>

[Dynamic Learning: Flash CS3 Professional](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510589/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510589/>

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[Essential SharePoint 2007, Second Edition](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514075/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514075/>

[Essential Silverlight](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596516116/) (Short Cuts) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596516116/>

[FileMaker Pro: The Missing Manual](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514136/index.html) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514136/index.html>

[Fonts & Encodings](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596102425/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596102425/>

[Google Ajax Search API](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/googleajax/) – (Short Cuts) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/googleajax/>

[Head First SQL](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596526849/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596526849/>

[High Performance Web Sites](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529307/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529307/>

[JavaScript & DHTML Cookbook, 2e](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514082/index.html) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514082/index.html>

[Learning PHP & MySQL 2e](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514013/index.html) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514013/index.html>

[Linux System Programming](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596009588/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596009588/>

[Microsoft Project 2007: The Missing Manual](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528362/index.html) -

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528362/index.html>

[The Nikon D200 Dbook \(Hard Cover\)](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9781933952147/) (*Rocky Nook*) -

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9781933952147/>

[Photoshop Lightroom Adventure](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596100995/index.html) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596100995/index.html>

[Pragmatic Unit Testing in C# with NUnit, Second Edition](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/0977616673/) (*Pragmatic Bookshelf*) -

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

[Programming ASP.NET AJAX](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514242/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514242/>

[Programming Collective Intelligence](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529321/index.html) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529321/index.html>

[Programming WPF, Second Edition](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510374/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596510374/>

[Security Power Tools](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596009632/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596009632/>

[SharePoint 2007: The Definitive Guide](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529581/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529581/>

[SOA in Practice](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529550/) - <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529550/>

[Software Testing Practice: Test Management](http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9781933952130/) (*Rocky Nook*) -

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[Women in Technology: Hear Us Roar](http://www.oreillynet.com/womenintech/) - <http://www.oreillynet.com/womenintech/>

The brainchild of Tatiana Apandi, an associate editor at O'Reilly, this new series features articles solicited from technology's female side--and all focused on what it's like to carve out a career in technology.

To hear more from Tatiana, listen to her interview with Chuck Joiner on MacVoices.

[An Introduction to Erlang](http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/09/13/introduction-to-erlang.html) - <http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/09/13/introduction-to-erlang.html>

Not long ago, ONLamp readers were introduced to Haskell, a functional language. Another popular functional language is Erlang, which also features powerful features to manage concurrency. Gregory Brown recently tried it out, and has this summary.

[Linux vs. BSD, What's the Difference?](http://www.linuxdevcenter.com/pub/a/linux/2007/08/23/linux-vs-bsd-whats-the-difference.html) -

<http://www.linuxdevcenter.com/pub/a/linux/2007/08/23/linux-vs-bsd-whats-the-difference.html>

Linux mavens are usually pretty sure they'll never go back to (or start using) Windows. They may like Mac OS, but usually don't jump ship for that either. But how about the other open source Unix descendant, BSD? Dru Lavigne offers a basic primer on what's different in PC-BSD for a Linux user, and what's better.

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#### [Schemaless Java-XML Data Binding with VTD-XML](#) -

<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2007/09/07/schema-less-java-xml-data-binding-with-vtd-xml.html>

This article introduces a Java-XML binding technique based on VTD-XML and XPath. This approach doesn't mandate a schema, takes advantage of XML's inherent loose encoding, and avoids needless object creation, so it is much more efficient for lightweight data binding.

#### [Moonlight: Silverlight Goes Mono](#) -

<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/08/23/moonlight-silverlight-goes-mono.html>

By now, you may have heard the buzz around Silverlight, Microsoft's attempt to put Adobe out of the rich browser client business. But did you know that the Mono gang have been busy making an open source version for Linux? You do now.

