## **Scripting News 2009: The Year in Review**

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Scripting News is a daily blog about the web, journalism, and open source software. This book is a collection of the best posts from 2009.



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In 2009, the web continued to evolve at a rapid pace. New technologies emerged, such as HTML5 and CSS3, and new ways of using the web were developed, such as social media and mobile web applications.

The future of journalism was also a major topic of discussion in 2009. The traditional model of journalism, based on print newspapers and magazines, was increasingly challenged by the rise of online news sources. Many newspapers and magazines were forced to close or downsize, and journalists were laid off in large numbers.

In response to these challenges, many journalists began to experiment with new ways of delivering news. Some started their own blogs, while others joined online news organizations. New forms of journalism, such as data journalism and investigative journalism, also emerged.

Open source software continued to play a major role in the development of the web. Many of the most popular web technologies, such as the Linux operating system and the Apache web server, are open source. Open source software is also used to develop many of the most popular web applications, such as WordPress and Drupal.

The rise of open source software has been a major factor in the growth of the web. Open source software is free to use and modify, which makes it easier for developers to create new web technologies and applications.

Scripting News 2009 is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to stay up-to-date on the latest developments in web technology, journalism, and open source software. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the future of the web.

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#### Chapter 1: The Web in 2009

The web continued to evolve at a rapid pace in 2009. New technologies emerged, such as HTML5 and CSS3, and new ways of using the web were

developed, such as social media and mobile web applications.

One of the most significant developments in 2009 was the rise of HTML5. HTML5 is a new version of the HTML markup language that allows developers to create more interactive and engaging web pages.

HTML5 includes a number of new features, such as support for video and audio, canvas elements, and local storage. These features make it possible to create web applications that are more like native applications.

Another major development in 2009 was the rise of CSS3. CSS3 is a new version of the CSS style language that allows developers to create more complex and sophisticated web pages.

CSS3 includes a number of new features, such as support for gradients, rounded corners, and shadows. These features make it possible to create web pages that are more visually appealing.

The rise of social media was another major trend in 2009. Social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, allow users to connect with each other and share information.

Social media has become a powerful force in the world, and it has had a significant impact on the web. Social media sites are now used by billions of people around the world, and they are used for a wide variety of purposes, such as staying in touch with friends and family, sharing news, and promoting businesses.

The rise of mobile web applications was another major trend in 2009. Mobile web applications are web applications that are designed to be used on mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets.

Mobile web applications are becoming increasingly popular, as more and more people use mobile devices to access the web. Mobile web applications offer a number of advantages over native applications, such as the fact that they can be used on any mobile device and they do not require installation.

#### **Chapter 2: The Future of Journalism**

The future of journalism was a major topic of discussion in 2009. The traditional model of journalism, based on print newspapers and magazines, was increasingly challenged by the rise of online news sources.

Many newspapers and magazines were forced to close or downsize, and journalists were laid off in large numbers. In response to these challenges, many journalists began to experiment with new ways of delivering news.

Some journalists started their own blogs, while others joined online news organizations. New forms of journalism, such as data journalism and investigative journalism, also emerged.

Data journalism is a type of journalism that uses data to tell stories. Data journalists use data to investigate and analyze issues, and they often create visualizations to help readers understand the data.

Investigative journalism is a type of journalism that investigates and exposes wrongng. Investigative journalists often work on long-term projects, and they often use a variety of sources to get information. The rise of new forms of journalism is a positive development, as it shows that there is still a demand for high-quality journalism. However, the future of journalism is still uncertain.

The traditional model of journalism is facing a number of challenges, and it is unclear how these challenges will be overcome. However, one thing is clear: the future of journalism will be different from the past.

#### Chapter 3: Open Source Software

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The rise of open source software has been a major factor in the growth of the web. Open source software is free to use and modify, which makes it easier for developers to create new web technologies and applications.

One of the most significant benefits of open source software is that it allows developers to collaborate on projects. This collaboration leads to faster development and more innovative products.

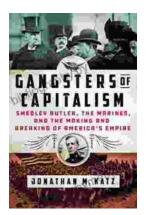
Another benefit of open source software is that it is more secure. Open source software is constantly being reviewed by developers around the world, which makes it more difficult for hackers to find and exploit vulnerabilities. The future of open source software is bright. As the web continues to grow, open source software will play an increasingly important role in its development.

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