

Blogs for Educators

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Defining Weblogs

- “Weblogs are often-updated sites that point to articles elsewhere on the web, often with comments, and to on-site articles. A weblog is kind of a continual tour, with a human guide who you get to know.” Dave Winer, [The Scripting News](#)
- [Personal Web Publishing Communities](#)

Examples

- Libraries: <http://www.rcpl.info/services/liblog.html>
- Candidates: <http://www.blogforamerica.com/>
- Andy Carvin: <http://edwebproject.org/andy/blog/>
- Iceblog: <http://iceblog.puddingbowl.org/>
- Education: <http://www.weblogg-ed.com/>
- Need more? Check out [Yahoo's directory](#)

Why Weblogs?

- Solve a variety of web publishing problems
- No need to learn html, ftp, etc.
- Ability to publish anywhere, anytime
- Offer potential for collaboration
- Free tools are available
- Different from a regular webpage or a discussion forum

Three Ways to Blog

On the Web:

- Live Journal: <http://www.livejournal.com/>
- Blogger: <http://www.blogger.com>
- SchoolBlogs: <http://www.schoolblogs.com/>

On your own Computer:

- UserLand: <http://radio.userland.com>

On your own Server:

- Manila: <http://manila.userland.com/>
- Movable Type: <http://www.movabletype.org/>

Need more?

- [Weblogs Compendium](#)
- [Blogroots](#)

Using Blogs in Education

- General Information
 - [Webtools Newsletter](#)
 - [Weblogs: Personal eLearning Space](#) (pdf)
- School Websites
 - [Portland Public Schools](#)
 - [Goochland County](#)
- Teacher Websites
 - [Ms. Jackson at Goochland HS](#)
 - [Music Site at De Anza College](#)
- Student Websites
 - [British School of Amsterdam](#)
 - [The Secret Life of Bees](#)

Setting Up a Blog

- Which service are you going to use?
- Where will you host it?
 - Most online sites offer hosting space
 - <http://vcol.blogspot.com>
 - You can use your own hosting space, too.
 - <http://www.ivyrun.com/simplyk/blog/simplyk.html>
- What are you going to do with it?

Reading Blogs

- Blogrolling
- RSS, Atom, Newsfeeds, Aggregators, Syndication, XML
 - [Here's a good introduction](#)
- Online:
 - Bloglines: <http://www.bloglines.com>
- [Yahoo Directory](#)
- [Open Directory Listing](#)