Everything You Wanted To Know About Blogs
But Didn’t Know How, Who, Or What To Ask
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Anatomy of a Blog

- Post Date
- Title
- Body or Entry
- Permalink

Can include:
- Comments
- Category or tag
- Trackback
- Blogroll
How Do I Create A Blog?
• User Hosted
• Developer Hosted

How blogs are made

A variety of different systems are used to create and maintain blogs. Dedicated server-based systems can eliminate the need for bloggers to manage this software. With web interfaces, these systems allow travelers to blog from anywhere on the Internet, and allow users to create blogs without having to maintain their own server. Such systems allow users to work with tools such as Ecto, Elicit and w.bloggar which allow users to maintain their Web-hosted blog without the need to be online while composing or editing posts. Blog creation tools and blog hosting are also provided by some Web hosting companies (Tripod), Internet service providers (America Online), online publications (Salon.com) and internet portals (Yahoo! 360º or Google). Some advanced users have developed custom blogging systems from scratch using server-side software, and often implement membership management and password protected areas. Others have created blogs using wiki software, such as the Wikimedia platform. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog#How_blogs_are_made>
## Create an account

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You'll use this to sign in for future visits.

Must be at least 6 characters long.

Enter it again just to be sure.

The name used to sign your blog posts.

We will never share your address with third parties without your permission.

Indicate that you have read and understand Blogger's Terms of Service.

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2 Name your blog

Blog title
My Blog

Blog address (URL)
http://myblog.blogspot.com

Word Verification
nknlvf

OR

Advanced Setup
Want to host your blog somewhere else? Try Advanced Blog Setup. This will allow you to host your blog somewhere other than Blogspot.

CONTINUE
Choose a template

Choose a custom look for your blog.
You can easily change the template later or even create your own custom template design once your blog is set up.
Test

My first post

POSTED BY SCOTT AT 3:46 PM  0 COMMENTS
Clients

Maintenance through the internet is a nearly-universal feature of weblog software. This is usually done through a browser-based interface, enabling the author to update the site using the same client software used to view its contents. Some software supports the use of specialized client software to update sites, such an applet running on an internet-connected workstation or on a PDA, or a client that can run offline and/or interface with a variety of weblog server applications, such w.bloggar or Ecto. - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weblog_software
What Uses Do Blogs Have In Education?
Educational

Students can use blogs to record what they learn and teachers can use blogs to record what they teach. For example, a teacher can blog a course - specifying what homework students are required to carry out, including links to Internet resources, and recording day-by-day what is taught. This application has many advantages: (1) a student can quickly catch-up if they miss a class; (2) the teacher can use the blog as a course plan; and (3) the blog serves as an accurate summary of the course that prospective students or new teachers can refer to. Blogging can also be used to record class excursions and to create electronic "scrapbooks" of student life.
Class Portal

Publish course curriculum, syllabus, class rules, homework, rubrics, handouts, and presentations

Very similar to Blackboard or other course management systems

Reduces need to make paper copies and duplicates for lost copies

Reduces “I didn’t know we had homework”

E-mail sent everytime a post is made to the blog

Transparency, anyone can review what you are doing in class
On the post Elections Day.

Finally the elections are over. Bush is the winner. For four more years America and the rest of the world belongs to him. However, there are a lot of controversies over who actually won the presidential elections. Like Florida in 2000 elections, Ohio was the state of long exhausting vote battle. Now there are investigations taking place in Ohio. The big argument is that there have been 50 - 50% more republican votes counted on the election night than there was registered before the elections.

Another questionable state again is Florida. The results of the elections do not match the numbers of republicans that were accounted on the pre-elections (consortiumnews.com).

Overall, there has been the same amount and kind of problems that were raised during the last presidential elections (US Justice Department). US Justice Department said that the presidential elections flaws haven't been eliminated since the last elections in 2000. There have still been located situations of bulletin fraud, "huge numbers of complaints" and unexplained numbers of votes, that have been calculated out of nowhere on the Election Day.

Here is an article in Washington Post that further develop the subject.
Blogs (aka weblogs) take many forms, but a blog typically resembles an online diary - except that entries need not be of a personal nature and that there are usually many links to other online content (e.g. other blogs). Collaboration happens through blogs in at least five ways:

- Many blogs have a facility for readers to post comments.
- Some blogs are co-authored.
- Many blogs have a prominent list of links to 'like-minded' blogs (also called blog-rolls).
- Many blogs have a facility for syndicating their content to other blogs through automated systems such as RSS (see also the section in this book on Syndication via RSS).
- Perhaps most importantly, there is a strong culture of blogs commenting on (or re-circulating) material from other blogs.

Different blogging tools (see the section on blogging services) differ in how well they support these different forms of collaboration - e.g., LiveJournal is (apparently) good at encouraging the creation of small circles of friendly blogs. There is also a generic tool (Trackback) that facilitates such connections (see also the section on Trackback).
Related Technologies
A web feed is a document (often XML-based) which contains content items, often summaries of stories or weblog posts with web links to longer versions. Weblogs and news websites are common sources for web feeds, but feeds are also used to deliver structured information ranging from weather data to "top ten" lists of hit tunes. The two main web feed formats are RSS (which is older and far more widely used) and Atom (a newer format that has just completed the IETF standardization process.)