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General News

***Reader Created Tagged Bibliography for "Ambient Findability" Livia Labate has taken "Ambient Findability's" bibliography ("Ambient Findability" is Peter Morville's highly readable and provocative book on, well, findability), entered the URL of each entry into her page at del.icio.us, and tagged each "ambientfindability," thus making the bibliography entries more ambiently findable. For example, you'll notice that 13 other people have bookmarked Gene Smith's "Beyond the Page," making it a good jumping off point to amble findably through related works. [Tags: tagging taxonomy PeterMorville AmbientFindability EverythingIsMiscellaneous]
<http://www.hyperorg.com/blogger/mtarchive/tagged_bibliography.html>

***eBay Developer Challenge 2006

eBay and O'Reilly are sponsoring a coding contest for applications built on eBay web services: the eBay Developer Challenge 2006. This contest encourages the development of great tools that the eBay community will love. Winners will be announced at the O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference in San Diego in March.

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/network/2005/12/05/ebay-developer-challenge-2006.html>>

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***Attention Span

Are you paying full attention to anything you do these days? Probably not. Whether at work or at home, you probably are distracted by email, IM, the telephone, the television, and countless other distractions. We begin this podcast with Linda Stone talking about Continuous Partial Attention from her SuperNova address "Your Attention Please." Paul Graham compares amateurs and professionals in his OSCON keynote "What Business Can Learn from Open Source." We respond to a listener comment on a story we ran last week and conclude with Ernie Prabhakar on open source from infancy to adulthood. (DTF 008 beta: 24 minutes, 30 seconds, 13.9MB)

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/network/2005/12/12/distributing-the-future.html>>

***Time Management on Google Video

Tom Limoncelli recently produced a 45-minute video that highlights many of the techniques in his new book, "Time Management for System Administrators."

<<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/wlg/8630>>

***User Group Members receive a special 50% discount on Learning Lab Courses--Ends December 31

As an O'Reilly User Group member, you save on all the courses in the following University of Illinois Certificate Series:

- Linux/Unix System Administration
- Web Programming
- Open Source Programming
- .NET Programming
- Client-Side

This offer ends December 31st, 2005. To redeem, use Promotion Code "ORALL1" to save 50%. Each course comes with a free O'Reilly book and a 7-day money-back guarantee.

Register online:

<<http://learninglab.oreilly.com/>>

----- Open Source -----

***Through Project Looking Glass with Hideya Kawahara

3D has taken over video gaming. When will it take over mundane computing areas such as file managers, word processors, and desktop environments? Maybe soon, if Hideya Kawahara and the Project Looking Glass team have their way. John Littler explores the ideas, implementations, and possibilities of 3D interfaces in this interview.

<http://www.linuxdevcenter.com/pub/a/linux/2005/12/08/project_looking_glass.html>

***Managing TV with XMLTV

XMLTV is a set of open source utilities for working with television schedules. It's not just for people building their own PVRs, though--with a little cleverness, you can build your own schedule applications. Brian Murray shows how he manages his family's entertainment time.

<<http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2005/12/08/xmltv.html>>

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Mac

***MacVoices #515: Home Networking with Scott Lowe

Scott Lowe, author of the "Home Networking: The Missing Manual" talks with Chuck Joiner about the benefits and logistics of creating a home network. Why would you want one? What are your options? What are the pros and cons of each? Scott talks about wireless, Ethernet and Powerline, how to choose, and what you can do with them once they are set up.

<<http://www.macvoices.com/archives/2005/515.html>>

***Managing MySQL on Mac OS X

There are myriad ways to control and manipulate information on a MySQL server-- some are stand-alone GUI apps, some are web-based, and of course the venerable (and powerful) command-line option is always available. Robert Daeley shows some of the most useful tools.

<<http://www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2005/12/13/mysql.html>>

Windows/.NET

***What Is Virtualization?

Virtualization lets you have multiple "virtual machines," each with its own operating system running in a sandbox, shielded from each other, all in one physical machine. But why would you want to do this? Wei-Meng Lee explains, and takes you on a tour of some of the most popular virtualization software available: Microsoft Virtual PC 2004, VMware Workstation 5.0, and Microsoft Virtual Server 2005.

<<http://www.windowsdevcenter.com/pub/a/windows/2005/12/06/what-is-virtualization.html>>

***Identifying Essential Windows Services: Part 2

In Part 1 of this series, Mitch Tulloch, author of Windows Server Hacks, showed you how to identify which basic server services are essential, and which can be turned off. In this second part, he shows you additional services for servers configured with specific roles.

<<http://www.windowsdevcenter.com/pub/a/windows/2005/12/13/identifying-essential-windows-services-2.html>>

***Work Around Word XP's AutoCorrect Change

THE ANNOYANCE: When I upgraded to Word 2002 a month ago, I found my AutoCorrect entries stopped working. In Word 97 and Word 2000 AutoCorrect, typing an abbreviated form immediately after a period will cause the long form to display, but not in Word 2002. I type many hundreds of measurements in millimeters and centimeters every day, and have therefore created AutoCorrect entries to save keystrokes. For example, in Word 2002, I type "1m" and "1 mm" displays, "3c" and "3 cm" displays, saving me two keystrokes each time. Also I type "1.5m" and "1.5 mm" displays, "3.25c" and "3.25 cm" displays.

