

Offsite Resources

mod_perl Books, Articles, Presentations, and links to sites covering other relevant topics.

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1 mod_perl and Related Books

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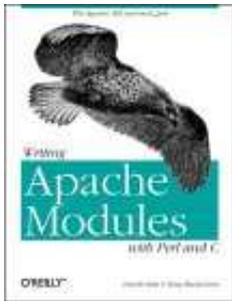
1.1 Description

This document presents the published mod_perl and related books.

1.2 Learn mod_perl

These are the mod_perl specific books.

1.2.1 Writing Apache Modules with Perl and C

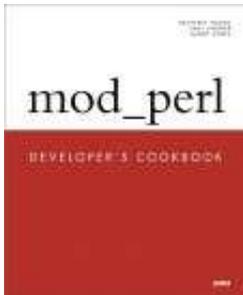


<http://www.modperl.com/> is the home site of The Apache Modules Book, a book about creating Web server modules using the Apache API, written by Lincoln Stein and Doug MacEachern.

O'Reilly & Associates lists this book as:

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Writing Apache Modules with Perl and C
By Lincoln Stein & Doug MacEachern
1st Edition March 1999
2nd Edition Feb 2000
1-56592-567-X, Order Number: 567X
746 pages, $34.95
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1.2.2 The mod_perl Developer's Cookbook

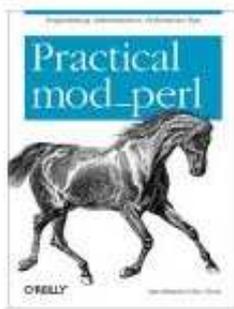


Home site: <http://www.modperlcookbook.org/>

SAMS lists this book as:

The mod_perl Developer's Cookbook
By Geoffrey Young; Paul Lindner; Randy Kobes
ISBN: 0672322404
Pub. Date: Jan 17, 2002
Price: \$39.99
Pages: 600

1.2.3 Practical mod_perl

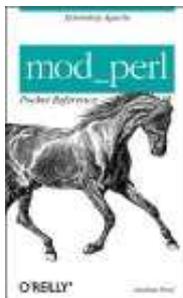


Home site: <http://modperlbook.org/>

O'Reilly & Associates lists this book as:

Practical mod_perl
By Stas Bekman, Eric Cholet
May 2003
0-596-00227-0, Order Number: 2270
924 pages, \$49.95 US, \$77.95 CA, £35.50 UK

1.2.4 mod_perl Pocket Reference



The *mod_perl Pocket Reference* by Andrew Ford was published by O'Reilly and Associates
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/modperlpr/>

1.3 Learn about a technology using mod_perl

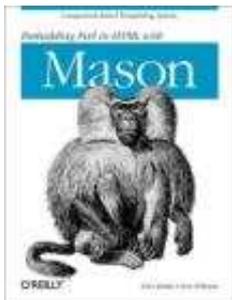
Apache Pocket Reference
By Andrew Ford
June 2000
1-56592-706-0, Order Number: 7060
110 pages, \$9.95 US \$14.95 CA £6.95 UK

You should probably get also the *Apache Pocket Reference* by the same author and the same publisher:
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/apachepr/>

See also Andrew's collection of reference cards for Apache and other programs at <http://www.refcards.com>.

1.3 Learn about a technology using mod_perl

1.3.1 *Embedding Perl in HTML with Mason*

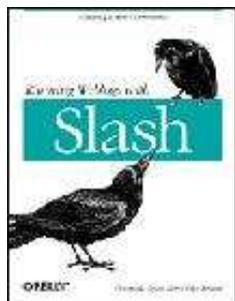


Embedding Perl in HTML with Mason discusses Mason (<http://www.masonhq.com>), a toolkit for web programming that runs under mod_perl.

