

BLOGS

Are they here to stay?

Should you be blogging?

How do I find relevant blogs?

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Blogging Essentials for In-House Use

- Have a specific goal, review progress and assess value
- Promote communication, collaboration, resource identification and sharing
- Blogs can be “back-office” or front and center
- Establishing and populating the blog(s) with content
 - review resource options with key members of departments, practice groups or areas whom you wish to serve via this app.
- Obtain stakeholder buy-in
- Demo the service, request suggestions, comments and input
- Respond quickly by adapting the blog to incorporate additional content, narrow or expand focus and specifications
- Is one blog sufficient, or do you need multiple blogs?
- Address usability, functionality, value for time spent

What Does Blogging Involve

- Assignment: monitor, track, locate (through all means necessary)... find needle in haystack and make it look easy!
- validate, verify, analyze
- review, edit, append info as req'd (PDF, Word docs, Excel, graphics)
- beta test, survey, ask for feedback
- publish, disseminate, update (the updating part is the real kicker)...commitment is key!

Using Blogs to Supplement Websites, Online Subscriptions, Licensed Content

- For breaking news, current events, focused topical data (especially tech related issues)
- Blogging on the job: disseminate news, project updates and new ideas
- Using blogs for KM, marketing, training
- Supplementing info/data/resources from websites, e-newsletters, paid subscription services, online databases

Blogs: Facts, Stats & Examples

- The slides that follow provide the following content -
 - why blogs are such a flexible and attractive publishing medium
 - tracking the number of blogs online
 - blogging applications and comparison of features available
 - summary of features found in most blogs
 - screenshots of my blog, beSpacific (www.bespacific.com) and from a range of other blogs with authors from the courts, law schools, law firms, and newspapers.
 - blogging inside and outside the firewall
 - resources that recommend content specific blogs and the tools to locate same.
 - applications to track and monitor changes and updates to blogs

Other Links

[Interesting downloadable web radio interview with Brenden Eich about extending and improving HTML](#)

[Usability is inversely related to bathing](#) - a great slide from [Nat Friedman's talk](#) from the [Gnome Conference](#) in Norway

Don't come asking me for technical support, but I've got [Photoshop running nicely on Linux](#) with [CrossOver Office](#)

["Common Sense is temporarily offline."](#)

[Yes, the browser wars are back](#)

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Steven Garrity »

steven@actsofvolition.com

undiscovered rock-star and creative director at

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WHAT IS IT ABOUT WEBLOGS?

What makes a weblog a weblog? Is it the permalinks, the reverse chronological order, the personal voice, syndication? The exact definition of a weblog is an excersize of in semantics that doesn't particularly interests me. What does interest me, though, is what makes weblogs so engaging and powerful as opposed to standard websites.

First, let us look at some of the key distinguishing features of weblogs when compared to the rest of the web. Note that none involve any kind of real technological breakthrough or innovation. Most a simple adaptations of existing technology.

WEBLOGS ARE EASY TO PUBLISH

The process of making a post on a weblog is often as simple as sending an email or creating and saving a word processing file. As simple a change as this is from creating HTML files and getting them to a web server, the results are dramatic. All of the sudden the process of publishing is easy enough that the possible group of users is dramatically larger. Also, the easy of publish affects what, when, and why, we publish - the general result of the ease of publishing being more and more often.

WEBLOGS HAVE A TENDENCY TOWARD SIMPLICITY AND CONSISTENCY IN DESIGN AND STRUCTURE

Most weblogs are built on popular weblog platforms. Blogger, TypePad, MoveableType, Bloxom, Radio Userland, etc. Each of these tools, and the others like them, all include templates that make it easier to create a simply designed weblog with a structure that follows a whole series of design and usability conventions. Alternatively, if you give 100 people a variety of web development tools and ask them to create a website, you'll end up with 100 completely different designs and structures - great if you're into diversity, terrible if you're trying to find something.

WEBLOGS HAVE PERMALINKS

Since the ease of publishing weblogs encourages more volume and frequency of publishing, often in small chunks, it is important that these chunks of content be accessible via individual links. On a weblog, the post is the basic unit of content, as opposed to the page. Again, a seemingly simple and subtle feature, the ability to link to each piece of content, affects great influence on the way content is produced, discovered, and read. Permalinks give authors the tools to easily share and interlink content. The resulting community and ecosystem is a great example of how it is best to give simple tools and architecture to people and let them go wild.

WEBLOGS OFTEN ALLOW READER FEEDBACK

On many weblogs, if you disagree with the author, you post a reply right there on their own website and let them know. Often, they'll reply to you in turn. There is usually no registration or signup required - just a simple form asking for little more than your name and your thoughts.

