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YOUR BOOK REVIEWS

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***Nordest Perl Mongers reviewed Mastering Perl

in Italian(on Perl.It): <http://www.perl.it/documenti/bibliografia/39.html>

in English: <http://www.varlogarthas.net/blog/2007/11/h3-mastering-perlhttpwwworeill.html>

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***Manchester pm reviewed -

Programming ASP.NET Ajax - http://www.amazon.co.uk/Programming-ASP-NET-AJAX-C-Wenz/dp/customer-reviews/0596514247/ref=cm_cr_dp_all_summary?ie=UTF8&customer-reviews.sort%5Fby=-SubmissionDate&showViewpoints=1&customer-reviews.start=1&qid=1196173042&sr=1-8#customerReviews

High performance Websites -

http://www.amazon.co.uk/High-Performance-Web-Sites-Essential/dp/customer-reviews/0596529309/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1&customer-reviews.start=1#customerReviews

***Polish JUG reviewed -

High Performance Web Sites -

http://www.java.pl/?page_id=30

http://www.amazon.co.uk/High-Performance-Web-Sites-Essential/dp/0596529309/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1196163064&sr=8-1

http://www.amazon.com/review/product/0596529309/ref=cm_cr_dp_all_helpful?%5Fencoding=UTF8&colid=&showViewpoints=1&colid=&sortBy=bySubmissionDateDescending

***Edinburgh pm reviewed -

Fonts and Encodings - <http://edinburgh.pm.org/book-reviews/fonts-and-encodings.html>

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Upcoming Events
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For more events, please see:

<<http://events.oreilly.com/>> or <<http://www.oreillygmt.eu>>

***Author Steve Feuerstein Gives Seminar on Oracle and PL/SQL Best Practices, Birmingham, UK--Dec 6
Author Steve Feuerstein (Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference, 4th Ed. and Oracle PL/SQL Best Practices, 2nd Ed.) will present a two hour masterclass entitled "Best Practice PL/SQL" at the UKOUG annual conference.

<<http://www.ukoug.org/>>

***Virtualisation solutions, Brussels, 22-23 January 2008

Virtualisation is said to potentially save millions to companies using it, and it has become very important to use hardware to its full extent. As hardware support has become ubiquitous, it is important to leverage these possibilities. Several Free and Open Source solutions do exist, and several proprietary products also support Free and Open Source software and operating systems. This event will help participants discover or study the available options, and so determine which solution is best adapted to their environment.

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CONFERENCE NEWS
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***Registration for TOC is now 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.

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

***The call for participation for Velocity, the Web Performance and Operations Conference, is now open. Velocity, a new O'Reilly event happening June 23-24 in Burlingame, CA, is dedicated to obtaining the crucial skills and knowledge to build web sites that are fast, scalable, resilient, and highly available. Are you a web developer, engineer, or technical manager doing outstanding work to optimize the experience of your users? If so, we want to hear from you. The submission deadline for all proposals is midnight January 3, 2008.

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

***The call for participation is open for RailsConf 2008, happening May 29--June 1, 2008 in Portland, OR.

Ruby Central and O'Reilly Media are seeking leaders for RailsConf sessions and tutorials, including a large number of advanced-level proposals for the 2008 event. Proposals are due December 13.

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

***Last Chance--Where 2.0 2008 Call for Participation ends November 26

O'Reilly Media invites technologists and strategists, CTOs and CIOs, technology evangelists and scouts, researchers, programmers, geographers, researchers and academics, artists and activists, business developers, and entrepreneurs to lead conference sessions and tutorials at Where 2.0 2008. Where 2.0 will be held May 12-14, 2008 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott in Burlingame, California, US. Proposals are due no later than November 26, 2007.

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

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Articles

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***What's New in Ubuntu 7.10? (a.k.a. Gutsy Gibbon)

Ubuntu is arguably the most popular desktop Linux distribution out today. On the 18th of October, the latest release, 7.10 (Gutsy Gibbon) was released. Here is a comprehensive history of Ubuntu and a look at some of the many new and improved features.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/09/26/whats-new-in-ubuntu-710-aka-gutsy-gibbon.html>>

***Flash CS3 Screencast

Sometimes reading about a feature just isn't enough. When you need to see how a program works, try a Missing Manual screencast--video tutorials accompanied by step by step guidance, here's the latest one on Flash.

<http://examples.oreilly.com/flashcs3mm/screencasts/flash_drawing_modes/screencast.html>

***Bre Pettis From MAKE Magazine on WIRED Science

Bre shows off a High Speed Photography Hack in this video on the new PBS show WIRED Science.

<http://www.pbs.org/kcet/wiredscience/video/213-high_speed_photos.html>

***Yahoo's Web Performance Guru: 14 Tenets for Speeding Up Sites

In seven years at Yahoo!, Steve Souders had focused most of his effort on back-end engineering tasks like squeezing more performance out of a database, or optimizing the memory usage in C++ programs running on a server. Three years ago, when he was named Chief Performance Yahoo! and charged with improving the user experience for visitors to Yahoo! Web sites, he expected it would mean doing more of the same.

<http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_zdbln/is_200710/ai_n21044677>

***Google Calling: Inside Android, the gPhone SDK

Google has finally unwrapped the gPhone, and rather than a product, it's a platform called Android. Today, Google is releasing an early SDK for Android and Brian DeLacey has been given an early preview of what you'll find inside.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/11/12/google-calling-inside-the-gphone-sdk.html>>

***The Mojo of Dojo

Few use raw JavaScript anymore if they can possibly avoid it, in the same way that few people code in assembly language. Dojo is one of a group of powerful JavaScript toolkits that can do a lot of the work for you, and Matthew Russell has put together this introduction.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/11/01/the-mojo-of-dojo.html>>

***Rick Sammon's Travel Tips for Photographers

Seasoned travel photographer Rick Sammon sits down with Derrick Story in the O'Reilly Media booth at PhotoPlus Expo '07 in New York City. In this podcast, Rick draws upon his experiences to offer good advice for photographers on the go.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/digitalmedia/2007/10/26/rick-sammon.html>>

***DIY Surround-Sound DVDs

Learn how to make 5.1-channel Dolby Digital DVDs at home without pricey pro software. Plus--a sneaky way to hook multiple speakers to a stock Mac.

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Blogs

***My paperless office

<http://www.oreillynet.com/mac/blog/2007/11/my_paperless_office.html>

***Is Apple Losing To Microsoft On Python Integration?

<http://www.oreillynet.com/onlamp/blog/2007/11/is_apple_losing_to_microsoft_o.html>

***If Social Networking Sites *Really* Wanted to Interoperate

<http://www.oreillynet.com/onlamp/blog/2007/11/if_social_networking_sites_rea.html>

***Flash Killers ---Java FX, Silverlight, Groovy and Xoetrope

<http://www.oreillynet.com/onjava/blog/2007/11/flash_killers_java_fx_silverli.html>

***Skinny Languages and Fat Tools

<http://beautifulcode.oreillynet.com/2007/10/skinny_languages_and_fat_tools.php>

***OpenSocial: It's the data, stupid

<http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2007/11/opensocial_social_mashups.html>

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