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## **Amis Blog**

Title	Description	Publication Timestamp
<a href="#">My first steps with Oracle BI Publisher Enterprise Edition 10.1.3.2: create a report based on the OraBlogs rss-feed</a>	After receiving a new, pretty powerful laptop, on Thursday and installing the Oracle BI Enterprise Edition on Friday, this weekend sees my first steps with the BI Publisher (previously known as XML Publisher). My colleague Marcos is our (AMIS's) real expert in this area - you may have seen some of this articles on our [...]	Sun, 04 Feb 2007 23:52:11 GMT
<a href="#">How to programmatically add a CDATA section to an XML document (with the internal Xerces)</a>	This problem probably sounds very easy and it is actually very easy, but it took me so long to figure this out I think it's worth a blog. I'll also explain	Sat, 03 Feb 2007 20:23:50 GMT

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	how to generate and output xml documents with Xerces (bundled with Java)While working on a project with Oracle MapViewer I was doing some testing [...]	
<a href="#">Sizing Oracle EBS 12i</a>	<p>I wanted to find out how</p> <p>&amp;#8216;big&amp;#8217; the new Oracle EBS 12i release really is. So, I downloaded the software from Edelivery and created a stage area. From the stage area I started the rapidwiz to check the required disk space. Here is the required disk space for Oracle EBS 12i :</p> <p>[...]</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 18:22:24 GMT

## **Andrew Clarke**

Title	Description	Publication Timestamp
<a href="#">"Bootstrapping Web2.0": BCS SPA, 31-JAN-2007</a>	<p>According to presenter Adrian Van Emmenis this was "a brief, superficial and opinionated look at web technology past, present and future."</p> <p>In reality it was a splendid broadside against the current...&lt;br/&gt;</p> <p>&lt;br/&gt;</p> <p>[[ This is a content summary only. Visit my website for full</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 13:20:00 GMT

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	links, other content, and more! ]]	
<a href="#">USER != SCHEMA</a>	<p>Most of us tend to bandy around the terms USER and SCHEMA as if they were synonyms, but in Oracle they are different objects. USER is the account name, SCHEMA is the set of objects owned by that...&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;[[ This is a content summary only. Visit my website for full links, other content, and more! ]]</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 09:07:00 GMT

## *Doug Burns*

Title	Description	Publication Timestamp
<a href="#">Out in Time!</a>	<p>&lt;a href="http://www.ottawasun.com/News/BreakingNews/2007/02/04/3523790.html"&gt;Only just&lt;/a&gt;.</p>	Sun, 04 Feb 2007 22:54:37 GMT
<a href="#">asktom.oracle.com</a>	<p>&lt;p&gt;It's good to see Tom Kyte back in action after a brief hiatus from asktom, although good luck to him with his next one, because I'm sure it did him the world of good and an occasional break harms no-one. &lt;/p&gt;&lt;p&gt;Any way, this is a lovely,</p>	Sun, 04 Feb 2007 22:31:21 GMT

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	<p>succinct &lt;a href="http://asktom.oracle.com/pls/asktom/f?p=100:11:0:::P11_QUESTION_ID:87715900346154625"&gt;description of the strengths and weaknesses of Parallel Execution&lt;/a&gt;.&lt;/p&gt;&lt;p&gt;As for &lt;a href="http://asktom.oracle.com/pls/asktom/f?p=100:11:0:::P11_QUESTION_ID:88044800346500723"&gt;this one&lt;/a&gt;, I think it's best if I just duck and run &lt;img src="http://oracledoug.com/serendipity/templates/default/img/emoticons/wink.png" alt=";-)" style="display: inline; vertical-align: bottom;" class="emoticon" /&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>	
<p><a href="#">A Walk Round Parliament</a></p>	<p>&lt;p&gt;Now that I'm safe and sound at home, I'm going to catch up with a couple of blogs and then things will probably go quiet round here for a few days. I have a lot of work to catch up on, a simple home office to set up and the Hotsos deadline looms large. I've just about caught up with my email but I seem to have built up a small mound of errands by being away for four</p>	<p>Sun, 04 Feb 2007 21:50:31 GMT</p>