WEBLOGS ARE EASY TO SYNDICATE

While syndication tools available on most weblogs (typically an RSS feed) are seldom used to in the tradition print media definition of syndication, they go a long way to making weblogs easier to follow and read. Where as one could previously keep up with a handful of sporadically updating websites - using an RSS reader to read weblogs takes into account the difficult imposed by their usually irregular publishing schedule.

NITLE Blog Census

2,012,487 Weblogs Indexed

1,328,241 Estimated Active

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The [NITLE](#) weblog census is an attempt to find as many active weblogs as possible, across all languages

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Anglo weblogs	1233612	Blogs that seem to be in English
Processes active	33	Number of crawlers running
Queue	349	Sites we know nothing about yet
Weblog Queue	345	To-do list of known weblog sites

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Perseus Blog Survey**The Blogging Iceberg -****Of 4.12 Million Hosted Weblogs, Most Little Seen, Quickly Abandoned**[Abandoned Blogs](#) - [Active Blogs](#) - [Demographics](#) - [Forecast](#) - [Conclusions](#) - [Caveats](#)

Perseus Development Corp. randomly surveyed 3,634 blogs on eight leading blog-hosting services to develop a model of blog populations. Based on this research, Perseus estimates that 4.12 million blogs have been created on these services: Blog-City, BlogSpot, Diaryland, LiveJournal, Pitas, TypePad, Weblogger and Xanga.

Abandoned Blogs

The most dramatic finding was that 66.0% of surveyed blogs had not been updated in two months, representing 2.72 million blogs that have been either permanently or temporarily abandoned. Apparently the blog-hosting services have made it so easy to create a blog that many tire-kickers feel no commitment to continuing the blog they initiate. In fact, 1.09 million blogs were one-day wonders, with no postings on subsequent days. The average duration of the remaining 1.63 million abandoned blogs was 126 days (almost four months). A surprising 132,000 blogs were abandoned after being maintained a year or more (the oldest abandoned blog surveyed had been maintained for 923 days).

Males were more likely than females to abandon blogs, with 46.4% of abandoned blogs created by males, as compared to 40.7% of active blogs being created by males. Abandonment rates did not vary based on age. Those who abandoned blogs tended to write posts that were only 58% as long as the posts of those who still maintained blogs, which simply indicates that those who enjoy writing stick with blogs longer.

The abandonment rate did vary significantly based on which service was being used: Pitas, BlogSpot and Diaryland had above average abandonment rates; Xanga had an average abandonment rate; LiveJournal had the lowest abandonment rate (the sample size for Blog-City, TypePad and Weblogger was too low to compare).

Active Blogs

Blogs are famed for their linkages, and while 80.8% of active blogs linked to at least one external site from a post on their home page, these links were rarely to traditional news sources. Only 9.9% of active blogs had a current post that linked to one of 2,875 traditional news sites. So blogging in practice is not just about linking to news articles.

Blogs are updated much less often than generally thought. Active blogs were updated on average every 14 days. Only 106,579 of the hosted blogs were

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Customer Spotlight:

"Other solutions were much more restrictive and didn't provide much freedom to create custom surveys. We knew we'd outgrow them. That's not the case with Perseus."

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44% of Internet users have created content for the online world through building or posting to Web sites, creating blogs, and sharing files

In a national phone survey between March 12 and May 20, 2003, the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that more than 53 million American adults have used the Internet to publish their thoughts, respond to others, post pictures, share files and otherwise contribute to the explosion of content available online. Some 44% of the nation's adult Internet users (those 18 and over) have done at least one of the following:


- 21% of Internet users say they have posted photographs to Web sites.
- 17% have posted written material on Web sites.
- 13% maintain their own Web sites.
- 10% have posted comments to an online newsgroup. A small fraction of them have posted files to a newsgroup such as video, audio, or photo files.
- 8% have contributed material to Web sites run by their businesses.
- 7% have contributed material to Web sites run by organizations to which they belong such as church or professional groups.
- 7% have Web cams running on their computers that allow other Internet users to see live pictures of them and their surroundings.
- 6% have posted artwork on Web sites.
- 5% have contributed audio files to Web sites.
- 4% have contributed material to Web sites created for their families.
- 3% have contributed video files to Web sites.

