

Podcasts and Wikis and Blogs, Oh My!: Online Learning is Not in Kansas Anymore

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E-Learning Not in Kansas?

If it is not in Kansas, can we find e-learning in Indiana?

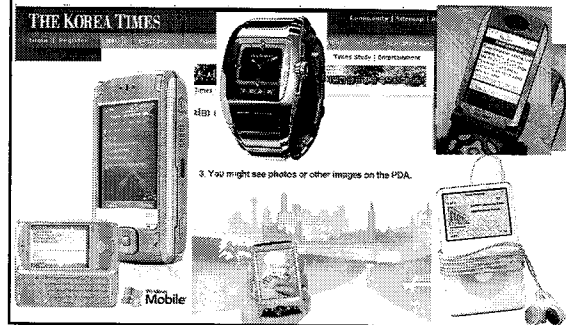
You are the person of the year in 2006!

Technology is becoming so easy even trained monkeys can use it

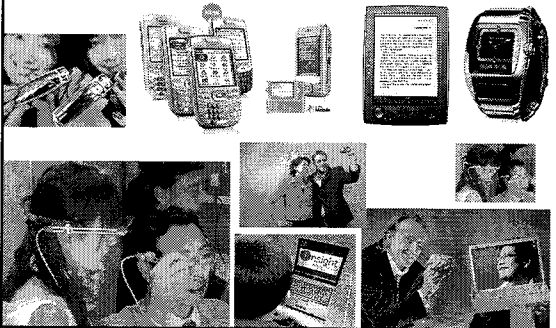
Learning in Cafes and Pubs USA Today, October 5, 2006



All learning in one's own hands?



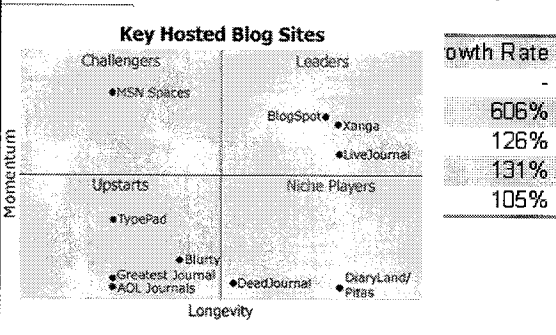
Technology Trends: Podcasts and Wikis and Blogs, Oh My!!!!



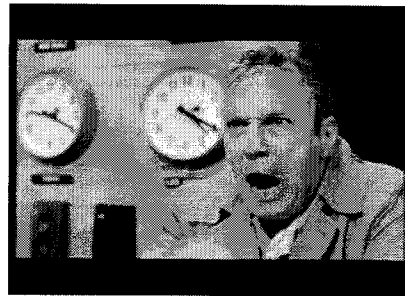
(1) Blogs, (2) Wikis, and (3) Podcasts

- Definitions
- Leading Figures
- Instructional Ideas
- Research, Data, and Other Examples

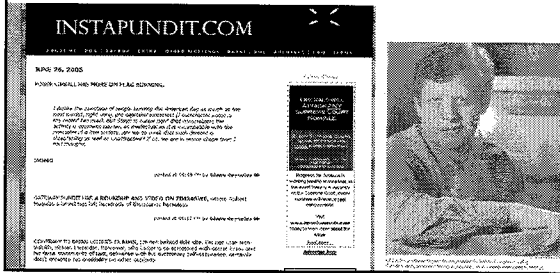
Trend #1: Blogging (75,000 new blogs each day, USA Today, March 27, 2006)



A Blog: A New Form of Reporting



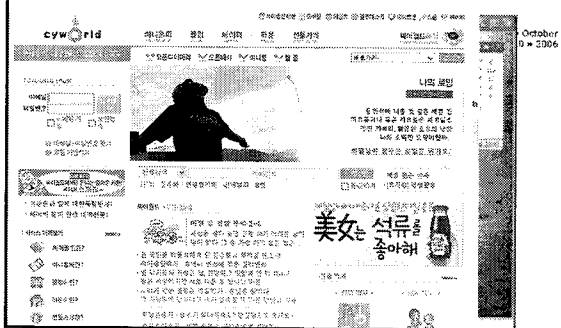
**Scholars who Blog, Chronicle of Higher Ed,
(Glenn Reynolds, instapundit.com;
Stephen's Web, www.downes.ca)**



Stephen Downes (2004)

"A blog...is and has always been more than the online equivalent of a personal journal...But a blog is also characterized by its reflection of a personal style, and this style may be reflected in either the writing or the selection of links passed along to readers. Blogs are, in their purest form, the core of what has come to be called *personal publishing*. (p. 18)."

