Sane Times

Welcome to *SANE* 2004!

Well, *SANE* is already over. Time flies when you're having fun. Or when people try to stuff your head with lots of UNIX knowledge. And it really goes fast when you try to fill peoples heads with knowledge. The editors would therefor like to thank everyone who made *SANE* possible and giving us the chance to do the *SANE Times* once again. We hope you enjoyed it, if you happened to get a copy.

Hopefully we can all meet again at the next *SANE* conference. We've enjoyed ourselves a lot, we hope you did too. Oh, and if there was anything you didn't like, or something you actually liked a lot, please fill in the questionaire at the infodesk.

Conference photos now online!

Did you know that *SANE* conference pictures are already online at `http://www.nluug.nl/gallery/conference/sane2004/index.html`

LAME	SANE
WinFS	FAT
mobile phone	pub
sofa	IRC
crypto	foreign language
actors	rendering
RTP	STUN
10 bucks	peanut
lightbulb	LED

Patents, patents everywhere

Yesterday there was a lot of attention for software patents. For those of you who haven't followed the news (unlikely), software patents are becoming a reality in Europe too. The question is just in what form software patents will be allowed. Some large corporations are hoping for American style patents. Philips is actually threatening to move all European software development to Asia if we don't get software patents. Maybe they should do that anyway, as software patents in Asia are a lot more unlikely to happen than in Europe., which would benefit us all.

Fortunately for us, it appears that Microsoft has been denied a patent on the FAT filesystem. It seems we don't have to hack our cameras for this to read other filesystems.

Talking about hacking cameras, would that even be possible? Maybe: `http://uberhax0r.de/lixus`.

CAcert

You might have noticed people running around tying to get you a free X.509 certificate. You might think this is some pyramide scheme, but it's not. CAcert is a certificate authority that hands out free (not as in beer) X.509 certificates, for use with SSL. etcetera.

Interested in having a certificate? Then run over to the CAcert booth, or visit the website for more information: `http://www.cacert.org/`.

NLUUG Spring conference

You might have already found the Call for Papers in your conference bag, but if you missed it: the next NLUUG conference will be about "e-mail and beyond". Very interesting in our eyes, because e-mail used to be the "killer app" for the Internet, but lately it seems to be the "killing app".

From the editors...

For all those people leaving Amsterdam on Saturday, please make sure you go to the airport on time. There is a big anti-government demonstration planned, so it might be that traffic will be jammed. Don't say we didn't warn you!!

Want to be a participant in the InSANE Quiz? Then drop off your business card at the conference desk and be included in the completely fair quiz candidate draw!!

Goodbye, Hans. We'll miss you.

Winner of the best poster award: John Borwick! Congratulations!!

For everybody who tried to solve yesterday's puzzle and didn't succeed: you're not alone. Due to our 'l33t' PostScript and LaTeXskills (great for desktop publishing... NOT!) we accidentily deleted a few boats. Kudos to Ivana for spotting this so quickly (and solving the puzzle nevertheless).

SANE blogs

Blogging is the newest trend (this proves the *SANE Times* editors are definitely not following trends – ed.) and of course there are blogs about SANE too:

- http://www.uffish.net/

- http://bert.secret-wg.org/

- http://people.ee.ethz.ch/~oetiker/tobjour/

Puzzle HOWTO

On this grid you are looking for ships of varying length. These ships are not allowed to touch each other, not even diagonally. At the bottom of the puzzle you can see the ships you are to find in the grid.

The contents of some of the squares in the grid are given away: they show wavy lines for water, or a (part of a) ship as shown at the bottom of the page.

Along the right hand side of the grid are numbers indicating the number of squares in that row that are occupied, by ships or ship parts. Along the bottom of the grid are numbers indicating the number of squares in that column that are occupied, by ships or ship parts.

Your task: find all ships!

puzzle ID=142639438, difficulty: 3

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