The data reported here come from a national survey of 2,515 American adults, conducted in two parts from March 12-19 and then from April 29-May 20, 2003. The number of Internet users in the sample was 1,555. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

Pew Internet & American Life Project, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20036
202-296-0019 <http://www.pewinternet.org>

	b2Evolution	bBlog	BLOG:CMS	Blojsom	Bloxom	Expression Engine	Movable Type	Nucleus		Pivot	pMachine
Current Version	0.9.0.8 Oslo	0.7.2	3.0 final	2.15	2	1.0	3.0	3.0	Current Version	1.14	2.3
Home URL	here	here	here	here	here	here	here	here	Home URL	here	here
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Cost (US\$)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	\$149/\$199	Free	Free	Cost (US\$)	Free	\$45/\$12
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Default Post Fields	3	2	3	9		4	4	3	Default Post Fields	4	4
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Root and branch
Ramblings about gardening and other stuff

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D **Desert willow**

E  We purchased a small desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*) at the [UC Davis Arboretum](#) plant sale two years ago. It just sat in the ground, seeming barely alive. This year it more than doubled in size and bloomed! I guess patience pays off.

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I've Been Reading

 [Richard K. Moore: Almond Carbon](#)
Violent. Can't believe when I personally made it a chip and ran it on my laptop. 2003.

North wind

The North wind is traditionally cold, but not here. When the wind comes from the north it's hot, and dry, and irritating. South of us we have the Sacramento River delta; a wind from the south is cool and pleasant. We call it the "delta breeze". There's been entirely too much North wind lately.

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Ants

What is it with ants? It's not enough that they carry nasty aphids up into my

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- A:** A picture of the blog's author graces each page.
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- G:** This link goes to the author's profile.
- H:** Posts from earlier months are automatically archived.
- I:** This thumbnail links to Amazon.com. If a visitor clicks through and buys the book, the blog's author gets some cash.
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 **9/11 Commission Releases Two Staff Reports, and Concludes Work Today**

Press release, August 21, 2004: **9/11 Commission Releases Two Staff Monographs**: "The Commission has released the following staff reports to the Commission, available in PDF format."

- **Monograph on Terrorist Financing** (155 pages)
- **Monograph on 9/11 and Terrorist Travel** (241 pages)
- See also these related articles from AP and Reuters respectively: **Sept. 11 Commission Formally Disbands** and **FBI Fumbled on Terror Financing, 9 / 11 Panel Says**

Permanent Link Topic(s): **Government Documents**

August 20, 2004

 **GAO Report Indicates States Leverage IT to Combat Medicare Fraud**

Medicaid Program Integrity: State and Federal Efforts to Prevent and Detect Improper Payments **GAO-04-707**, July 16, 2004, **Highlights**.

- "States also reported using information technology to integrate databases containing provider, beneficiary, and claims information and conduct more efficient utilization reviews."

Permanent Link Topic(s): **Government Documents** **Consumer Reports Adds E-Ratings**

"ConsumerReports.org e-Ratings were developed to help consumers navigate the web efficiently, effectively, and with confidence. Based on a systematic review of specific features on selected web sites in various categories, our exclusive e-Ratings are ongoing, with new product, service, and information categories added

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Permanent Link Topic(s): **E-Government, Legislation** **Association and Academic Websites Provide U.S. Election Resources**

- **American Political Science Association's Media Resource webpage for the 2004 U.S. elections.** "APSA has gathered resources on key themes in the presidential and congressional elections, including introductions by leading political scientists in the United States, contact information for dozens of prominent scholars around the country, and citations for recent and cutting-edge political science research."
- **Election Law@Moritz**, from the Ohio State University: "information and insights on the laws governing federal, state and local elections. [via **InSITE**]"

Permanent Link Topic(s): **Internet**

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 **Innovative Search Applications To Browse Data Collections on Web and Hard Drives****Making a Web Search Feel Like a Stroll in the Library****Permanent Link** Topic(s): **Legal Research, Search Engines** **Work-Around to Website Registration Goes Offline and Then Back Online**

This June 14 posting, **Online Newspapers Increasingly Require User Registration**, mentioned a website registration work-around called BugMeNot. Posts on **Metafilter** indicate that the site no longer works. (See this **posting** from the site's owner for an explanation.)

- The site is now back online, at the same **url**.

Permanent Link Topic(s): **Privacy** **Ninth Circuit Rules Distributors of P2P File Sharing Networks Not Liable For Copyright Infringement**

From EFF: "Today the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals made a crucial decision (**PDF, 26 pages**) in support of technology innovators by declaring that distributors of the peer-to-peer software **Grokster** and **Morpheus** cannot be held liable for the infringing activities of their users."

Permanent Link Topic(s): **Copyright, Courts****TOPICS**

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Free Speech
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[Blogs as Teaching Tools in Elementary School](#)

In the Classroom, Web Blogs Are the New Bulletin Boards.

