

OSCON's return to Portland is set

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Travel Portland, the city's convention and visitor agency, confirms what [Rick Turoczy reported this morning](#) on the Silicon Florist Blog -- OSCON will, in fact, be back in Portland next July.

The conference runs July 19 to 23, according to Travel Portland spokeswoman Deborah Wakefield, and OSCON estimates 1,500 will attend.

The weeklong O'Reilly Open Source Convention was the largest national conference held annually in Portland until it moved to San Jose this year. Organizers said Portland's convention facilities were too small, adding that they considered travel to Portland too expensive given the recession.

But this year's event met with mixed reviews in San Jose, and [organizers told attendees](#) they expected to be back in Portland in 2010.

In OSCON's absence, Portland hosted two new open source conferences this year -- Open Source Bridge, organized by grass-roots volunteers, and LinuxCon, put on by the Linux Foundation.

[Open Source Bridge](#) organizers have committed to returning to Portland in 2010, but haven't announced a date. [LinuxCon](#) will be in Boston next year.

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