Embedding Perl in HTML with Mason
By Dave Rolsky, Ken Williams
October 2002
0-596-00225-4, Order Number: 2254
318 pages, \$34.95 US \$54.95 CA £24.95 UK

You can see the book's home page at <http://www.masonbook.com/>, where the content will apparently be made available for free (but do buy the book as well!), as well as example code and errata. You might also want to check out O'Reilly's catalog page for the book: <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/perlhtmlmason/>

1.3.2 *Running Weblogs with Slash*



Slash (<http://www.slashcode.org/>) is the open-source software system that drives the hugely popular Slashdot (<http://www.slashdot.org/>) web site and many others. Slash implements the kind of web site that has come to be called a "weblog": a moderated list, in reverse-chronological order, of timely items, with links to further discussion on-site, or to further information off-site. Anyone who wants to get a weblog site up and running will want to read *Running Weblogs with Slash*.

Slash, like all good things, runs under mod_perl.

See <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/runblogslash/>.

By chromatic, Brian Aker, David Krieger
February 2002
0-596-00100-2, Order Number: 1002
272 pages, \$34.95 US, \$52.95 CA, £24.95 UK

1.4 Books mentioning mod_perl

Some books mention mod_perl, usually because they have to do with Apache, Perl or Linux in a web environment, and as such are required to talk about mod_perl:

- **Core Perl**

Chapter 17 of *Core Perl* By Reuven Lerner provides an introduction to mod_perl: <http://www.lerner.co.il/coreperl/>

- **Perl for the Web**

By Chris Radcliff. **Perl for the Web** talks about mod_perl and related technologies in some of its chapters. It is available verbatim online: <http://www.globalspin.com/thebook/>

- **Professional Linux Deployment**

Chapter 5: Deploying Web and FTP Servers of *Professional Linux Deployment* by Mike Banahan *et al.* (Wrox) contains a section about mod_perl. It is available online: <http://www.networkcomputing.com/netdesign/1111web.html> .

- **Programming Perl, 3rd Edition**

By Larry Wall, Tom Christiansen & Jon Orwant. <http://www.ora.com/catalog/ppperl3/>

- **Learning Perl, 3rd Edition**

By Randal L. Schwartz, Tom Phoenix. <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/lperl3/>

- **Apache: The Definitive Guide, 2nd Edition**

By Ben Laurie, Peter Laurie. <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/apache2/>

- **Webmaster in a Nutshell, 2nd Edition**

By Stephen Spainhour, Robert Eckstein. <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/webmaster2/>

- **MySQL and Perl for the Web**

Interested in using MySQL, Perl, and Apache to create dynamic database-backed web applications? This book shows you how.

Paul DuBois
New Riders
ISBN: 0735710546
552 pages

<http://www.kitebird.com/mysql-perl/>

- **Writing CGI Applications with Perl**

Writing CGI Applications with Perl (<http://perlcgi-book.com/>) shows you how to use Perl to accomplish the most vital tasks needed for today's online applications. Using numerous examples, line-by-line code explanations, and skill-stretching exercises, this book not only provides useful cut-and-paste code for your own programs, but it also teaches you practical skills and techniques that will enable you to develop any kind of CGI-based Web application with Perl.

Chapter 9 covers the use of `mod_perl`.

By Kevin Meltzer and Brent Michalski.

1.5 Apache books

This is a list of all known books about Apache sorted by the year when they were published and in alphabetical order. http://httpd.apache.org/info/apache_books.html

1.6 CGI and Perl books

There are gazillions of Perl and CGI/Perl books out there. We couldn't find a single resource covering them all. Here are some of the places to start from.

These resources provide listing of Perl books plus 3rd party reviews:

- <http://www.perl.com/language/critiques/>
- <http://www.reviewsonline.com/perl.htm>
- <http://slashdot.org/books/>

These resources provide listing of Perl books without 3rd party reviews:

- http://www.sysarch.com/cgi-bin/perl_books
- <http://perl.oreilly.com/>
- <http://www.wiz.com/books/cgi-perl.html>
- <http://www.stonehenge.com/books/>
- <http://www.perldoc.com/books/>
- <http://www.theperlreview.com/books.shtml>

2 mod_perl Articles in Printed and Online media

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There are many mod_perl articles published on the web and printed media. This document tries to partially cover these resources.

If you know of any other resources not listed on this page please let us know at the users mailing list.

