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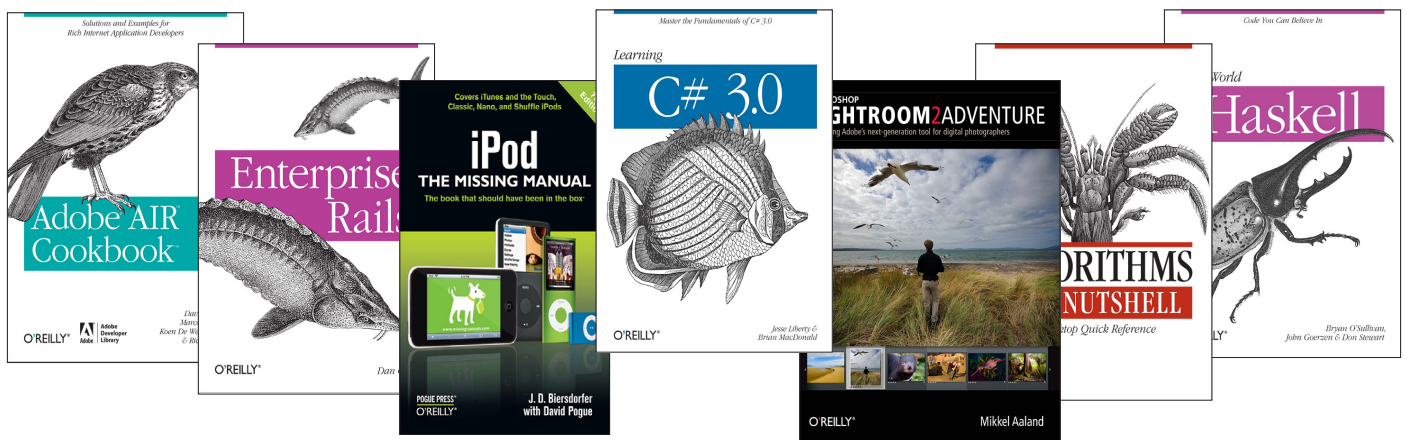
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### New Releases



- [Active Directory, Fourth Edition](#)
- [Adobe AIR 1.5 Cookbook](#)
- [Adobe InDesign CS4 One-on-One](#)
- [Adobe Photoshop CS4 One-on-One](#)
- [Advanced Software Testing - Vol. 1](#) (Rocky Nook)
- [Algorithms in a Nutshell](#)
- [Apache 2 Pocket Reference](#)
- [Coding4Fun](#)
- [Core Animation for Mac OS X and the iPhone](#) (Pragmatic Bookshelf)
- [Craft: Volume 09](#)
- [Designing Gestural Interfaces](#)
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- [Developing Facebook Platform Applications with Rails](#) (Pragmatic Bookshelf)
- [Dreamweaver CS4: The Missing Manual](#)
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- [Enterprise Recipes with Ruby and Rails](#) (Pragmatic Bookshelf)
- [Facebook Cookbook](#)
- [Flash CS4: The Missing Manual](#)

- [Getting Started with Arduino](#)
- [iPhone Open Application Development, Second Edition](#)
- [iPod: The Missing Manual, Seventh Edition](#)
- [JRuby Cookbook](#)
- [Learning C# 3.0](#)
- [Learning Rails](#)
- [Learning XNA 3.0](#)
- [Make: Technology on Your Time Volume 16](#)
- [Mastering the Nikon D300 \(Rocky Nook\)](#)
- [MediaWiki](#)
- [Photoshop Elements 7: The Missing Manual](#)
- [Photoshop Lightroom 2 Adventure](#)
- [Programming ASP.NET 3.5, Fourth Edition](#)
- [Programming WCF Services, Second Edition](#)
- [QuickBooks 2009: The Missing Manual](#)
- [Rails for .NET Developers \(Pragmatic Bookshelf\)](#)
- [Rails: Up and Running, Second Edition](#)
- [Real World Haskell](#)
- [RESTful .NET](#)
- [RubyCocoa \(Pragmatic Bookshelf\)](#)
- [SharePoint for Project Management](#)
- [SQL in a Nutshell, Third Edition](#)
- [Stripes \(Pragmatic Bookshelf\)](#)
- [The ActionScript 3.0 Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [The Best of Instructables Volume I](#)
- [The Canon EOS Digital Rebel XS/1000D Companion](#)
- [The Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers](#)
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## Your reviews

- [ActionScript 3.0 Cookbook](#)
- [ActionScript 3.0 Design Patterns](#)
- [Apache Cookbook](#)
- [Art of Agile Development, The](#)
- [C# 3.0 Pocket Reference](#)
- [Creative Digital Darkroom, The](#)
- [Digital Photography Companion, The](#)
- [Face to Face: Rick Sammon's Complete Guide to Photographing People](#)
- [Head First JavaScript](#)

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- [Java Power Tools](#)
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- [Learning ActionScript 3.0](#)
- [Mastering Dojo](#)
- [Practical Artistry](#)
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## Upcoming Events

### Ignite

If you had five minutes on stage what would you say? What if you only got 20 slides and they rotated automatically after 15 seconds? Around the world geeks have been putting together Ignite nights to show their answers. Create your own Ignite in your area. [Submit your proposal](#). [Or read the How To](#).

#### Upcoming Ignite events:

- [Ignite UK North](#), January 22 Old Broadcasting House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, UK

## Conference News



### Register for Money:Tech 2009

February 4-6, 2009 in New York City, NY

The second edition of O'Reilly Money:Tech will be an even deeper dive into the space where Wall Street meets Web 2.0, using technology as a lens to provide a unique view of the most pressing issues facing the industry right now. Web 2.0 is ultimately about "collective intelligence"--as are financial markets. Money:Tech brings web entrepreneurs and activists to Wall Street to foster an exchange of ideas about new ways to leverage information. Use code "mt09usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price.