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[Metro Area Bloggers Collaborate on Locale Specific Info](#)

From CNN, **'Insider' info puts city blogs on the map.**

- Additional references: [metroblogging](#) and [D.C. Bloggers](#).

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August 17, 2004

[Will the White House Website Embrace Blogs?](#)

The Washington Post (reg. req'd) reports, in **White House Goes to the Blogs**, that White House Internet Director **Jimmy Orr** is interested in incorporating more blog-like features into the **White House** website.

- For reference, see [White House Online Discussion Forum With the Public](#)

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August 16, 2004

[Blogs, RSS, Marketing, Collaboration and More](#)

Blogs: The Marketing Killer. This article reviews how major corporates are leveraging **blogs** and **RSS** feeds for **marketing**, collaboration and current awareness monitoring.



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Michael Powell Joins the Blogosphere

FCC Chairman Powell kicks off his new regular AO blog.

Michael Powell [[US Federal Communications Commission](#)] | POSTED: 07.08.04 @08:28

Michael K. Powell

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

AlwaysOn Blog

July 7, 2004

Traditionally, the economic justification for government regulation of an industry was market failure such as monopoly, negative externalities, or unmet social goals. Government's role in the marketplace should be limited because markets and entrepreneurs develop innovative solutions far more efficiently than regulators can. This is the principle behind opening the communications sector to competition. I am particularly mindful of this principle as new competitive services—VoIP, for example—become viable alternatives for customers.

Un- or less-regulated competition has been a hard pill to swallow for most incumbents (as well as many regulators) who legitimately question the regulatory disparity between themselves and startups. But the correct answer is not to regulate new firms the same way incumbents have traditionally been regulated. The answer is to "regulate down" as markets become competitive. Specific market failures that arise, if any, should be addressed with targeted and specific remedies. My policy toward regulating nascent communications services is thus self-reinforcing: for example, a light regulatory touch can bring VoIP services to market faster and the competitive effects, in turn, allow us to deregulate traditional service providers.

Our struggle to define appropriate regulatory regimes to promote innovation is not limited to the telephone sector. The Commission's digital television transition is yet another example of how difficult the struggle can be. The Commission has worked tirelessly to foster new competitive platforms such as licensed wireless, Wi-Fi, powerline, satellite, and fiber—just to name a few. On the other hand, we also recognize the significant contributions and needs of existing providers.

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MY BOOKS & JOURNALS**Sunday, August 22, 2004****Collateral Sanctions and *Blakely***

One reason *Blakely* is such a big deal is because its core principle could extend so very far. Though I suspect we will see continuous efforts to reign in *Blakely*, the decision's suggestion that "every defendant has the right to insist that the prosecutor prove to a jury all facts legally essential to the punishment" could have a profound impact on so many different facets of the criminal justice system.

For example, I have of late been thinking about whether *Blakely* might in some way impact so-called collateral sanctions – i.e., legal restrictions on voting, licensing, employment and government benefits which can flow from a criminal conviction in many jurisdictions. Part of what is prompting this thinking is my participation in a conference next month that will examine in detail the law and policy of collateral sanctions.

Margaret Colgate Love is one of the organizers of the event, and she sent me this formal announcement:

On September 24 the University of Toledo Law Review will host a symposium on "The Legal Barriers to Reentry in Ohio: Collateral Sanctions in Theory and Practice." The symposium will showcase the new ABA Standards on Collateral Sanctions and Discretionary Disqualification of Convicted Persons, whose black letter and commentary has recently been published ([available here](#)). The Standards propose a novel analytical approach to the collateral legal consequences of conviction, that they be considered an integral part of the sentencing process. Speakers will include practitioners, policymakers and scholars with broad expertise on collateral sanctions, both in Ohio and on the national level.

More details about this event can be accessed [here](#), and below you can download a letter of invitation to the symposium (which is free to attend) and the program (which lists speakers and their topics).

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Updates on access to court records

 **Wednesday, August 4, 2004**

Court technology headlines you DON'T want to see

Courtsmart malfunction may affect conviction: Collier County Florida criminal trial under review after new system for recording video and audio record of the trial apparently failed.

Court web site easy pickings for identity thieves: Allegheny County Prothonotary's Office is "scanning in everything that comes across our desk."

11:15:38 AM # [comment \[0\]](#)

Public Domain case citations

David Starkoff discusses **medium neutral citations** in Australian courts, including the recognition that wide dissemination "requires cooperation from those who see the diminution (or elimination) of revenue streams"

More information at the Australasian Legal Information Institute ([AustLII](#)), [Guide to Vendor and Medium Neutral Citations](#). Thanks to [Denise Howell](#) for the link.