2.2 Printed Media

- The Perl Journal has featured a number of mod_perl articles over the years:
 - Volume 3, Issue 1: *Stately Scripting with mod_perl*, by Lincoln Stein and Doug MacEachern. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1285/sam03010001/>
 - Volume 3, Issue 3: *A Web Proxy module for mod_perl* by Lincoln D. Stein. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1287/sam03030005/>
 - Volume 3, Issue 3: *Creating Applications with mod_perl and Apache*, by Mike Fletcher. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1287/sam03030011/>
 - Volume 3, Issue 4: *A Dynamic Navigation Bar with mod_perl* by Lincoln D. Stein. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1288/sam03040003/>
 - Volume 3, Issue 4: *Authentication with mod_perl*, by Michael Parker. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1288/sam03040004/>
 - Volume 4, Issue 4: *Managing Streaming Audio*, by Lincoln D. Stein. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1275/sam04040005/>
 - Volume 5, Issue 4: *Developing Wireless Applications*, by Dan Brian. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1131/sam05040004/>
 - Volume 5, Issue 5: *Using a Cleanup Handler in mod_perl*, by Jim Woodgate. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1337/sam05050003/>
- Sys Admin Magazine. *Getting Your Message Across with Apache*, by Carlos Ramirez. <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=1153/sam0103a/>
- DBMS, November 1997. *Connecting Sybase to the Web*, by Brian Jepson: <http://www.dbmsmag.com/9711i14.html>
- BYTE, March 1998. *Perl and Apache*, by Jon Udell. <http://www.byte.com/art/9803/sec7/art1.htm> .
- The Linux Journal, *At the Forge: Combining Apache and Perl*, by Reuven M. Lerner (among others). *At the Forge* has a website at <http://www.lerner.co.il/atf/> where you can read all the back issues and get the source code. Many articles involve mod_perl.

- Linux Magazin (german), *Bis in den roten Bereich* - Examples on performance test scripts to see the mod_perl benefits: <http://www.linux-magazin.de/Artikel/ausgabe/1998/08/Pounder/pounder.html> .
- Linux & C. (italian magazine), March-July 2002, *Apache/mod_perl: an application server open source*, by *Enrico Sorcinelli*. Five mod_perl tutorial articles available at: http://www.perl.it/documenti/articoli/mod_perl1/tutorial/ .

2.3 Online Zines

- mod_perl articles at Perl.com

http://www.perl.com/pub/q/Article_Archive#mod_perl (better use search and you will find other mod_perl articles which weren't catalogued under mod_perl category)

Articles by David E. Wheeler: <http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/au/1059>

- articles at take23.org: <http://take23.org/articles/>
- mod_perl series at ApacheToday (now WWW.ServerWatch.com) <http://apachetoday.com/search.php3?author=Stas:Bekman>
- mod_perl series at ApacheWeek <http://www.apacheweek.com/>
- mod_perl series at Developer Shed http://www.devshed.com/Server_Side/Perl
- Basic knowledge about Apache stages and mod_perl handlers article in German. <http://www.heise.de/ix/artikel/2000/01/156/>
- Webmonkey (<http://www.webmonkey.com>) features some web tutorials where they use mod_perl: They have an "intro to mod_perl": <http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/98/38/index2a.html?tw=perl> and "Choosing the right database system" uses mod_perl and ePerl: <http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/backend/databases/tutorials/tutorial1.html> .
- Linux Journal (<http://www.linuxjournal.com/>) features an article called "Web watch: Catching Spiders with Bottrap" in which the authour introduces Bottrap, a mod_perl module used to vut off crawlers and bots. <http://www.linuxjournal.com/article.php?sid=5861>
- Randal L. Schwartz regularly puts his columns online, all of them dealing with Perl, many with CGI, and some with mod_perl. See <http://www.stonehenge.com/merlyn/WebTechniques/> , <http://www.stonehenge.com/merlyn/UnixReview/> , <http://www.stonehenge.com/merlyn/LinuxMag/> .
- *Scaling mod_perl*: <http://www.lifespree.com/modperl/>
- *Web Developer's Virtual Library* have introductions to mod_perl. See <http://www.wdvl.com/Authoring/Languages/Perl/PerlfortheWeb/index12.html> , <http://www.wdvl.com/Authoring/Languages/Perl/PerlfortheWeb/index13.html> and <http://www.wdvl.com/Authoring/Languages/Perl/PerlfortheWeb/index14.html> .