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	<p>weeks.</p> <p>Anyw ay, last week Paul Vallee took me for a quick tour around the area of the Canadian Parliament. It wasn't planned, just a brisk twenty minute walk. The Parliament's a pretty impressive building, but he particularly wanted me to see the following because he knows I like <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary_cats">cats</a>. These are just strays, but have been hanging around Parliament for years ...</p> <p></p> <p>... have been well looked after and this is their home now.</p> <p></p> <p>Next we saw the frozen estuary. Call me naive, but this was one of the highlights for me and I'm still trying to get my head around it. Imagine what I'd be like if they let me near the</p>	

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	<p>Arctic Circle?</p>  <p>Ottawa was full of interesting statues. Here are some famous suffragettes.</p>  <p>Here's a famous Queen in her younger years, along with a slightly scary looking company founder.</p>  <p>Suffice to say that Paul removed the balaclava before we walked into the bank building! (Actually, it was one of the coldest days of my trip and I could have done with one of those, too.)</p>	

## **Eric Rajkovic**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Publication Timestamp</b>
<a href="#">Santa, or a serious ramen shop for serious ramen fans.</a>	<p>Today was another farwell lunch; this time it's mine turn.</p> <p>The destination was Santa, a ramen place downtown San Mateo.</p> <p>The first time I eat there, about 5 years ago, was when I was interviewing for my current job position. Serge, Olivier, the only reel changes since that time are that the Japanese TV shows are no longer part of the 'atmosphere' and that you are both far away. Nilesch will be</p>	Sat, 03 Feb 2007 01:32:01 GMT

## **Frank Nimphius**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Publication Timestamp</b>
<a href="#">J2EE Security: Seam 1.1.5 - Application Security Frameworks to the Rescue</a>	<p>&lt;p&gt;All,&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;beside of ACEGI, ADF Security and others, a new application security framework is added to Seam 1.1.5&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://www.nabble.com/-Blog--Nice-post-from-Gavin-King-t2857873.html"&gt;[sr</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 14:51:22 GMT

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	<p data-bbox="496 293 778 898"> <i>"The most-requested feature in the Seam forums is security. Unfortunately, the security-related specifications did not go through the same process of self-examination and improvement in Java EE 5 that some other specifications (EJB) did, and so there is now a yawning hole, exactly where the platform should be strongest."</i> </p> <p data-bbox="496 931 778 1200">           (Today the most inadequate specifications in Java are the portlet spec, the atrocious servlet spec, and any JSR relating to security.)         </p> <p data-bbox="496 1234 778 1402">           Seam 1.1.5 will introduce Seam/Security, an extension to Seam that provides:         </p> <ul data-bbox="496 1435 778 1906" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* a usable authentication layer</li> <li>* an ACL based permissioning model</li> <li>* an optional (customizable) user/role model</li> <li>* a totally cool (at least we think so) authorization mechanism</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="496 1939 778 2007">           based upon EL and Drools         </p>	



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	<p data-bbox="496 293 767 591">&lt;p&gt;The permissioning model lets you do "row level" security by writing rules that refer to the actual object instance that we are checking permissions for.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="496 629 767 860">&lt;p&gt;A subsequent release will also provide a console for administration of permissions, users/roles and rules. "&lt;/i&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="496 898 767 1167">&lt;p&gt;There seems to be an industry trend towards application security frameworks that come to the rescue for insufficient security definitions in the J2EE spec. &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="496 1205 767 1608">&lt;p&gt;Does this mean that standard container managed J2EE security is no longer sufficient to protect modern web applications ? Yes ! And I can point you to SUN's Core Security Patterns book that states the same. &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="496 1646 767 2031">&lt;p&gt;As nobody seems to be happy with the default security in J2EE, security frameworks come to the rescue. But is this really the solution to the problem? Or should we all roll up our sleeves and start a new JSR on a</p>	