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 **Friday, March 26, 2004**

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Posted by dweintraub at [09:26 AM](#)

August 19, 2004

San Pablo Casino

The governor's office, in a briefing for reporters, has released more details on its deal for a massive new Indian casino in San Pablo in the Bay Area, saying the governor remains an opponent of urban gambling. He approved the San Pablo deal, they said, because federal legislation granting the Lytton tribe rights to gambling on that location forced his hand. He agreed to a mega-casino, with up to 5,000 slot machines, in the hope that the revenue that would flow from the operation would mitigate all the ill effects from the casino.

"We believe," said lawyer Daniel Kolkey, "that he had a lemon and made it into lemonade."

Among the provisions:



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[Digital Practice of Law](#) ... AZ-based Michael Arkfeld extends his book of the same name with this bLAWg -- identifying, abstracting, commenting, and linking to relevant news stories and topical articles. As we comment below in re: MA's other bLAWg ([Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence](#)), we would really like to see more commentary; our surmise is that, if you buy the book (we did) and then subscribe to the updates (we're too cheap), your (paid) password loosens his tongue ... [RSS](#)

[e-Lawq](#) ... [Michael Girard](#) is a Toronto-based civil litigator whose blog provides "A Canadian Perspective on the Intersections of Law and Technology" ... lest we chauvinistically believe that we have cornered the market on good ideas and critical thinking ... eh? [RSS](#)

[Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence](#) ... AZ-based Michael Arkfeld -- everyday, MRA finds relevant news to assay (best of 3 falls vs. [Haiku Esq?](#)). We wish he would expand his assessments beyond a single line (surely he doesn't think that greater explication would cannibalize sales of his book of the same name) ... but he ferrets out the right stuff and his one-liners are on point. Also see his other bLAWg, [Digital Practice of Law](#). [RSS](#)

[Matt "The \(Not\) Blawgic Road" Proffitt](#) - Perhaps the most influential blawger on alternative billing and law practice innovation issues and creator of the "Five by Five" feature, probably the best example of a regular, ongoing blawg content feature.

[Evan "Notes From the Legal Underground, The Illinois Trial Practice Blog and The Illinois Personal Injury Blog" Schaeffer](#) - Evan is hands-on the funniest of the blawgers, writes regular insightful and humorous essays and, through his multiple blogs, dispenses a lot of great, practical information. He ties with [Jerry Lawson](#) for maintaining the highest number of high-quality blawgs. I admit to being a little jealous of that, but I also have a kind email from Evan that I treasure because he thanked me for inspiring him to start a blog on account of a presentation that I made that I had felt had fallen on deaf ears.

[George "George's Employment Law" Lenard](#) - If you want to see a great example of how to operate a legal subject-matter-specific blog, George's blog is a great starting point. There is consistently good practically and thought-provoking content. George's recent posts on health care insurance issues that effect all of us are especially good.

[Dennis "DennisKennedy.Blog" Kennedy](#) - Hey, that's me. (At least I didn't put my blog first on the list.) I am proud of what I've done on my blog - it includes some of my best work.

By any standard, that is a very strong list of blawgs. In the near future, with a bit more arm-twisting from me, I expect to see several new blogs from St. Louis lawyers that will unquestionably become highly-praised and valuable blogs. You know who you are .

However, does this list really get St. Louis to the point where it can claim the crown of "Blawg City, USA"? The answer: a resounding "yes!"

Here's why. There are not yet very many legal blogs. There are also a limited number that have a high stature, large audience or great influence. And the blawgs that fit those categories are widely scattered across the country.

[Ernie the Attorney](#) is all but synonymous with New Orleans, but you don't think of other New Orleans blawgers.

[Tom "Inter-Alia" Mighell](#) may well be the most brilliant of the blawgers and, in my mind, the lawyer who understands blogging better than anyone else, but most people wouldn't associate him with Dallas or be able to think of any other Dallas blawgers.

[Marty "The Trademark Blog" Schwimmer](#) may have the single best example of a subject matter expert blawg, but you do not associate him with a cluster of New York City or even East Coast blawgers.

While [Denise "Bag and Baggage" Howell](#) would be at or near the top of any list of most influential blawgers, there is not really a Los Angeles area cluster of blawgers. There are a number of Southern California blawgers, but that's a big area. In addition, Denise lives and works within walking distance of Surf City, USA, so another nickname would be more appropriate.

[Rick Klau](#) is another of "The First Ones" and as influential as can be, but I don't have the sense of much else happening in blawging in Chicago.