<<http://www.annoyancescentral.com/experts/>>

Java

***Hibernate Class Generation Using hbm2java

Hibernate uses mapping files to express the mapping of Java classes to database tables. In a complex project, keeping mappings in sync with your Java code can be

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burdensome and error-prone. Fortunately, the hbm2java tool can automate this by generating POJO classes from the mapping files. John Ferguson Smart shows how to use hbm2java with Ant and Maven, and how to customize the behavior of the generated classes.

<<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2005/12/14/hibernate-class-generation-with-hbm2java.html>>

***Lightweight O/R Mapping

O/R frameworks map Java classes to database tables and SQL code. While popular, this approach is unpopular among DBAs, with the database at the mercy of an external tool. Another approach is to go the other direction: write tables and stored procedures and generate Java classes from that. Norbert Ehreke introduces Amber, a framework that embodies this approach.

<<http://www.onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2005/12/07/relational-object-mapping.html>>

Digital Media

***Five Fun Ways to Play with Audio Hijack Pro

It's like a sound lab on your Mac--with Audio Hijack Pro you can digitize legacy music, time-shift radio shows, and even repurpose your legally purchased music. Erica Sadun shows you five of her favorite AHP tips.

<<http://www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2005/12/02/audio-hijack.html>>

***Introduction to the Variations Color Correction Tool in Photoshop

Photoshop's Variations tool simplifies color correction by presenting you with visual options in realtime. In this training video, Deke McClelland shows you how perform simple color correction quickly.

<<http://digitalmedia.oreilly.com/2005/12/05/variations-color-correction.html>>

MAKE

***Meet Your Fellow Makers

Find and post events, exhibits, and more with Maker events listings:

<<http://www.makezine.com/events/>>

***MAKE Flickr

The MAKE Flickr Group Pool has 656 members posting with over 1,142 photos of all sorts of projects and gear. MAKE's favorites:

LCD Photo frame:

<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/66914873@N00/68588536/in/pool-make/>>

Maker-friendly labels:

<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gadge/66122992/in/pool-make/>>

Small, medium, and organic dogs:

<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/pmtorrone/65245861/in/pool-make/>>

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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 -

* Head First HTML with CSS & XHTML

Tired of reading HTML books that only make sense after you're an expert? Then it's about time you picked up Head First HTML with CSS & XHTML and really learn HTML. You want to learn HTML so you can finally create those Web pages you've always wanted, so you can communicate more effectively with friends, family, fans and fanatic customers. You also want to do it right so you can actually maintain and expand your Web pages over time, and so your Web pages work in all the browsers and mobile devices out there. So what are you waiting for? Leave those other dusty books behind and come join us in Webville. Your tour is about to begin.

* Makers

Celebrating digital tinkering, hardware hacks and DIY of all stripes, O'Reilly introduces Makers, a beautiful hardbound book celebrating the creativity and resourcefulness of the DIY movement. Author Bob Parks profiles 100 people and their homebrew projects--people who make ingenious things in their backyards, basements, and garages. Technologies old and new are used in service of the serious and the amusing, the practical and the outrageous as Makers explores both the inventions and the characters behind them in living color.

****Coming Soon

- * Adobe Creative Suite 2 Workflow <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/adobe2work/>>
- * C in a Nutshell <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/cinanut/>>
- * Dreamweaver 8: The Missing Manual
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/dreamweaver8tmm/>>
- * DV Filmmaking: From Start to Finish
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/dvfilmmaking/>>
- * Linux Server Hacks, Volume Two <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/morelnxsvrhks/>>
- * Monad <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/msh/>>
- * PCs: The Missing Manual <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/pcstmm/>>
- * PHP Hacks <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/phphks/>>
- * Programming MapPoint in .NET <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/mappoint/>>
- * Running Linux <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/runlinux5/>> (Fifth Edition)
- * Running Mac OS X Tiger <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/runmacx2/>>
- * Skype Hacks <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/skypehks/>>
- * SQL Cookbook <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/sqlcbk/>>
- * VoIP Hacks <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/voiphks/>>
- * Windows Server 2003 Security Cookbook
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/windowsscbk/>>
- * XSLT Cookbook <<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/xsltcbk2/>> (Second Edition)
- * Zero Configuration Networking: The Definitive Guide
<<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/bonjour/>>

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***ETech Registration is Open

We're five years into the O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference and the stuff of which it is made shows no sign of abating: bandwidth continues to broaden, storage grows ever larger and cheaper, and content keeps pouring from the firehose. How do we visualize all of this digital data, filter it, remix it, and access it in meaningful ways? The coming technical challenge is not about generating digital content-we have more than enough already. It's time to do something with that data. It's time to build The Attention Economy.

O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference, March 6-9, 2006
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA
<<http://conferences.oreilly.com/etech/>>

User Group members who register before January 16, 2006 get a double discount. Use code "et06dsug" when you register, and receive 20% off the early registration price.

To register for the conference, go to:
<<http://conferences.oreillynet.com/pub/w/43/register.html>>

***New 40% discount for ETel--Early Registration Pricing Ends January 9

The early registration deadline for O'Reilly's Emerging Telephony Conference (ETel) has been extended to January 9th. Join us on January 24-26 in San Francisco when telephony's key figures, like Jim Van Meggelen, Peter Cochrane, Mark Spencer, Norman Lewis, and Clay Shirkey, convene to provide a high-level perspective of the future of telephony. And as a special offer to our friends, save an additional 40% when you register using code etel06lms.

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

To register for the conference, go to:
<http://conferences.oreillynet.com/cs/etel2006/create/ord_etel06>

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CONFERENCES/EXHIBITIONS TO BE ATTENDED BY O'REILLY UK
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***No conferences this month

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YOUR BOOK REVIEWS
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No reviews this time