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	<p>standard - improved  - pluggable security framework in J2EE that runs as an application within J2EE containers?  Not sure. &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;Do developers really care about standards, or are they happy with proprietary solutions  - open source or commercial - as long as these solutions meet the security needs and as long as they are portable to other J2EE containers and Identity Management systems? &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;What is needed to successfully secure Ajax applications? Can a standard be developed fast and flexible enough to keep up with short Ajax innovation cycles ? Or does Ajax require a non J2EE standard application security framework, which could be the outcome of security work in the Open Ajax Alliance? &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;Security in Ajax HAS to work on the client and the server, sharing the same policy and APIs with a working identity propagation. So far it seems that container managed security</p>	

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	<p>doesn't work well for Ajax requirements and and that a hidden deprecation flag starts becoming visible.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;So go application security frameworks go!? Maybe.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;Knowing what we have in ADF Security today and what we are working on for JDeveloper 11 and beyond, I am happy to see that ADF Security is a solid solution to the Ajax security challenge and an answer for missing security functionality J2EE. Its a solid proof of concept that application security frameworks work. Another proofpoint is Acegi in Spring.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;Information about ADF Security are provided in the Oracle® WebCenter Framework Developer's Guide. See &lt;a href="http://download-west.oracle.com/docs/cd/B32110_01/webcenter.1013/b31074/jpsdg_security.htm#CDDGCDAH"&gt;chapter 8 "Securing Your WebCenter Application"&lt;/a&gt; for how to configure and use it.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;However, it leaves a bad taste to</p>	

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	<p>the J2EE platform if it doesn't come with sufficient native security features. Imagine Unix without security - would this have worked? &lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;In J2EE this seems to work because we all consider us security experts that are happy to hand code security where we need it. And we like doing this in an afterthought because its all so easy. Not so.&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;So yes, go application security frameworks go!&lt;/p&gt;</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;Frank&lt;/p&gt;</p>	

## **Grant Ronald**

Title	Description	Publication Timestamp
<a href="#">Tip for refreshing Swing GUI editor</a>	<p>&lt;p&gt;I've been roadtesting Swing development in JDeveloper over the past couple of weeks and "struggling" with the infamous Swing layout managers. One issue I hit was when I embeded an instance of a panel inside another panel, and I changed anything in the class of the embeded panel. You could</p>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007 15:43:56 GMT</p>

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	<p>see the change in the WYSIWYG editor, but in the panel in which it was embeded, you didn't see that change.&lt;/p&gt;           &lt;p&gt;Even when I closed the editor or did a View -&gt; Refresh... but now I have the answer...&lt;br /&gt;           &lt;a href="http://grounds.de.com/blog/GrantRonald?p=534&amp;amp;more=1&amp;amp;c=1&amp;amp;tb=1&amp;amp;pb=1#more534"&gt;[...] Read more!&lt;/a&gt;           &lt;/p&gt; </p>	

## **Justin Kestelyn**

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<a href="#">The Oracle Linux Kernel Team Opens Up</a>	<p>We just published a &lt;a href="http://feeds.feedburner.com/%7Er/OTN_TechCasts/%7E3/85096498/5281494.mp3"&gt;podcast interview with Zach Brown&lt;/a&gt;, the Oracle Linux Kernel Team member working on RDS and AIO. The interview previously podcasted interview with his colleague &lt;a href="http://feeds.feedburner.com/%7Er/OTN_TechCasts/%7E3/58766846/5194226.mp3"&gt;Chris</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 18:09:33 GMT

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	<p>Mason was a huge hit - it was the second most popular show we've ever done in fact.</p> <p>As an aside, I had the rare opportunity to lunch with Oracle co-founder Ed Oates and Ken Jacobs yesterday. To hear those two guys trading war stories about Oracle's very early days was a great treat - neither one of them ever imagined that the company would reach its current size and scope. "What do all these people do?", asked Ed rhetorically....</p>	

## **Olaf Heimburger**

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<a href="#">The Week of New Software Releases</a>	<p>This week was really busy for us to keep up-to-date with software releases. I don't know who started first but I found new versions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index_jdk5.jsp">http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index_jdk5.jsp</a> Sun JDK 1.5.0 update 11 </li> <li> <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/sql/i">http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/sql/i</a> </li> </ul>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007 15:16:26 GMT</p>