The law professor bloggers are scattered all over the place and many blawgs do not give you a sense of geography.

The biggest competitor to St. Louis, in my mind, is Washington, DC. The lineup of [Jerry "NetLawBlog" Lawson](#) (the wisest blawger), [Sabrina "BeSpecific" Pacifici](#) (the most professional blogger) and [Carolyn "My Shingle" Elefant](#) (a fantastic example of a content-rich resource blog) is a formidable one indeed. However, since Washington, DC is the nation's capital, it is fair to have it defer to St. Louis on the "Blawg City, USA" designation.

big into [aggregation](#), and has cleverly discerned that if he aggregated and reviewed a bunch of blawgers, it certainly couldn't hurt the visibility of his business and his site. Bag and Baggage is tickled to be included in the [EDDix 50](#), and downright flabbergasted to be christened a "must read." Watch the Technorati tally ([EDDix home page](#); [the 50](#)) to see how this pans out; I'm predicting well. (I'd say watch the [PageRanks](#) too, but since [none](#) of us are [using](#) IE any more we'll have to [wait](#) for Google to grok that first.) And this even though I'm not [entirely sure](#) yet what kind of research services EDDix is selling. At this point what I do know is Michael will be pleased to elaborate. (Even if he still hasn't gotten rid of the confounded scrolling ticker thingy.)

I also know that after a few email exchanges about how this was going to work, I was happy to give the thumbs up for EDDix to use portions of the posts here even though it's for commercial purposes. My [Creative Commons license](#) says "you may not use this work for commercial purposes," but what that really means is please ask, it might well be ok. I largely share [Joi Ito's views](#) about commercial use, but still want the final say-so over who is going to use my work commercially and how they're going to do it.

At this point—[three million and counting](#)—I'd say it's officially marketing malpractice to ignore weblogs. Especially because there's probably a thriving bunch of bloggers in [any](#) area of interest you could think of.

posted by Denise Howell at 10:16 PM

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Infojunkie Screensaver

[WebFlash](#) "displays a 'slideshow' of web pages which you select." Looks cool. (And a little familiar. Didn't [PointCast](#) have a screensaver mode?)

posted by Denise Howell at 12:56 PM

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Monday, July 05, 2004

Global Shrinkage

(Despite title, totally unrelated to [this earlier post](#).) My insurance agent and dear old friend [Steve Gonsalves](#) (he has an enormous and utterly charming smile that apparently ducked out for Starbucks just as the shutter snapped) found Bag and Baggage because he [reads BoingBoing](#). (No doubt my accountant reads [Fleshbot](#).)

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Features

Trends in Blog Searching

By Christina K. Pikas

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Published May 24, 2004



Over the past few months there has been an explosion of information in conferences, on the web, and in library journals and newsletters about weblogs (blogs) and RSS feeds. *B/ite* discussed RSS feeds and blogs in the [November/December issue](#) (pp. 3-12). In brief, blogs are reverse chronologically arranged collections of articles or stories that are generally updated more frequently than regular web pages. Just like any other information on the net, there is no guarantee of authority, accuracy, or lack of bias. In fact, personal blogs are frequently biased and can be good sources of opinion and information from the "man on the street." Because blogs can be updated on the fly, they frequently have unfiltered information faster from war zones and sites of natural disasters than the mainstream media outlets. Blogs are also good sources of unfiltered information on either faulty or very useful products.

In the beginning, blogs appeared in search results alongside regular web pages. Since blogs are not technologically any different from other web pages (that is, they are html, xml, javascript, etc. - it is their format, not their coding that is different), spiders and bots collect posts the same way they collect other online information. Search engines that place greater value on sites that are recently and frequently updated and are highly linked tend to rank blog posts very highly. Since the barrier to publication is so low in blogs, arguably much lower than for standard web pages, these high rankings were introducing a lot of noise into online searches. Odds are, you have run across several archived blog posts if you've searched on a controversial topic in the past year. Recently, most major search engines have altered their algorithms to push blogs down in the search results. Engines that only return two results from any one site use this feature to limit the impact of blogs on the search results.

Blog searching breaks down into at least two categories: information from within blogs/across blogs or addresses of feeds from blogs so that you may subscribe in your aggregator. Feeds and blogs are two different things, but are closely linked because most blogs have feeds and many feeds are generated by blogs. Just as in other web search tools, there are search engine and directories. At this time, blog search engines are where general search engines were before the [Google Age](#): there are many competing smaller products, but no outstanding products dominating the scene. Searching for feeds was discussed in the November/December issue and will not be covered in depth here.

