



# the SKYNET project

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I am the current President of the University of Limerick Computer Society ([www.skynet.ie](http://www.skynet.ie)). Next year I hope to celebrate our 15 years in operation as the oldest Computer Society in Ireland with a Computer Conference.

During the last number of years we have the Skynet Talks Series, where we have had lectures, members of Industry and graduates of UL back to talk on topics they are working on or have a deep interest in. This has proved very successful. Speakers such as Prof David Parnas, Mel Gorman, Alan Cox and Dave Wilson have all been guest speakers here in UL.

This year to celebrate Skynet's 15th Birthday we would like to top this by hosting SkyCon. This would be a conference that would cater for a greater number of guest speakers and a larger audience. I would hope to have this in February 2007 over the course of a weekend. The date has not been set yet, as I would hope to confirm this date when I know guest speakers such as yourself are interested in attending. We would hope to have it on Saturday and Sunday the 10/11 or 17/18 or the weekend of the 24/25 of February 2007

This event would be open to all UL Students and Staff, and all Computer Societies in Ireland as well as all user groups and anyone who would have an interest in the topics. If you would be interested in speaking at SkyCon, please mail me back with which ever weekend or all weekends that would suit and possibly a topic in mind. We would hope that we could get discussions on topics such as Open Source, Impact of GPLv3, Software Patents and their impact on FOSS? If you had any other suggestions or ideas I would like to hear from you. We would hope to cover your travel expenses and accommodation.

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