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	<p>index.html?rssid=rss_otn_soft"&gt;Oracle SQL Developer 1.1 Update</p> <p>1&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/jdev/htdocs/soft10132.html"&gt;Oracle JDeveloper 10.1.3.2 (WebCenter)&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/ias/htdocs/101310.html"&gt;Oracle WebCenter Suite (AS 10.1.3.2)&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/ias/htdocs/101320bi.html"&gt;Oracle BI Enterprise Edition Suite (10.1.3.1)&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/timesten/index.html?rssid=rss_otn_soft"&gt;Oracle TimesTen 6.0.8&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ul&gt;&lt;br&gt;Migrating to from JDev 10.1.3.1 to 10.1.3.2 was a snap, but you should be aware that the JHeadstart Add-in doesn't work at the moment, but should be fixed soon (see &lt;a href="http://blogs.oracle.com/jheadstart/2007/01/30#a131"&gt;JHeadstart Team Blog&lt;/a&gt;).&lt;br&gt;</p>	

## **Patrick Wolf**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Publication Timestamp</b>
<a href="#">ApexLib release 1.01 available</a>	<p>Just have uploaded a new release.</p> <p>This release includes some enhancements for the Page Flow Diagram Generator. It now scans the region source (SQL Statements, HTML source, PL/SQL code) for page links. So you should get much more page links now.</p> <p>I have also fixed a bug when labels included HTML tags or double quotes which disturbed Graphviz.</p> <p>This release also contains two bug fixes for browser</p>	Sat, 03 Feb 2007 02:43:13 GMT

## **Paul Vallee**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Publication Timestamp</b>
<a href="#">Oracle 10.2.0.3 CRS - Missed Heart Beats Format in ocssd.log</a>	<p>Oracle CRS 10.2.0.3 patchset changed the logging of missed heartbeats by CSS. Here is example how heartbeats misses are logged in ocssd.log in 10.2.0.3:</p> <p>[ CSSD]2007-02-02 14:41:06.867</p>	Sun, 04 Feb 2007 18:17:04 GMT



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	<p>[1199618400]            &gt;WARNING:            classnmPollingThread            : node node1 (1) at            50% heartbeat fatal,            eviction in 29.440            seconds            [            CSSD]2007-02-02            14:41:21.865            [1199618400]            &gt;WARNING:            classnmPollingThread            : node node1 (1) at            75% [...]</p>	
<p><a href="#">Cock &amp; Lion Ale House</a></p>	<p>Doug Burns has spent 4 weeks in our Ottawa office and now he is back home to Madeline and boys. Yesterday, before he left, we had the lunch at Cock &amp; Lion Ale House:</p> <p>Food wasn't the best for me (I got fish and chips) - but very nice and cozy place and they did have [...]</p>	<p>Sat, 03 Feb 2007            15:53:23 GMT</p>
<p><a href="#">RMAN reports, or What Is the ETA of My Backup?</a></p>	<p>Over-the-Top Tales from the Trenches.            Motto: Bringing order to the chaos of every day DBA life.            Dear Diary,            Are we there yet?            How much farther?            Ever heard this during a recovery of a downed database?            The poor thing has either a minor scratch, requires immediate attention, or is dead on arrival (DOA).            You could cut the tension in the air with [...]</p>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007            21:47:12 GMT</p>

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<a href="#">Log Buffer #30: a Carnival of the Vanities for DBAs</a>	<p>Welcome to the thirtieth edition of Log Buffer, the weekly review of database blogs. We start with an item on O'Reilly Radar by Tim O'Reilly: Data is the Intel Inside. Tim shows some evidence in favour of the notion that, in the post-Web-2.0 world (Web 2.0; being a coinage of his own), where data and [...]</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 17:26:34 GMT
<a href="#">MySQL Recipes: Connections per hostname Using Pager</a>	<p>Over-the-Top Tales from the Trenches. Motto: Bringing order to the chaos of every day DBA life. This diary has made you conversant in the world of RMAN standbys, duplicates and corruptions; exposed you to the world the hidden nature of shmmax. You have seen the nastiness of Oracle MONTHS_BETWEEN. What more worlds and mysteries are left [...]</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 14:42:45 GMT