#### [Creating Google Custom Search Engines](#) -

<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/09/06/creating-google-custom-search-engines.html>

Tired of searching for cheesecake recipes and getting nothing but pinup calendars? Google has a little-known feature that lets you design your own search engines that will search only the sites you want. Bernard Farrell introduces us to this useful capability and shows how to set one up.

#### [Organizing Power Tips with Joe Schorr](#) -

<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2007/09/05/organizing-power-tips.html>

Do you know the difference between blue folders and yellow folders? What do you do if you're about to meet with clients and want only their images to show in Aperture? In this podcast interview with Joe Schorr, Derrick Story discovers advanced organizing tips for Aperture power users.

#### [Lightroom Using Lightroom's Develop module](#) <

<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2007/08/29/tone-and-color-in-lightroom.html> >, you can do a lot to bring out the best tonal qualities of your images. Lightroom has easy-to-use sliders that allow you to react to the Exposure, Highlight/Shadow, and Brightness/Contrast needs of your images. For more articles, go to: <http://www.oreillynet.com/> - <http://www.oreillynet.com/>

#### [Profile of a Rails developer based in West Yorkshire](#) <

<http://www.oreillygmt.typepad.com/scenius/profiles/index.html> >- *Deb Bassett* is a freelance Rails developer based in Otley in West Yorkshire. She is a mainstay of the Leeds tech scene and the organiser of the Leeds GeekUp.

#### [Scenes: Manchester and The North-West](#)

<<http://oreillygmt.typepad.com/scenius/2007/09/scenes-manchest.html> >seen by Paul Robinson and Andrew Disley.

**Are you part of tech scene that you think the world should know about? Do you know of local geek heroes whose works should be championed? From Europe, from the Middle East, from Africa, we'd love to hear from you – email [oreillygmt@oreilly.co.uk](mailto:oreillygmt@oreilly.co.uk) with your ideas!**

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### CONFERENCE NEWS

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[ETel 2008](#) call for participation is now open

March 3-6, 2008 in San Diego, CA

We're looking for the people who can bring the future to life, with new technologies, new ideas, cutting edge presentations, and powerful thinking. Proposal due date has been extended to September 24. [Submit your proposal now.](#)

[O'Reilly Tools of Change for Publishing Conference 2008](#) Call for Participation

February 11-13, 2008 in New York City, NY

If you have something to say about where publishing is going, join the conversation. [Submit a proposal](#) to lead conference sessions or tutorials at TOC by October 1, 2007.

[Call for Participation is Open for the 2008 MySQL Conference & Expo](#)

April 15-18, 2008 in Santa Clara, CA

Take an active role in shaping the future of MySQL and related open source technologies by leading sessions and tutorials at the 2008 MySQL Conference & Expo. Visit the Proposals page for more details and to submit your ideas. Proposals are due no later than October 30, 2007.

[O'Reilly's inaugural Money:Tech Conference](#) has been announced

The dates are February 6-7, 2008 in New York City. That's right, in the heart of the financial universe, New York, NY, Money:Tech will raise the level of conversation around technology advances in the investment industry, and bring together innovators with established players to increase adoption and awareness and push the technology forward.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS (ORM = O'Reilly will be there)

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ORM\*\*\* [The Future of Web Applications](#), London, 3-5 October

FOWA is back in London! With 3 new exciting tracks: Developer, Business & Marketing and Showcase. Meet 1000's of like-minded people and drop in at our booth where you might meet Paul Graham ([Hackers and Painters](#) or Steve Souders ([High Performance Web Sites](#)).

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.

HP User Group – [Document Management \(ILM\)](#), London, 10<sup>th</sup> October

Imaging & Workflow is not a new concept; for over 20 years Vignette and HP have jointly implemented solutions to meet business challenges.

[Complete list of seminars](#)

Database and the Web, London, 16<sup>th</sup> October

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UKUUG is holding a series of one-day seminars on a variety of topics. The first will be on the topic of "[Databases](#)" on 16th October 2007.

