Short Topics Booklets

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The Short Topics in System Administration series of booklets are intended to fill a void in the current information structure, presenting topics in a thorough, refereed fashion but staying small and flexible enough to grow with the community.

Number 12 in the series, *Building a Logging Infrastructure*, by Abe Singer and Tina Bird, appeared first at LISA '04. As of March 1, a new booklet, *A Sysadmins' Guide to Oracle*, by Ben Rockwood, was beginning a technical review, and it should be in production early this summer. A contract has gone out to Xev Gittler and William Charles for a booklet with the working title *Being Root*, providing guidelines for working as the root user, focusing on best practices, tools, and ethics.

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