## **Pete Finnigan**

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<a href="#">Users and Schemas</a>	<p>&lt;p&gt; I saw Andrew Clarke's blog entry today titled " USER</p>	Fri, 02 Feb 2007 17:54:38 GMT

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	<p>!= SCHEMA " and read it with interest. I did quite a detailed blog post about CREATE SCHEMA over a year ago. The post is titled "CREATE SCHEMA ...&lt;a href="http://www.petefinnigan.com/weblog/archives/00001000.htm"&gt;[Read More]&lt;/a&gt; &lt;/p&gt;&lt;p&gt;Posted by Pete On 02/02/07 At 05:53 PM&lt;/p&gt;</p>	

## **Ric Smith**

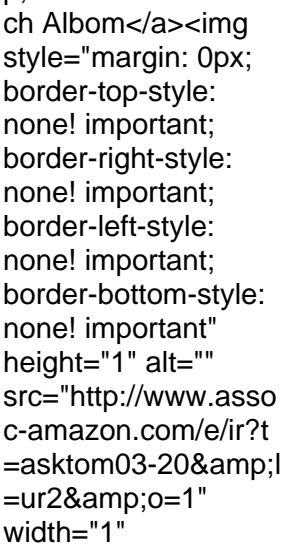
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<a href="#">links for 2007-02-03</a>	<p>Enterprise 2.0: Grassroots Mashups + SOA = Managed Mashups ?        &amp;#8220;SOA has met with success and acceptance because of its ability to meld together so many disparate systems, uniting data by tunneling between isolated information silos. But Web 2.0?s mashup combinations using technologies like RSS, REST and AJAX is ach        (tags: mashups web2.0 sao webservices)</p>	<p>Sat, 03 Feb 2007 23:25:32 GMT</p>

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	The Software Abstractions [...]	
<a href="#">links for 2007-02-02</a>	<p>Enterprise mashups get ready for prime-time &amp;#8220;Last year we witnessed the rise of consumer mashups on the Web, with hundreds of individual mashup-based Web applications being released in 2006 alone. I covered this phenomenon in detail in my year-end mashup wrap-up, but now this innovation in software (tags: enterprise2.0 web2.0)</p> <p>Big software firms take aim at Web 2.0 &amp;#8220;While [...]</p>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007 23:38:43 GMT</p>

## **Shay Shmeltzer**

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<a href="#">Is that a Portlet in your JSF? or are you just happy to see me?</a>	<p>How do you get a Portlet to work inside a JSF page? Easily...</p>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007 19:10:25 GMT</p>

## **Thomas Kyte**

Title	Description	Publication Timestamp
<a href="#">Asimov...</a>	<p>I really like science fiction - if I am reading for fun, it is usually in that category (usually, not always - last book I re-read for fun was this one by <a href="http://www.amazon.com/gp/redirect.html?ie=UTF8&amp;location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FFive-People-You-Meet-Heaven%2Fdp%2F0786868716%2Fsr%3D1-1%2Fqid%3D1170520795%3Fie%3DUTF8%26s%3Dbooks&amp;ttag=asktom03-20&amp;linkCode=ur2&amp;camp=1789&amp;creative=9325">Mitch Albom</a>).  Someone reminded me of this sci-fi fact via email yesterday referring to a recent <a href="http://pages.citibite.com/j9k8n6g1shvw">blog entry</a> of mine:</p>	Sat, 03 Feb 2007 16:48:40 GMT

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	<p><em>That's two of his older stories I've seen on the web in the last two days.</em></p> <p><a href="http://infohost.nmt.edu/%7Emlindsey/asimov/question.htm">This</a> is one of my (and Asimov's ) personal favorites.</p> <p><a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/tkyte/378400098/">Photo Sharing</a></p>  <p>Isaac Asimov - one of my all time favorites. As you can see from the spines - those books have been read (and most more than once). I first read them growing up and now that I re-read them, still enjoy the stories. Maybe even more since I'm sure some of the adult humor didn't quite hit me as a boy.</p> <p>I've recently read all of the works of a relative new comer to the sci-fi scene - <a href="http://www.amazon.com/gp/search?ie=UTF8&amp;key">a</a></p>	

