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\*\*\*MMUG, Dublin reviewed –

Dynamic Learning Flash CS3 Professional Review - <http://www.mmug-dublin.com/blog/?p=10>

Also sent their review to amazon.co.uk (thank you)

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\*\*\*Edinburgh pm reviewed –

LDAP System Administration - <http://edinburgh.pm.org/book-reviews/ldap-system-administration.html>

### ===== Upcoming Events =====

For more events, please see:

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

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\*\*\*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.

### ===== CONFERENCE NEWS =====

\*\*\*Registration for ETech is now open, San Diego, CA--March 3-6 Body hacking. DIY spectrum. Crowd visualization. Sensor games. ETech 2008 will explore the tech that's influencing how we're seen as individuals and what affects our perception of the world around us.

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

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To register for the conference, go to:

<<http://en.oreilly.com/et2008/public/content/register>>

\*\*\*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.

To register for the conference, go to: <<http://en.oreilly.com/toc2008/public/content/register>>

\*\*\*RailsConf 2008 Call For Participation Ends December 13

Happening May 29-June 1, 2008 in Portland, Oregon, RailsConf is \*the\* official event for the growing Rails community. If you're passionate about Rails and what it helps you achieve—or are curious about how Rails can help you create web frameworks better and faster—RailsConf is the place to be.

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

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\*\*\*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>>

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\*\*\*O'Reilly Editor Andy Oram is running a survey about how people search for information

The next time you have to search for information on any topic, try recording your efforts in the form on this page. Easy searches usually aren't interesting, so Andy is seeking submissions just about searches that covered three or more documents (besides search engines). Relevant searches can be done online, using print media, or both--and even other media such as radio or film. The survey is designed to uncover techniques that will help communities, authors, and publishers find more effective ways to offer information.

<[http://www.praxagora.com/search\\_survey/](http://www.praxagora.com/search_survey/)>

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Articles  
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\*\*\*Top Ten Tips for Linux Network Admins

Carla Schroder, author of the newly released Linux Networking Cookbook offers her top ten tips for being a superior Linux network administrator --great advice regardless of your level of experience.

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/11/carla\\_schroders\\_top\\_ten\\_tips\\_f.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/11/carla_schroders_top_ten_tips_f.html)>

\*\*\*Mac OS X Leopard: The Missing Manual Sneak Preview

Five Tips and Tricks from David Pogue and an ultratip.

<[http://missingmanuals.com/pogue/mac\\_os\\_x\\_leopard\\_tips.csp](http://missingmanuals.com/pogue/mac_os_x_leopard_tips.csp)>

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\*\*\*Programming is Hard, Let's Go Scripting...

Larry Wall's annual State of the Onion describes the state of Perl, the language and the community. In his 11th address, he discussed the past, present, and future of scripting languages, including the several dimensions of design decisions important to the development of Perl 6.

<<http://www.perl.com/pub/a/2007/12/06/soto-11.html>>

\*\*\*Building Mashup-Friendly Sites in Rails

Mashups have been the hot web technology lately. Rather than try to do everything yourself, why not present the data that makes your site special in an easy to consume fashion, and let users design applications that mix your data in with others. Jack Herrington walks us through an example showing how to create mashup-friendly using Ruby on Rails.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/ruby/2007/12/04/building-mashups-in-rails.html>>

\*\*\*An Interview with Toby Segaran

Toby Segaran is the author of "Programming Collective Intelligence." We recently spoke to him about his new book and why these kind of machine learning techniques are so important in the Web 2.0 era.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/network/2007/11/14/an-interview-with-toby-segaran.html>>

\*\*\*Introducing Raven: An Elegant Build for Java

Build processes in Java haven't evolved much since the introduction of Ant or Maven. With the ability to use scripting languages like Groovy and JRuby on the JVM, the power of a full language can be brought to bear on the build process. This article discusses Raven, a build system for Java that uses JRuby.

<<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2007/12/05/introducing-raven-an-elegant-build-for-java.html>>

\*\*\*Advanced JavaScript III

JavaScript guru Howard Feldman completes his voyage through the world of JavaScript hacking with this article. This time around, he tackles dynamic tables, switching out form elements, and putting prompting text in text boxes.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2007/11/20/advanced-javascript-iii.html>>

\*\*\*Sal Soghoian on Leopard, Automation, and Aperture

Apple's product manager of automation technologies is the same guy who many of us consider the ultimate AppleScript guru: Sal Soghoian. Even though Sal and I live only a few hours apart, I had to go all the way to the Caribbean to chase him down for this podcast interview. It was worth it. Sal talks about Leopard, automation improvements, and of course, how this all affects Aperture.

<<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2007/11/27/sal-soghoian.html>>

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Blogs

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<[http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/12/shopping\\_for\\_the\\_geek\\_in\\_your\\_1.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/12/shopping_for_the_geek_in_your_1.html)>

Bad Math Among eBook Enthusiasts

<[http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2007/12/bad\\_math\\_ebooks\\_kindle.html](http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2007/12/bad_math_ebooks_kindle.html)>

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Hidden Influences on Software Design

<[http://beautifulcode.oreillynet.com/2007/11/hidden\\_influences\\_on\\_software.php](http://beautifulcode.oreillynet.com/2007/11/hidden_influences_on_software.php)>

Groovy StAX builder

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/onjava/blog/2007/11/groovy\\_stax\\_builder.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/onjava/blog/2007/11/groovy_stax_builder.html)>

ETech = Energy + Food Hacking + Arduino + Processing + Worldwide Tech

<[http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2007/12/etech\\_energy\\_fo.html](http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2007/12/etech_energy_fo.html)>

Open Source Hardware Gift Guide

<[http://blog.makezine.com/archive/2007/12/open\\_source\\_hardware\\_gift.html](http://blog.makezine.com/archive/2007/12/open_source_hardware_gift.html)>

Books for Makers - A gift guide of lost arts and new tech

<[http://blog.makezine.com/archive/2007/12/books\\_for\\_makers\\_a\\_gift\\_g.html](http://blog.makezine.com/archive/2007/12/books_for_makers_a_gift_g.html)>

Some geeks just wanna live forever (well, say, 1,000 years or so)

<[http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/11/some\\_geeks\\_just\\_wanna\\_live\\_for.html](http://www.oreillynet.com/fyi/blog/2007/11/some_geeks_just_wanna_live_for.html)>

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Josette