

# Apachecon 2008

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Sheraton Hotel on Canal Street

What a great conference to attend: Informative and entertaining. Not many "geek" conferences are considered fun, but ApacheCon 2008 in New Orleans was a blast! Mainly because on Nov. 6th at 7:30pm, HotWax Media and Brainfood.com put together a New Orleans Style funeral with marching brass band and marched down Canal Street with police escort. This funeral was to celebrate the death of commercial proprietary closed-source software. A few people carried a fake casket behind a 8 member brass band leading about 200 conference attendees and some restaurant/bar patrons to the Howling Wolf bar to watch the Rebirth Brass Band do their thing. They're an amazing band, they covered many songs and I recommend checking them out if you get the chance. It was a great experience; definitely one I will never forget.

The speakers at the conference were great. All were prepared, no one was fumbling through their slides or notes; there were no audio/video troubles. I was able to audio record some of the sessions and many of the presenters provided their presentation materials. I am already looking forward to the ApacheCon2009 in Oakland, CA Thanks to Charel Morris for the personal help in getting my conference pass.