General Search Engines

Most of the larger search engines have changed their algorithms so that blogs are not the most highly ranked sites. My recent testing of Google shows that they have made some changes to their engine so that the blog posts are generally pushed down to the third or fourth page of hits.

To use [Google](#) to find information across blogs, enter your keywords then **~blog inurl:archives**. Using blog and archives is somewhat redundant but using archives alone retrieves more newspaper articles and using **~blog** alone works and gets more hits but with less precision because "log" is apparently a synonym for blog. For example, a search on **hubble maintenance** yields forums in the second group of hits, and the first blog in the third group of hits. The search **hubble maintenance inurl:archives** yields six blogs out of the first ten hits. The search **hubble maintenance ~blog** yields seven blogs out of the first ten hits. The search **hubble maintenance ~blog inurl:archives** yields ten out of ten, but only 54 hits total. The archives term takes advantage of the fact that most blogging software automatically immediately archives all posts in files with the "archives" in the title and URL.

In [Yahoo](#), adding **blog inurl:archives** to your search also seems to do the trick. In Teoma, add **blog archives** to your search. The **inurl:** shortcut works only if used for the whole search phrase. A more simple search in [Alltheweb](#) yields similar results; type your keywords then blog. [AltaVista](#) is not recommended for searching for information across blogs. You might try adding **url:archives** and **blog*** to your search, but variations of this on AltaVista yielded no relevant hits for the Hubble telescope although hobbyist and war blogs were easy

Blogging With The Boss's Blessing

More companies are helping employees to speak freely -- and bond with customers

Log on to Sara Ford's Web log, and you'll get a cinema verité look into her daily world. You'll learn about her addiction to TV shows starring Richard Dean Anderson (aka MacGyver), her geek penchant for jokes with punchlines like "F1 F1!", and why she adores Gore-Tex. But most important, you'll learn that 26-year-old Sara Ford is a software design engineer at Microsoft Corp. ([MSFT](#)), blogging away from her fluorescent-lit office in Redmond, Wash. Her most prominent posts are ones about the product she's working on, its latest bugs, and inside dope for users such as the "hide underline letters checkbox issue." There's also her day-in-the-life workplace diary, complete with a glossary decoding Microsoft arcana and strategies for nabbing extra espresso coupons. Customers post replies. Ideas are swapped. Bonds are formed. And Bill Gates is happy.

Until recently, the thought of employees blabbing freely to the masses about their work on company time -- without the suits from PR hovering over them to stay "on message" -- would have created panic in the executive suite. But in the past year, employee blogs have begun to multiply across Corporate America -- and a growing number of companies approve. It started mostly as a techie thing when engineers and product developers at places such as Macromedia, Sun Microsystems ([SUNW](#)), and Dell ([DELL](#)) began posting first-draft free-for-alls of their own volition as a way of communicating with customers, each other, and the outside world. Though employees represent just a fraction of the 2.7 million bloggers today, experts predict they will grow robustly as consumers demand information in a more unvarnished way.

Increasingly, execs see employee blogs as a way to transform a transaction with a faceless behemoth into a personal relationship with an employee. Blogs are also hyper efficient at driving product innovation. And they create loyal audiences. Once people get hooked, they keep coming back for more. "This is nothing less than revolutionary," says Dave Winer, a fellow at Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet & Society.

It's revolutionary because companies have usually been more concerned with controlling their message than conversing with customers. Blogging changes that by establishing "a connection through real human beings speaking like real human beings, which is something companies have forgotten how to do," says David Weinberger, the Boston-based co-author of *The Cluetrain Manifesto*.

Microsoft has been one of the biggest evangelists. A year ago, it had about 100 corporate bloggers. Today there are 800. They post pictures of company refrigerators -- there's one that has all Coke and one that has all Pepsi -- and spout off on everything from the death of Boots the cat to renaming Longhorn, Microsoft's long-anticipated new operating system, "Longwait." Indeed, Chairman William H. Gates III is so certain that corporate blogging is the next gold rush in communications that he's practically handing out the pails and shovels by enabling any employee to create a blog within two seconds. Microsoft doesn't train employees in the fine art of blogs, but employees hold meetings to talk about them. The blogs carry disclaimers, but other than that, "our unspoken policy on blogging is: Don't be stupid," says product manager Adam Sohn.

GOING FURTHER

Other companies, such as publisher Ziff-Davis, started the process by setting up internal blogs that proved enormously helpful to teams by cutting down on e-mail. They also let employees learn what was appropriate when blogging to the outside. Nike is going further. This month the company launched a blog of its own -- "The Art of Speed" -- and hired hip gossip blogger extraordinaire, Gawker Media, to produce it. Nike says Gawker has the following it wants to reach.