- *Stopping Spambots: A Spambot Trap*, by Neil Gunton. http://www.neilgunton.com/spambot_trap/
- O'Reilly Network: *Installing mod_perl from RPM*, by Stephen Figgins. <http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/apache/2000/03/17/modperl.html>
- LinuxWorld.com: *Netscape Navigator's roaming profiles*, by Nicholas Petreley. http://www.linuxworld.com/linuxworld/lw-1999-06/lw-06-penguin_3.html
- Ariadne, Issue 21: *What is mod_perl?*, by Ian Peacock. <http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue21/unix/>
- What's mod_perl (in Russian) <http://www.host.ru/documentation/pro/0003.html>
- Several of Stas' mod_perl articles translated to Russian by Inga Zakharova: http://www.providerz.ru/articles/perl/why_mod_perl.html http://www.providerz.ru/articles/perl/mod_perl_in_30_minutes_1.html
- "Understanding mod_perl", the tutorial, presented by Benoit Beauséjour at the Montreal Perl Mongers meeting. http://www.flatlineconstruct.com/talk/understanding_mod_perl/index.html

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2.4 Are You Interested in Publishing Your Own mod_perl Article?

We always welcome new mod_perl articles. Here are some steps to help you out.

First, you should find out if your information might be better suited as documentation for mod_perl. We try to maintain a big knowledge base here, and additions are always welcome. Please contact the docs-dev mailing list with patches or additions.

If it doesn't fit into the documentation, Take23 (<http://www.take23.org>), the mod_perl news site, always welcomes new articles. We suggest that you submit your article there, as it is the main place for mod_perl-specific activity.

For the content, we advocate reuse. If you're writing installation instructions, you are free to get as much inspiration as you want from the documentation on this site, especially the user guides. You should always try and re-write it a little to add your own touch or more user-friendliness, but you may keep the same steps and information. After all, there's only one way to install it, and it's pretty well-documented already! This is true for all other aspects covered here too. Of course, if you feel like you have created something useful for everyone, feel free to send it back to us so that we can re-enter it into our documentation base.

Last, but not least, when you do publish your article, please notify us, so that we can make a notice of it here!

3 mod_perl Tutorials and Presentations

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Over the years, mod_perl talks have been held at several conferences about Perl, Apache or Open Source. Many of those giving talks put some information online, and you can learn a lot from that.

If you know of any other mod_perl tutorials and presentations not listed on this page please let us know at the users mailing list.

3.2 Tutorials and Presentations

- Geoffrey Young gives several wonderful tutorials every year, if you haven't been to his talks you definitely should. He has put his materials online at: <http://www.modperlcookbook.org/~geoff/slides/>
- *Industrial Strength Publishing*, by Ian Callen, Salon.com. <http://www.salon-mag.com/contact/staff/idk/print.html>. Talk held at the O'Reilly Open Source Software Convention in Monterey, California on 07/20/2000.
- *Introduction to mod_perl* by Nathan Torkington. http://prometheus.frii.com/~gnat/mod_perl/ (PPT and PDF formats).
- Stas Bekman has put all his talks online: <http://stason.org/talks/>
- *Real World Performance Tuning for mod_perl* by Ask Bjørn Hansen. <http://deveeloper.com/modperl/> (held at The Perl Conference 5, San Diego, July 2001).
- Eric Cholet has a collection of talks he has given at <http://www.logilune.com/eric/>
- Thomas Klausner gave a tutorial titled "Web Application Development using mod_perl and CPAN" at the German Perl Workshop 2003.

The slides (in German) are available from here: http://domm.zsi.at/talks/modperl_pws2003/

- Mike Fletcher has two introductory talks on mod_perl: <http://phydeaux.org/perl/yapc/> and <http://phydeaux.org/perl/mptalk/>.
- Michael Parker's 1998 talk on Performance Tuning: http://www.perl.org/oscon/1998/Perl_and_Apache/Performance%20Tuning/
- *Apache, mod_perl and Embperl* by Malcolm Beattie. <http://web.archive.org/web/20010605114950/http://users.ox.ac.uk/~mbeattie/oxlug-oct99/>. Held at OxLUG, 3 October 1999.

META: Move this to Conferences part if we make one. Would be nice to be able to have a standard presentation format to put them all online.