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	<p>words=Alastair%20Reynolds&amp;tag=asktom03-20&amp;index=books&amp;linkCode=ur2&amp;camp=1789&amp;creative=9325"&gt;Alastair Reynolds&lt;/a&gt;&lt;img style="margin: 0px; border-top-style: none! important; border-right-style: none! important; border-left-style: none! important; border-bottom-style: none! important" height="1" alt="" src="http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=asktom03-20&amp;l=ur2&amp;o=1" width="1" border="0"&gt;. &amp;nbsp;</p> <p>If your are interested in seeing of you like his style - I strongly recommend &lt;a href="http://www.amazon.com/gp/redirect.html?ie=UTF8&amp;location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FCentury-Rain-Alastair-Reynolds%2Fdp%2FB000EPFVCS%2Fsr%3D1-7%2Fqid%3D1170520505%3Fie%3DUTF8%26s%3Dbooks&amp;tag=asktom03-20&amp;linkCode=ur2&amp;camp=1789&amp;creative=9325"&gt;Century Rain&lt;/a&gt;&lt;img style="margin: 0px; border-top-style: none! important; border-right-style: none! important; border-left-style: none! important;</p>	

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	<p>border-bottom-style: none! important" height="1" alt="" src="http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=asktom03-20&amp;l=ur2&amp;o=1" width="1" border="0"&gt;.&amp;nbsp; I read it this summer - it is a combination "romance, sci-fi, mystery thriller" all rolled into one.&lt;/p&gt;&lt;p&gt;My son Alan (14, the opposite of my age 41)&amp;nbsp;had exams the other week and during that week he would have some down time to fill.&amp;nbsp; So he asked me for a book to read and I gave him that one.&amp;nbsp; First day he came back - it was half read and he really liked it.&amp;nbsp; Now he is onto the rest of the series.&amp;nbsp; Sort of nice that a book like that can appeal to such a broad range of ages (either that, or I'm easily amused or Alan is really sophisticated :)&lt;/p&gt;&lt;p&gt;I have in my wish list on amazon.com the soon to be released next book of his, &lt;a href="http://www.amazon.com/gp/redirect.html?ie=UTF8&amp;location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fgp%2Fproduct%2F0441015131%3Fie%3DUTF8%26c</p>	



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<p><a href="#">Test Cases...</a></p>	<p>&lt;p&gt;A couple of days ago, Peter Scott had an interesting post on &lt;a href="http://pjsrandom.wordpress.com/2007/01/30/sending-test-cases-to-support/"&gt;test cases&lt;/a&gt;. &amp;nbsp; I agree 100% with the sentiment expressed there. &amp;nbsp; If you search for "&lt;a href="http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&amp;safe=off&amp;amp;client=firefox-a&amp;amp;rls=org.mozilla%3Aen-US%3Aofficial&amp;amp;hs=6jy&amp;amp;q=site%3Atkyte.blogspot.com+%22test+case%22&amp;btnG=Search"&gt;test case&lt;/a&gt;" on my blog here you'll get snippets like:&lt;/p&gt; &lt;blockquote&gt; &lt;p&gt;Give me a short &lt;b&gt;test case&lt;/b&gt;. Something small, yet 100% complete. Concise - but self contained. Remove anything not relevant</p>	<p>Fri, 02 Feb 2007 14:28:07 GMT</p>

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	<p>to the problem.</p> <p><b></b></p> <p>Tiny is good, but complete is a requirement. 999 times out of 1,000 - when I build these myself - I find my own mistake or omission.</p> <p>Test cases are so very important. And seriously - most of the times when I build them, I find my own mistake or find a workaround to the problem at hand.</p> <p>And if I don't, someone else will see it - it will be digestible, small, easy enough to understand.</p> <p>I see Tim Hall has "<a href="http://www.oracle-base.com/blog/2007/02/02/middle-tier-diet/">weighed in</a>" (weighed in - get it :) on my <a href="http://tkyte.blogspot.com/2007/02/how-to-scale.html">last blog entry</a>. I laughed out loud at his last sentence, the conclusion - very nice.</p>	

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