Not Just an American Phenomenon



Educational use of Blogs

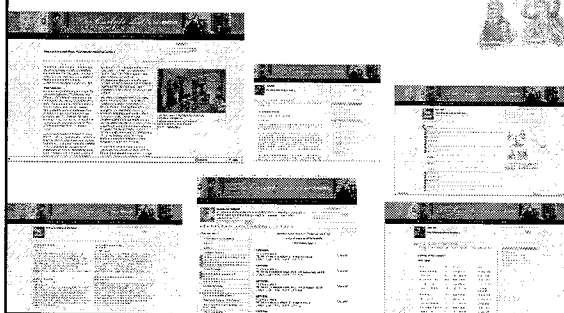
For instructors

- Professional practice
- Networking and knowledge sharing
- Course management tool
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For students

- Reflections or journals
- Dialogue with peers
- Group work
- Communicate with instructor
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**The Carlyle Letters Online:
Exploring Victorian World
Through Letters**



- Libby Nicole Ingrassia, a techie-turned-teacher at KIPP Houston High School, operates a blog called Notesgirl. More and more teachers are going online to talk about their profession, but unlike Ingrassia, who is open about her blog, many keep their identities secret.
- SHARON STEINMANN: HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Jan. 29, 2007, 1:01PM
A new school of bloggers
A growing number of teachers are expressing their views — but most do it anonymously
- By JENNIFER RADCLIFFE
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Use of Weblogs (especially English writing class)

1. **Instructor or Tutor blog:** resources, information, space to chat
2. **Learner blog:** reflections, sharing links and pics, fosters ownership of learning
3. **Partner blog:** work on team projects or activities
4. **Class blog:** international exchanges, projects, PBL
5. **Revision:** review and explode sentences from previous posts, add details
6. **Nutshell:** summarize themes or comments across blogs
7. **Blog on blog:** reflections on feelings, confusions, and experiences with blogs

Blogger Software: You have many choices!

1. **Blogger:** <http://www.blogger.com/>
2. **Diaryland:** <http://www.diaryland.com/>
3. **Live Journal:** <http://www.sixapart.com/livejournal/>
4. **Movable Type:**
<http://www.sixapart.com/movabletype/>
5. **Pitas:** <http://www.pitas.com/>
6. **TypePad:** <http://www.sixapart.com/typepad/pricing>
7. **Xanga:** <http://www.xanga.com/>

New Pew Survey Defines Today's Bloggers Jimmy Moore, July 22, 2006

- Among the different kinds of blogs out there, here is the breakdown:
- **Personal life - 37 percent** (can you say [MySpace.com](http://www.myspace.com)?)
- **Political - 11 percent**
- **Entertainment - 7 percent**
- **Sports - 6 percent**
- **News/Current Events - 5 percent**
- **Business - 5 percent**
- **Technology - 4 percent**
- **Religion/Faith - 2 percent**
- **Health - 1 percent**

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- **Most bloggers are young, 18-30 year olds**
- **Most bloggers spend hours on Internet per day**
- **Most bloggers share their personal experiences**
- **Most bloggers write daily or almost daily**
- **Most bloggers LOVE to write and are good at it**
- **Most bloggers never published their writings b4**
- **Most bloggers have a full-time job (and it's not blogging!)**

Adventure Blogging (Ben Saunders, Mark Fennell)



Adventure Blogging: North Pole Marathon



The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Navigation: Home, Encyclopedia, The Diary, Search, etc.

Encyclopedia

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) was an English politician, naval administrator, and diarist. He is best known for his diary, which provides a detailed account of the events of the late 17th century, including the Great Fire of London and the two reigns of William and Mary II.

