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here's a useful line-up of Hands On pages for you this month. We see the start of a **new** Workshop series which takes you through the do's and don'ts of creating your own web site. It kicks off with a look at designing your web site layout and covers some basic HTML code words. There is also our mini series on mixing and **mastering** in the *Sound* section: Steven Helstrip works through the dilemmas of mixing and mastering audio to CD and coping with equalisation. And, you should mind your language in this month's PDA pages. If you want to get started in **OPL**, Mark Whitehorn takes you through the finer points of programming your **Psion** and shows that it can actually be fun. And for those Windows NT enthusiasts who think the fun is a long way off when it comes to remote administration, worry not: Andrew Ward tackles working from afar. If cartography grabs you, route your way to Ken McMahon's easy recipe for producing maps in Adobe Illustrator 8. And, don't miss the third part of our

**Linux** operating system workshop.

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