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UKUUG Award 2005

UKUUG (the UKÕs Unix and Open Systems User Group) has made its 2005 Award to Christopher Gutteridge of the School of Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton, for his work on the Open Archive Software: GNU EPrints.

UKUUG makes this annual award to give particular recognition to the development of free and open source software in the UK. Christopher wins a trip to the Open Source Convention in Portland, OR, USA, and support with costs thanks to O'Reilly, organizers of the convention and Gold Sponsors of the UKUUG Award, and a £500 cash prize from UKUUG.

ÒEPrints is both a practical tool and the crystallization of a philosophyÓ said Christopher. ÒIt enables research to be accessible to all, and provides the foundation for all academic institutions to create their own research repositoriesÓ

The School of Electronics and Computer Science has been one of the prime movers in the global movement towards open access publishing. The University of Southampton is the first UK university to announce that it would be establishing its own institutional repository and requiring all its academic staff to self-archive their research.

The judges noted as ÒHighly CommendedÓ Dr Thomas LeonardÕs work on the free software projects ROX Desktop *(a graphical desktop for Linux and Unix type systems, that he created to combine the elegance of the filer-centric RISC OS with the power of Linux)* and Zero Install *(which combines the simplicity of application bundles with the automatic dependency handling of package managers)*. Thomas was awarded his PhD in Computer Science last summer (2004) from the University of Southampton and now works there in its School of Electronics and Computer Science.

Notes to Editors

1. Further information about GNU EPrints is available at:
   http://eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/
   http://software.eprints.org/press
   http://software.eprints.org/archives.php

2. Further information about ROX Desktop and Zero Install is available at:
   http://rox.sourceforge.net/
   http://zero-install.sourceforge.net/

3. Photographs of Christopher Gutteridge by Grant Lynch:
   http://www.ukuug.org/images/CGutteridge_web.jpg
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The UKUUG (the UK's Unix and open systems User Group) is a non-profit organization and technical forum for the advocacy of Unix and Unix-like operating systems, the promotion of open-source software, and the advancement of open programming standards and networking protocols.

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