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BeeD: Hi Paulo

BeeD: Good to see you here

PauloD: Hi Bee

PauloD: The same here.

BeeD: I have just come back from the countryside...it was a gorgeous sunny day

PauloD: Thanks for the resources links sent to me. I loved them.

BeeD: Did you? Great...I thought you would enjoy them...I am going to pass them to my students

PauloD: I have already. I sent them to their e-mails.

PauloD: I am just waiting for their feedbacks. I will check with them tomorrow.

AaronPC joined the room.

BeeD: Good morning Aaron

AaronPC: Good morning

BeeD: Paulo...David is watching that terrible match between Brazil and Argentina

DavidWe: Bom Dia. I'm watching Brasil v. Argentina (0-3)

BeeD: How are things with you today Aaron?

AaronPC: Just fine....thanks.

AaronPC: I was able to get outside for most of the weekend.

AaronPC: Last night I fooled around with Wordpress.

BeeD: And...first impressions Aaron?

DavidWe took a Varig flight from Rio

AaronPC: Very smooth, simple, yet powerful.

BeeD: great...what do you need to get it going?

AaronPC: Compared to Manila...it is much nicer as a personal webpublishing platform.

PauloD: But are you British or American, David

DavidWe: I was born in New York City, Paulo, but I did learn football in London

AaronPC: Well...you can give a free spin over at Incsub.

BeeD: You just download it?

AaronPC: It takes 1 min to sign up for one.

BeeD: are you using James' Word Press?

AaronPC: If you have your own server space with MySQRL database....

BeeD: I do

AaronPC: you can download free and install.

DavidWe . o O (MySQL)

BeeD: but I do not know anything about the MySqul not Yoursqul

AaronPC: HisSQRL....HerSQRL

BeeD: SQL sounds haunting to me

DavidWe . o O (http://www.mysql.com/)

DavidWe . o O (structured query language == SQL)

AaronPC: Yes...James set me up with a WP site.

BeeD: so he is hosting you?

AaronPC: yes

BeeD: right

BeeD: easy to use?

AaronPC: Very easy.

BeeD: I have a drupal somewhere

BeeD: but have not yet understood how it works exactly

BeeD: have not given it much time either

BeeD: I think that now that I have a month holiday in July...I will ask James for one as well and we can compare impressions

AaronPC: Sounds good.

BeeD: My little ones have just opened their blogs...

BeeD: they have been learning English for 3 months now

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: These are ...?

AaronPC: How little are they?

BeeD: 10 and 11

PauloD: great!!!

BeeD: let me show you the class blog

BeeD: http://6eme05.blogspot.com

PauloD: Are you yourself teaching them, Bee

DavidWe: cool

BeeD: last Thursday we went to the computer room and opened an account

JamesMH joined the room.

BeeD: and they had to send me an email with their addresses and their first posts so I can add them to the blogroll

BeeD: Hi Jamie

JamesMH: good morning

AaronPC: Hi Jamie

PauloD: Hi James!

AaronPC: Bee the site looks great!

BeeD: I got the first one...have a look...and tell me if it isn't cute?

BeeD: http://tigressa.blogspot.com/

AaronPC: I like the idea of including a sound file with the text and photos.

AaronPC: Excellent for young EFLers.

BeeD: http://baycon.blogspot.com/

JamesMH: pretty cute

BeeD: They have fewer pbs opening an account than the older ones...and took to it quite naturally

BeeD: they are all excited about podcasts

BeeD: and would like to record their voices as well

BeeD: I just do not have enough room on my server to store all this

PauloD: Bee, are you your own children's English teacher

BeeD: I am teaching them...I hadn't had a class of elementary students for almost ten years...

JamesMH: I am not sure how/ if I should provide my students metalinguistic feedback on their blogs.

AaronPC: What do they think about it Jamie?

GrahamS joined the room.

BeeD: Buenas noches Graham

GrahamS: Hi everyone

DavidWe waves to Graham

AaronPC: Hey Graham!

GrahamS: How's it going?

Maggi: Hi Graham

PauloD: Hi Graham. Congratulations to your country to win against Brazil.

GrahamS: Thanks Paulo (I didn't know)

DavidWe: He's not from Argentina, are you Graham?

JamesMH: Sometimes, I would like to give my students some tips that would help them or help some of my students fix recurrent problems.

BeeD: No...Graham is in Barcelona Paulo

GrahamS: No...from the UK (and I live in Barcelona, Spain)

BeeD: Such as Jamie?

AaronPC: I think most students would appreciate that.

PauloD: lol. My bad again. I am always putting my foot into something.

DavidWe: Good for Brazilians, Paulo

BeeD: it's ok Paulo...it's only your second time here

PauloD: lol!!! Thanks Bee. Living and learning.

BeeD: with time you'll get to know the members

BeeD: Jamie and Aaron are in Japan

JamesMH: I have to run off to work

BeeD: Have a great day Jamie...and let us know if we can help

AaronPC: Yes...see you later Jamie.

PauloD: See ya, james!!!

GrahamS: Bye James

AaronPC: Gambatte ne!

JamesMH: Bye!

JamesMH left the room (signed off).

PauloD: Bee, are you a Speak Up magazine subscriber

BeeD: No Paulo I'm not

GrahamS: one of my colleagues works for Speak Up

BeeD: really Graham?

GrahamS: yes, he helps with the film subtitles and exercises

AaronPC: Never heard of it over here in Japan.

GrahamS: it's very popular in Spain

PauloD: Well, I subscribed to it for four years during my Letras-Graduation. I listened to the same issue for 30 days. Right now, I am listening to one of the magazine issues.

