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# *press release*

## **UKUUG presents: - Tim O'Reilly**

UKUUG holds occasional, open (and free) talks for leading lights in the IT world to give a topical talk to IT professionals (both UKUUG members and non-members). Speakers over the last year or so have included *Vint Cerf, James Gosling, Eric Raymond and Richard Stallman*.

We are pleased to announce the next meeting will be held on:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 p.m.**

**at Cruciform Lecture Theatre 1, University College London,  
Gower Street, London WC1.**

**Speaker:** Tim O'Reilly (see below) [http://www.oreilly.com/oreilly/tim\\_bio.html](http://www.oreilly.com/oreilly/tim_bio.html)

**Title of talk: 'The Pause Before the Next Wave'**

With this year's high-tech slowdown in full swing, programmers, web developers, system administrators, and other IT professionals are suddenly facing an uncertain future, as their stock options go underwater and layoffs replace seemingly bottomless demand for people with tech skills. The dotcom party has turned into an industry-wide hangover. But can this really be the end of an era?"

According to Tim, "Personally, I think this is just a breather before the forward momentum resumes. I can't say how long the breather will take, but I can say with some certainty that the next boom will be even bigger than the last. We're on the verge of fundamental technology shifts as profound as the rise of the personal computer in the mid 80s or the coming of the Web and the mass-market Internet in the early 90s".

*Tim O'Reilly is founder and president of O'Reilly & Associates, thought by many to be the best computer book publisher in the world. In addition to publishing books, O'Reilly has also been a pioneer in the popularization of the Internet. O'Reilly's Global Network Navigator site (GNN, which was sold to America Online in September 1995) was the first Web portal and the first true commercial site on the World Wide Web.*

**Booking is not necessary. Doors open at 6.00 p.m.**

**Please note it may be advisable to arrive in plenty of time as entry will be on a 'first come' basis.**

**Further details can be found on our website: <http://www.ukuug.org/events/>**

*The UKUUG was formed to represent users of UNIX and Open systems in the UK. It uniquely caters for the needs of people in this area and is completely independent of specific hardware and software vendors. All profits are used to further the activities of the organisation.*

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