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Greetings from USENIX. We've been working on many SAGE fronts: print, Web, and the LISA conference. Here's the latest.

Booklets News

Another manuscript in the SAGE Short Topics in System Administration series, *The Internet Postmaster*, by Nick Christenson and Brad Knowles, has now gone through a stringent technical review and is in production. Serving as postmaster for a site involves knowing a couple of decades' worth of oral tradition, plus a solid grounding in technical and RFC issues. There really hasn't been a single place where this kind of information has been gathered, until now. As someone who has done a fair bit of postmastering in the past, I have to say that I'm completely pleased with this booklet. It's a real first!

Another booklet that "pulls it all together" is in the pipeline, on the topic of superuser privileges—how to manage them, how to implement them, what constitutes ethical behavior, and more. A first draft of *Being Root*, by William Charles and Xev Gittler, has been reviewed by our editors, and we expect that by the time you read this, the final manuscript will be in technical review. I'm really looking forward to this one, too.

Current SAGE members can access the whole Short Topics series online at http://www.sage.org/pubs/. Drop by and enjoy some great info.

LISA '06 Registration

It's going to be an outstanding LISA again this year! We've got a bunch of great tracks and training sessions, and some surprises. I'm really looking forward to Cory Doctorow's keynote, "Hollywood's Secret War on Your NOC." Elizabeth Zwicky will be talking about her experiences Teaching Problem Solving, our wildly popular Hit the Ground Running sessions return, and the refereed paper track has some really hefty stuff ranging from Customer-Friendly Kernel Analysis, through NetFlow, to Managing Large Networks of Virtual Machines. We mentioned surprises, but first . . .

Back again by popular demand, training will be going on throughout the week. Starting on Sunday, we are offering some of our most popular training during the entire week of the conference. There's so much going on during the main portion of the conference that combining tech sessions with training is still the best way to get the most out of your LISA experience. Plus, you get the biggest discount! Find out more at http://www.usenix.org/lisa06/.

Now, about those surprises:

#1: An entire Friday track on security, covering topics such as Black Ops pattern recognition, fighting remote takeover attacks such as zombie or bot-net kits, and special issues for corporate security. Way cool.

#2: Bob Apthorpe and Dan Klein will present a new conference closer, "Improv for SysAdmins."

Registration opened at the beginning of September. Register by November 10 to save up to $300!

New SAGE Web Site

We've been unveiling the new look in bits and pieces, putting our efforts primarily into delivering our programs and conference activities. But we're scheduled to have the site live in early October, maybe sooner. Expect a crisp, clean look, lots of new info and new services, updates of long-neglected pages, and better navigation.

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