

# Open Source Software Award

The winners of the 2008 University Co-op Robert W. Hamilton Book Awards were announced in mid-fall 2008. The Hamilton Award recognizes the highest literary achievement of published authors at The University of Texas at Austin. The awards are named in honor of Professor Robert W. Hamilton, former chairperson of the University Co-op's board of directors and the Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law at The University of Texas School of Law. Each year, the Hamilton Awards recognize excellence in books and articles published by faculty and staff.

In 2008 the scope of the awards was extended to include open source software by establishing the University Co-op Open Source Software Award. A team of staff and students from Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin (ARL:UT), won the award for their platform-independent GPS Toolkit <<http://www.gpstk.org>>. The GPS Toolkit provides a wide array of functions for processing Global Positioning System (GPS) observations. Researchers can use the toolkit to perform standard manipulations that must typically be performed when processing GPS data. Reuse of the well-tested and proven toolkit code allows researchers to focus their creative effort on the



parts of the problem that are unique to their research. Team members from ARL:UT's Space and Geophysics Laboratory include Tracie Conn, Thomas Gaussiran, Robert Harris, Anthony Hughes, Chris Kieschnick, Jon Little, Richard Mach, David Munton, Brent Renfro, Brian Tolman, and Johnathan Vorce.