4 Other topics

4.1 Description

Where to learn more about other topics that are useful for mod_perl developers and users.

4.2 Perl

- **The Perl Documentation**

<http://www.perldoc.com/>

- **The Perl Home Page**

<http://www.perl.com/>

- **The Perl Monks**

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

What Perl Monks is: Our attempt to make learning Perl as nonintimidating and easy to use as possible. A place for you and others to polish, improve, and showcase your Perl skills. A community which allows everyone to grow and learn from each other.

- **The Perl Journal**

<http://www.tpj.com/>

- **The Perl Review**

<http://theperlreview.com/>

The Perl Review is a magazine for the Perl community by the Perl community produced with open source tools.

- **CPAN - Comprehensive Perl Archive Network**

<http://cpan.org> and <http://search.cpan.org/>

- **Perl Module Mechanics**

http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/module_mechanics.html - This page describes the mechanics of creating, compiling, releasing and maintaining Perl modules.

- **Creating (and Maintaining) Perl Modules**

http://www.mathforum.com/~ken/perl_modules.html

- **XS tutorials**

Perl manpages: *perlguts*, *perlxs*, and *perlxsut* manpages.

Dean Roehrich's XS CookbookA and CookbookB <http://search.cpan.org/search?dist=CookBookA>
<http://search.cpan.org/search?dist=CookBookB>

a series of articles by Steven McDougall:

<http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/pm/xs/intro/index.html>

<http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/pm/xs/concepts.html>

<http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/pm/xs/tools/index.html>

<http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/pm/xs/modules/modules.html>

<http://world.std.com/~swmcd/steven/perl/pm/xs/nw/NW.html>

Advanced Perl Programming By Sriram Srinivasan. Published by O'Reilly & Associates. ISBN: 1-56592-220-4. Chapters 18-20. <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/advperl/>

perl-xs mailing list on perl.org (mail perl-xs-subscribe@perl.org)

Take a look also at Inline.pm (CPAN) and SWIG (<http://www.swig.org/>)

- **Perl mailing lists**

A huge number of diverse Perl mailing lists is listed at <http://lists.perl.org/>.

- **perl5-porters mailing list**

Send an email:

- to perl5-porters-subscribe@perl.org to subscribe to this list.
- to perl5-porters-unsubscribe@perl.org to unsubscribe to this list.
- to perl5-porters-digest-subscribe@perl.org if you prefer a digest version.
- to perl5-porters-digest-unsubscribe@perl.org to unsubscribe from the digest.
- to perl5-porters-help@perl.org for more information about the subscription options.

List's archive is available at <http://www.xray.mpe.mpg.de/mailling-lists/perl5-porters/>.

4.3 Perl/CGI

- **Perl/CGI FAQ**

at <http://www.perl.com/CPAN/doc/FAQs/cgi/perl-cgi-faq.html>

- **Answers to some troublesome Perl and Perl/CGI questions**

<http://stason.org/TULARC/webmaster/myfaq.html>

- **Idiot's Guide to CGI programming**

http://www.webdeveloper.com/cgi-perl/cgi_idiots_guide_to_perl.html

- **WWW Security FAQ**

<http://www.w3.org/Security/Faq/www-security-faq.html>

- **CGI/Perl Taint Mode FAQ**

<http://www.gunther.web66.com/FAQS/taintmode.html> (by Gunther Birznieks)

- **cgi-list mailing list**

Send email to majordomo@jann.com with body:

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subscribe cgi-list
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4.4 Apache

- **Apache Project's Home**

<http://www.apache.org>

- **Apache Mailing Lists**

You will find a comprehensive list of all Apache projects' mailing lists at:
<http://www.apache.org/foundation/maillinglists.html>.

httpd specific lists: <http://httpd.apache.org/lists.html>.

- **the Apache Modeling Portal**

<http://apache.hpi.uni-potsdam.de/> - An introduction to the Apache HTTP Server, covering both an overview and implementation details. It presents results of the Apache Modelling Project done by research assistants and students of the Hasso-Plattner-Institute in 2001 and 2002.