ORM\*\*\*[Grails eXchange 2007](#), London, 17-19 October  
Spanning over 3 days, the [Grails eXchange 2007](#) features over 40 distinguished speakers, presenting more than fifty sessions, to inspire and inform some hundred enterprise Java developers from the UK and across Europe. During 3 technically focused days of interactive sessions, speakers will be sharing their practical and real-world experiences around leading open source Java frameworks and on Agile software development for modern Java web development with Groovy & Grails.  
Have a look on [www.oreillygmt.eu](http://www.oreillygmt.eu) and see if you are eligible for a £100 discount on the conference fee.

ORM\*\*\*[OpenFest](#), Sofia, 27-28 October  
OpenFest is an annual conference dedicated to free software, free culture and free knowledge sharing - it is a celebration for the admirers, supporters, developers and new fans of free and open source software in Bulgaria. The aim is to popularize free and open source software projects and to initiate forum for sharing ideas and knowledge. OpenFest is an idea of free/open source community in Bulgaria and it is supported by most of its partners and friends. This is a celebration which we share with the others - OpenFest is a gift for anyone who takes part in its accomplishment.

A more complete list of events can be found on [www.oreillygmt.eu](http://www.oreillygmt.eu)

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## YOUR BOOK REVIEWS

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.Nethell.it reviewed –  
Visual C# 2005: A Developer's Notebook  
<http://tinyurl.com/yrny2o>  
and  
[www.dotnethell.it](http://www.dotnethell.it)

Koalabs reviewed –  
The bash Cookbook - <http://imhotep.koalabs.org/blog/index.php?2007/09/13/11-bash-cookbook-review>

JUG Trento reviewed –  
Managet It! - <http://www.jugtrento.org/trewiki/index.php/recensioni/libri/Manage%20It!>

NEEI reviewed –  
Everyday Scripting with Ruby - in Portuguese: <http://neei.uevora.pt/node/384>  
in English: <http://neei.uevora.pt/node/383>

MMUG Armenia reviewed –  
Programming Flex 2.0 - <http://users.freenet.am/~flasher/asbook.html>

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### JOB

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I was asked if I knew somebody who would be interested in the following jobs – so I decided to pass this message on. Do read on -

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Send CV and covering note to me [KieronSmith@Samedaybooks.com](mailto:KieronSmith@Samedaybooks.com) - although I hope they don't look at the current web site! (Perhaps write that on!!)

These are all working on projects in the new e-commerce arm of Argent Vive PLC ( [www.argentvive.com](http://www.argentvive.com)) this is a start-up e-commerce operation so offers tremendous opportunities to make a mark and be a part of something new.

All roles are based in our offices above one of our bookshops in Chertsey, Surrey (inside the M25) offer a generous discount on books and other products as we expand.

Company: ECommerce Operations of Argent Vive PLC

Job Title: LAMP Developer x 3 / Web Designer

Description: These roles are all working on new e-commerce business within the newly formed Argent Vive group.

LAMP Developer

Essential:

Experience with PHP 5

Experience with Linux and Apache

Knowledge of front and back end systems

Understanding of JavaScript, HTML, and the DOM (AJAX)

Understanding of object oriented design

Experience with MySQL

Strong communication skills

Able to multi-task

Desired:

Experience with AJAX

Experience with PHP Frameworks: Symfony / Cake / Codeigniter

DBA skills highly desired

Experience with scaling web application development a plus

Understanding of caching & templating techniques

Love of open source development and standards-based development

Package

Salary: £25-30k based on experience

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Web Designer

PC based design web design role. Good experience of Photoshop, Flash, XHTML and CSS coding.

Fully conversant with usability and accessibility issues. Keen to utilize technologies such as Ajax where appropriate to create human oriented web sites.

Able to interface with business and developers and keen to take part in developing the business. Goes without saying you should be a talented and imaginative individual.

Salary 25-35k depending upon experience

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That's all for now.

Josette