### Register for the Tools of Change for Publishing Conference 2009

February 9-11, 2009 in New York City, NY

Just a few years ago, "digital publishing" meant books were typeset in PageMaker or Quark and sent to the offset printer as a PDF. But true digital publishing means creating, producing, and delivering content that may never appear on a printed page. Or more likely, will be offered to customers in print--possibly print-on-demand--as just one of many options. And those now doing the "publishing" include entirely new business models built around developing paid content and assembling an audience.

Use code "toc09usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price.



### Register for the Emerging Technology Conference 2009

March 9-12, 2009 in San Jose, CA

The theme of ETech 2009 is Living Reinvented: The Technology of Abundance and Constraints, exploring how emerging technologies can bridge the gap between the worlds of material plenty and economic constraint. Four full days of keynotes, tutorials, and sessions explore new program areas like CityTech, Mobile & The Web, Personalized Healthcare, and Materials & Mechanics.

Use code "et09usrg" when you register, and receive 15% off the registration price.



### Where 2.0 2009 CFP Is Open

May 19-21, 2009 in San Jose, CA

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 the next Where 2.0 Conference. Call for proposals closes December 2, 2008.



### Call for Participation for the O'Reilly Found: Search Acquisition and Architecture Conference

June 9-11, 2009 in Burlingame, CA

We're looking for proposals that will change how developers create web applications so that search connects their sites to their potential customers. Proposals are due December 17th. Now is your chance to be part of the program.



## Call for Participation for Velocity 2009 is Now Open

June 22-24, 2009 in San Jose, CA

Velocity is the O'Reilly conference for developers and engineers building at internet scale. Web companies, big and small, face the same challenges--our pages must be fast, our infrastructure must scale up (and down) efficiently, and our sites must be reliable without burning out the team. Learn how to build websites and services that are fast, scalable, efficient, and reliable. We're bringing together people from around the world who are doing the best performance and operations work to improve the experience of web users worldwide.

## O'Reilly School of Technology

O'Reilly School of Technology Courses: UG Members Receive a 30% Discount

O'Reilly School of Technology has opened its virtual doors with educational offerings and certification for IT students looking to further their careers or to launch one. As an O'Reilly User Group member, you save on all the courses in the following University of Illinois Certificate Series:

- Java Programming
- PHP/SQL Programming
- Linux/Unix System Administration
- Web Programming
- Open Source Programming
- .NET Programming
- Client-Side Web Programming featuring AJAX

New [Java Programming Course](#) - Java Programming 1: Introduction to Java and the Eclipse Development Environment! We are especially excited about this course, because it is the first course to utilize Ellipse, our brand-new Learning Sandbox built on the Eclipse open-source IDE. This is the first course in our upcoming Java Programming Certificate Series. The Java Programming 2 and 3 courses will be released very soon as they are in their final editing phases.

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[Register online](#) (This discount may not be combinable with other offers.)

## News from O'Reilly & Beyond

### Stay Competitive. Regroup, Retrain, Rebuild

Financial markets are in a tailspin. Jobless rates are at a 7-year high. Budgets are shrinking. The good news is that the shifting economic landscape is creating new opportunities for those with the right skills. Do you have what it takes to tackle tough technical problems? To offer bold solutions? To provide businesses with the expertise they need?

[Read some sample chapters of our latest Microsoft Books](#) Interested in how to become an author for O'Reilly?

- Programming WCF Services, 2E: Appendix A
- RESTful .NET: Chapter 6
- Data and Services With Silverlight 2: Chapter 8
- Programming Entity Framework: Chapter 3
- Coding4Fun: Chapter 1
- Learning XNA 3.0: Chapter 2

### Don't miss Derrick Story's Latest Screencasts

Based on his book "Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers," Derrick covers the Quick-Start Roadmap, Photo Downloader, Collections in Bridge and Batch Processing in ACR.

- [The Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers](#)
- [Photo Downloader: Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers](#)
- [Collections in Bridge: Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers](#)
- [Batch Processing in ACR: Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers](#)

### Raise up Your Goblet of Rock to the Makers of Guitar Hero World Tour

In less than five years, Guitar Hero has become not only one of the most successful video games of all time but also a pop cultural phenomenon, immortalized on everything from South Park to Gossip Girl (Serena shreds "Free Bird"). Read all about how the game makers create convincing avatars of your favorite rockers, and scrapped a remarkably inaccurate scripting program for musical notation they dubbed "Murder Face."

## News & Commentary

- [Getting Started With Drupal](#)
- [Music, Interrupted and Other Feature Gripes and Hopes](#)
- [Ajax Adept: An Interview with Fletcher Moore, contributor and technical reviewer on Head First Ajax](#)
- [The Commoditization of Massive Data Analysis](#)
- [Installing Rails on Ubuntu Hardy Heron \(Server\)](#)
- [Online Communities: The Tribalization of Business](#)
- [Juval Lowy explains Service-Orientation](#)
- [Derrick Story's Recipes for Brightening a Smile and Blotting Out a Blemish](#)
- [Head First Web Design Complete Sample Chapter](#)
- [Retire in a Down Market? Not So Fast](#)
- [New Radar Report: Twitter and the Micro-Messaging Revolution](#)
- [What Would Depression 2009 Look Like?](#)
- [The Visible Hand](#)
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