- **Apache Quick Reference Card**

<http://www.refcards.com> (other reference cards are also available from this link)

- **The Apache FAQ**

<http://www.apache.org/docs/misc/FAQ.html>

- **Apache Server Documentation**

<http://www.apache.org/docs/>

- **Apache Handlers**

<http://www.apache.org/docs/handler.html>

- **mod_rewrite Guide**

<http://www.engelschall.com/pw/apache/rewriteguide/>

- **Security:**

Security and Apache: An Essential Primer <http://linuxplanet.com/linuxplanet/print/1527/>

Using Apache with Suexec on Linux <http://linuxplanet.com/linuxplanet/print/1445/>

How to 'chroot' an Apache tree with Linux and Solaris <http://penguin.epfl.ch/chroot.html>

http://www.etc.msys.ch/docs/chrooted_httpd.pdf talks about selected aspects of running a chrooted HTTP daemon and present strategies on how to set up a chrooted environment for more complex applications like database access or using CGI-scripts.

Installing and Securing the Apache Webserver with SSL <http://online.securityfocus.com/infocus/1356>

How to break out of a chroot() jail: <http://www.bpfh.net/simes/computing/chroot-break.html>

Jails: Confining the omnipotent root: <http://docs.freebsd.org/44doc/papers/jail/jail.html>

FreeBSD Developers' Handbook: The Jail Subsystem

http://www.freebsd.org/doc/en_US.ISO8859-1/books/developers-handbook/jail.html

- **mod_throttle_access**

mod_throttle_access is available at <http://www.fremen.org/apache/>

4.5 DBI and SQL

- **Introduction to Structured Query Language:**

<http://www.dbbm.fiocruz.br/class/Lecture/d17/sql/jhoffman/sqltut.html>

- **SQL for Web Nerds by Philip Greenspun**

<http://www.arsdigita.com/books/sql/>

- **Jeffrey Baker's DBI Examples and Performance Tuning**

<http://www.saturn5.com/~jwb/dbi-examples.html> (by Jeffrey William Baker).

- **DBI Homepage**

<http://dbi.perl.org/>

- **DBI mailing list information**

<http://www.fugue.com/dbi/>

- **DBI mailing list archives**

<http://www.bitmechanic.com/mail-archives/dbi-users/> <http://www.xray.mpe.mpg.de/mailling-lists/dbi/>

4.6 Squid - Internet Object Cache

- **Home page**

<http://www.squid-cache.org/>

- **FAQ**

<http://www.squid-cache.org/Doc/FAQ/FAQ.html>

- **Users Guide**

<http://www.squid-cache.org/Doc/Users-Guide/>

- **Mailing lists**

<http://www.squid-cache.org/mailling-lists.html>

4.7 CVS -- Concurrent Version Control

mod_perl CVS repository specific information document.

- **Open Source Development with CVS**

<http://cvsbook.red-bean.com/>

- **Online Documents**

<http://www.cvshome.org/docs/>

- **CVS Quick Reference Card**

<http://www.refcards.com/about/cvs.html>

4.8 Performance and Scalability

- **Techniques and Technologies for Scaling Internet Services mailing list.**

The list's address: scalable@arctic.org. Subscribe by sending a message to scalable-subscribe@arctic.org. Archive: <http://archive.develooper.com/scalable@arctic.org/>

- **Solaris 2.x - Tuning Your TCP/IP Stack and More**

<http://www.sean.de/Solaris/tune.html>

This page talks about TCP/IP stack and various tricks of tuning your system to get the most out of it as a web server. While the information is for Solaris 2.x OS, most of it will be relevant of other Unix flavors. At the end an extensive list of related literature is presented.

- **High-Availability Linux Project**

<http://www.linux-ha.org/>

4.9 Unix OS flavors -- Unix OS related resources

- **Memory system management and architecture:**

The Solaris memory system, sizing, tools and architecture: <http://www.sun.com/sun-on-net/performance/vmsizing.pdf>

4.10 Maintainers

Maintainer is the person(s) you should contact with updates, corrections and patches.

- Stas Bekman <[stas \(at\) stason.org](mailto:stas@stason.org)>

4.11 Authors

- Stas Bekman <[stas \(at\) stason.org](mailto:stas@stason.org)>

Only the major authors are listed above. For contributors see the Changes file.

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