CTO Connection

Blogging behind the firewall

InfoWorld's internal Weblog started as an experiment. Already, it's indispensable

By [Chad Dickerson](#)

May 21, 2004

What a difference a few Weblogs can make. In January, I wrote about the [importance of leveraging the inherent simplicity](#) in technologies such as RSS for enterprise information-sharing, and I mentioned a particular effort I had in mind: experimenting with a simple intranet Weblog. Mentioning a future effort in my column tends to solidify my own commitment, so we set up an internal Weblog system driven by [Movable Type](#). Then, in response to a [later column](#), I got quite a bit of reader e-mail asking me for more details on our use of Weblogs because that anecdote just scratched the surface. Consider this installment a closer peek behind the scenes here at InfoWorld.

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Our internal use of Weblogs has greatly accelerated, and we're beginning to see more tangible benefits as we've begun to reach a critical mass of internal contributors. At the end of March, my team held an off-site retreat and created a rolling six-month plan for IT initiatives at InfoWorld, which we posted to a Weblog available to all employees. For each month in the plan, we created a checklist of projects we would be working on and noted which ones would be completed in that month. We also scheduled what we call "fire drills" — our internal term for the intentional failure of a specific key system to test fail-over capabilities in the event of

an unexpected outage of that system.

Posting this plan on a Weblog made three key things happen. First, it forced the team to strategically organize its IT initiatives into a coherent roadmap fit for broader internal consumption. Next, it created a sense of accountability for these initiatives within the IT team because we had collectively agreed on the initiatives and documented the process. Finally, posting our plan for the entire company to see helped foster a sense of accountability to our non-IT colleagues within the company.

Since then, my team has been using the blog-driven IT roadmap in weekly staff meetings as a platform to discuss the initiatives we have completed and to look ahead to new ones. Our meetings no longer have agendas or redundant handouts, because we don't need them. Of course, some items have dropped off our master plan altogether, and new ones have been added, but the important point is that our master plan is always updated and readily available on our intranet, and any changes are

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Generating Leads

If you are in marketing or sales, you are constantly looking for ways to generate leads. There are several options to do this without spending a lot of effort. If you bid for Government jobs, you can track the RFP (request for proposal) pages. If you are a consultant, you can track the job postings of your potential prospects. InfoMinder not only lets you track these pages, but also allows you to look for specific postings using keyword filtering.

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Researching Topics

If you are an Analyst, Special Librarians, Columnist or a member of a product team, you need to perform a lot of research on the internet. Typically, you need to identify useful sources of information like directories, portals and information published by different agencies. You may bookmark these pages and visit them constantly. However, it is difficult to keep up with the growing number of pages you need to track. InfoMinder can help here. You can simply import your bookmarks into InfoMinder and let it do the tracking for you.

Tracking Products and Technology

As a CTO, Product Manager or a member of the product team, you need to track information about products and technology. In addition to watching specific products, you may want to track the type of skills your competitors are acquiring to understand their strategy. InfoMinder lets you track product pages for changes. In addition, you can

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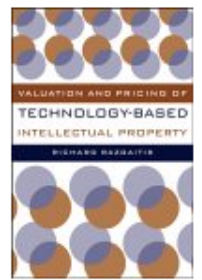
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Christine Mohan from [NYTimes.com](#), responds to a reader question about the omission of some once-a-week sections from the revamped *Times* [feeds](#):

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Peter Schuck has this [commentary piece](#) in The L.A. Times asking "what kinds of hearing, in what courts, [and] by what process" enemy combatants will be tried in light of recent Court rulings.

News on the settlement of a lawsuit between Consumers Union and Suzuki:
[Disclosure: Goldstein & Howe, P.C. represented Consumers Union in its appeal to the Court.]
[Earle Eldridge of USA Today](#);
[Danny Hakim of The New York Times](#);
[James Peltz of The L.A. Times](#); and
[AP Auto Writer, John Porretto, in The Boston Globe](#).

AP's Matt Apuzzo has [this article](#) in The Boston Globe discussing the appeal process of two prisoners in light of the Court's opinion in *Blakely v. Washington*.

News on the Guantanamo Bay detainees in light of the recent announcement regarding the new tribunals:
Elise Ackerman of Knight Ridder has [this article](#) regarding the tribunals and the likelihood that detainees will nonetheless bring legal challenges in U.S. Courts to their detentions;
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E.A. Torriero of The Chicago Tribune has [this story](#) on a Swedish citizen released on Thursday from Guantanamo — the first such release since March; and