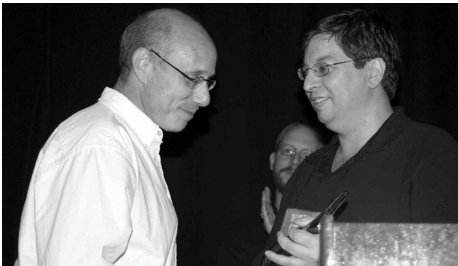


FLAME AND STUG AWARDS

2007 FLAME AWARD WINNER:
PETER HONEYMAN

The USENIX Lifetime Achievement Award (“The Flame”) recognizes and celebrates singular contributions to the UNIX community of both intellectual achievement and service that are not recognized in any other forum.



Peter Honeyman receiving the Flame Award from Matt Blaze at the 2007 USENIX Annual Technical Conference

In the words of the presentation: Dr. Peter Honeyman has had a profound and lasting impact on the field of computer science. While many know Peter for his seminal contributions to computing systems, such as Honey DanBer UUCP and Disconnected AFS, it is his efforts as a mentor that we wish to honor with the USENIX Lifetime Achievement Award. Peter’s often highly unconventional stewardship of the countless students, researchers, and advisees he has touched is the stuff of graduate student legend. His penetratingly insightful (and potentially hazardous) questions and comments, combined with a paradoxically unflinching loyalty, consistently have led those under his tutelage to the pinnacle of achievement

in security, systems, and networking. Peter’s questioning during conferences and doctoral defenses, although sometimes frightening, always demanded better from those of us who attempt to advance science.

We also wish to honor Peter’s mentorship of the technology community: few people have so selflessly shared their time and counsel to ensure a lasting venue for high-quality discourse. In particular, his efforts as supporter and Board member have been instrumental in the birth, growth, and continuing success of USENIX.

2007 STUG AWARD WINNER:
GUIDO VAN ROSSUM

The STUG award recognizes significant contributions to the community that reflect the spirit and character demonstrated by those who came together in the Software Tools User Group (STUG). Recipients of the annual STUG award conspicuously exhibit a contribution to the reusable code-base available to all and/or the provision of a significant enabling technology to users in a widely available form.



Guido van Rossum accepting the STUG Award at the 2007 USENIX Annual Technical Conference

In the words of the presentation: The Python programming language is known for many things. Most important, it pays homage to *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*. It is a dynamic, object-oriented language with simple, yet efficient, high-level data structures. Guido van Rossum, the originator of Python, emphasized read-

ability and ease of use and reuse. Python’s elegance has made it an increasingly attractive tool for scripting, rapid application development, and general programming. We believe that developers are attracted to Python because such thought was put into making the syntax obvious and simple; for instance, Python, unlike most other dynamic languages, uses indentation to group statements.

In an article describing his first experiences with Python, Eric S. Raymond wrote, “The long-term usefulness of a language comes not in its ability to support clever hacks, but from how well and how unobtrusively it supports the day-to-day work of programming” (quote from www.python.org/about/success/esr/). Python is open source, free software. In fulfillment of van Rossum’s original goals, the community of Python programmers has spread across multiple operating systems and hardware platforms.

In light of his contributions in the STUG spirit and to the realization of a major enabling technology, USENIX recognizes Guido van Rossum with the 2007 STUG Award.