Blogging in Education

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Blog Overview

Short for web log

A blog is a web page which allows visitors to read and reply to content on varied topics

Most often successful because of the way it attracts birds of a feather from disparate geographical locations to one online address.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication)

Popular way to share content between web sites

Share the latest postings on your blog by showing them on a class web site, a personal home page, or anywhere else you would like to promote your students' work.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication)

Using the XML format, you can use RSS with or without a news aggregator

Some internet service providers will actually let you add RSS feeds to your web pages without the need for an aggregator

Web-Based Services

No software to install

Access from anywhere

Preset templates and options

http://www.blogger.com/start

News Aggregators

Create, publish, and manage your personal weblog; receive and manage news feeds on-demand from thousands of participating web sites.

News Aggregators

Enter new weblog content on the home page of your desktop website.

Automatically uploaded to our fast, publicly-accessible Apache server

Reads XML feeds every hour from weblogs to which you are subscribed

News Aggregators

You have a Desktop Website (privately for you) and a Public Website (which is for the public to see)

http://radio.userland.com/

News Aggregators

Setup page is where you establish your name, email address, and organization so that it can connect your system to the server.

In addition to supplying you with storage space for your public website, the community server also provides updates and tracks hits and referers for your website.

Classroom Applications

Blog as Classroom Chronicle

Class Newsletter

http://buckman.pps.k12.or.us/classrooms/leake/

Classroom Applications

Blog as Daily Journal

Group or individual blogs

http://akira.arts.kuleuven.ac.be/tantux/ ?q=aggregator/feed/2

Classroom Applications

Blog as Anthology

Classroom publishing

http://www.bsablogs.com/class1H/2003/04/10

Classroom Applications

Blog as Communicator

Keypals

http://kci.the-protagonist.com/index.php?showtopic=7887&st=0

Classroom Applications

Blog as Collaborator

Online Projects

http://class6f.bsablogs.com/Project19/

MassCUE Blog

http://masscue.blogspot.com/