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Business Blogs

USA TODAY | Home | News | Travel | Money | Sports | Life | Tech

Small Business | Money

Navigation: Home, News, Travel, Money, Sports, Life, Tech

Trend #2. Wikis

TIME 100: The People Who Shape Our World

The TIME 100: The People Who Shape Our World. This feature highlights the most influential people in the world, including leaders, thinkers, and innovators.

The Year of Wikipedia Controversy

Chronicle of Higher Ed: January 26, 2007

InfoWorld

Wikipedia to focus on quality issues

Founder says Wikipedia needs to improve the quality of its content in the coming year.

By Chris Martini, Ed News Service, August 16, 2006

Free online encyclopedia Wikipedia needs to improve the quality of its content in 2007.

Wikipedia's founder, Jimmy Wales, says the online encyclopedia needs to focus on quality issues in 2007. He says the site has become too cluttered with low-quality content and needs to focus on improving the quality of its articles.

The Year of the Ban and the Lawsuit!!!

CNN.com

World

Assault spurs school YouTube ban

Microsoft gets in hot water with Wikipedia

Microsoft has been accused of removing content from Wikipedia, leading to a lawsuit. The company claims it was protecting its intellectual property, while Wikipedia and its users argue that it is a violation of their rights to free information.

SHORT SUBJECTS

The Wiki Watcher

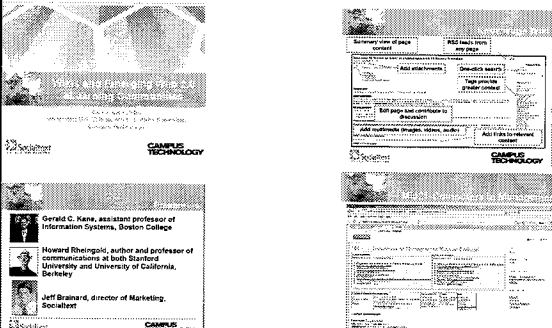
Searcher catches linkages unbelonging their online-encyclopedia entries

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Wikis in Higher Education



Gerard C. Hines, assistant professor of Information Systems, Boston College

Howard Theinigst, author and professor of communications at both Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley

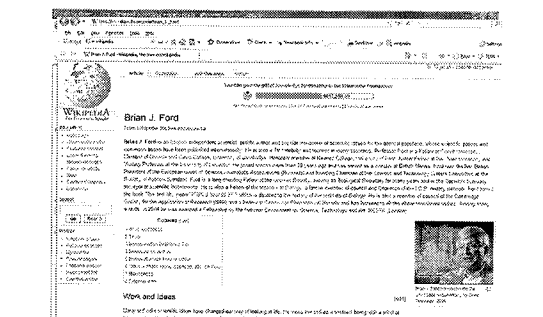
Jeff Brandner, director of Marketing, Socialist

Still More News...

Chronicle of Higher Ed: January 26, 2007

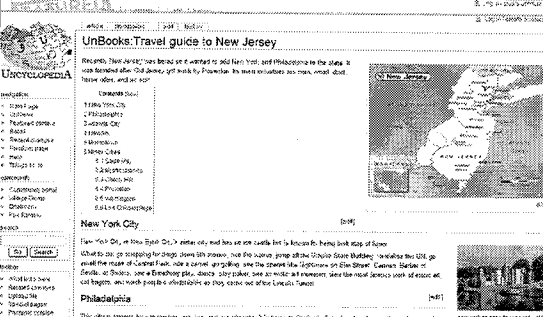
- **Scholarpedia opens—must be invited to write or elected by the public**
– (after *Citizendium* by Larry Sanger)
- **Deathswitch for \$19.95/year—to send email messages from the grave (sends message every 2 weeks to see if still alive and if no response, goes into worry mode)**
- **MTVU buys RateMyProfessors.com**

Change it, it's a Wiki!



Wikipedia article for **Brian J. Ford**

Unencyclopedia



UnBooks: Travel guide to New Jersey

Brandon Hall, Chief Learning Officer Magazine, July 2006

“A wiki is a collection of Web pages that can be easily viewed and modified by anyone, providing a means for sharing learning and collaboration.”

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“Wikis can be used to create content on-the-fly, as a repository for information and for archiving group learning. Benefits include speed, simplicity and a sense of ownership among participants.”