GrahamS: back in the time before DVDs (with subtitle options) it was more popular

PauloD: Hey, Moira Shea. She is from Italy, does anyone know her in person

PauloD: She's got a sexy voice, uh

BeeD: hehehe

BeeD: For a sexy voice you should have a go at the Cell C mobile ads (South Africa)

PauloD: Well, actually she is American, but married to an Italian guy and I believe she lives in Italy and works at Italy Speak Up

RobertWB joined the room.

BeeD: Elderbob!

GrahamS: hi Bob!

RobertWB: Sorry I'm so late, just walked in

AaronPC: Yo Bob!

BeeD: Graham...what about the blurb?

RobertWB: Hello all.

GrahamS: yes...I'm sorry - I'll do something tonight and send it to you

Maggi: Hi Bob

PauloD: Oh, hey. Hello there, Bob!!!

GrahamS: I've been busy examining all week

BeeD: BJ would need to put in online

BeeD: and I want to send it to the lists

GrahamS: definitely

RobertWB: Hi all, I apologize for not being here when you started, I was at my brother in laws birthday party.

BeeD: That's ok, Bob.

RobertWB: Didn't I see some of you at the Australian EdNA conference this week.

BeeD: I only managed to be at the Open Source conference

RobertWB: Bee, I think I saw your name a couple of times, and maybe Aaron.

BeeD: but was working the rest of the time

RobertWB: Anyone else?

LeeB joined the room.

BeeD: Hi Lee

LeeB: Hello!

PauloD: Hi Lee!!!

AaronPC: I missed that. How was it Bob?

RobertWB: There were some good sessions and some a little too beginner for my tastes.

BeeD: Welcome to the Blogstreams Salon group

RobertWB: It was a good conference.

Maggi: Hi Lee

BeeD: Which ones have you attended?

GrahamS: Hi Lee

LeeB waves hello

LeeB: I hate it missed everything today. I was not able to get online...

RobertWB: I went to as many as I good, they started about 7:00 PM for me and I would finally conk out about 1:00 AM

RobertWB: So I saw most of them.

BeeD: Where are you located ,Lee? I think I read you in the webheads list but have missed your introduction

LeeB: I am in Shenandoah Valley, Va..

RobertWB: There was a lot about Moodle, but I think Webheads has a better grasp on blogging.

BeeD: Aaron is using Moodle with his classes this semester

RobertWB: I just finished upgrading my moodle to 1.5.

LeeB: What is your moodle link?

RobertWB: It was the easiest upgrade, I have done so far....it was a breeze.

LesleyG joined the room.

GrahamS: Hi Lesley

PauloD: Hi Lesley!!!

LesleyG: Hi all. Sorry I'm late.

AaronPC waves to Lesley

RobertWB: www.elderbob.com/Classes but keep in mind, that it is just my personal Moodle and I don't teach many classes directly from it....there are a few things you can see...

RobertWB: I have been using mine to prepare for other courses or sometimes as a good place to store things I have learned elsewhere.

RobertWB: Sort of a file cabinet of workshops I have attended.

RobertWB: Right now, I am working on one for next Tuesday night, called Blogging for Business.

RobertWB: It has little to do about education and instead about marketing.

LeeB: Good idea to use it as a file cabinet or sorts.

AaronPC: If I were to login, Bob, what would I see differently?

AaronPC: Maybe the course content?

RobertWB: Aaron, it's not so much what you would see differently as it is how it works....The RSS is working now....and most of the modules work a little more smoothly, there is an IM function, and some of the multimedia stuff is greatly improved....You are welcome to log on or even sign in as guest if you like...I think some of the stuff is available to guests...

RobertWB: Most of the stuff I am working on is hidden anyway.

BeeD hugs Lesley

AaronPC: Wow...you've put a lot of work into this.

LesleyG hugs Bee back

BeeD: how's the house?

LesleyG: Just needs rewiring upstairs, new windows and new water boiler now. Almost there!

BeeD: You will be able to enjoy your summer in a new house then

LesleyG: It's much easier looking after a blog than a house. LOL

BeeD: Yes...absolutely

BeeD: Bob...what have you been doing with Skype?

RobertWB: Aaron, log in as guest and look under Knowplace classes then at Connecting online Part one....some of the pictures are missing but this was the outline I used for last weeks Knowplace session.

BeeD: I see you have a collab there

RobertWB: Bee, the Skype one is pretty new...I am still having some difficulty finding people to try Skype out with...especially guinea pigs to try out something called INEEN.

RobertWB: In my over all plan, the Skype session will be ready by September or maybe October.

LeeB: I got Skype up and running fine on my computers but do not have anyone to work with either

RobertWB: What's you name in Skype, Lee

LeeB: I am just anxious to use it so I know what I can do or need to learn on it.

LeeB: My name is lbaber on Skype

BeeD: Let me add you

BeeD: I am BeeDieu

LeeB: Ok! I have Buth on and Worldbridges .. that is it so far.

RobertWB: I'm real interested in the INEEN because it can handle a larger conference call and the recording system is built in...in Skype you have to run everything through a different recorder.

BeeD: I would love to find out how to record a conversation

AaronPC: I'm AaronPCampbell on Skype.

RobertWB: Bee, I have you already.

GrahamS: I've just started too (bonavista99)

AaronPC: Ineen: http://blogs.onenw.org/kb/archives/001869.html

BeeD: Looks wonderful

RobertWB: My name on Skype is elderbob

RobertWB: I have added you all....

AaronPC: Bob...how does the sound quality on Ineen compare to that on Skype?

RobertWB: It think they are about the same, but I have already met one person that said that INEEN wasn't as clear, but I think the problem that they had was that they were having to run their recorder to record the session.

RobertWB: I used the INEEN recorder and it was crystal clear.

RobertWB: I just have so many other things on my plate right now, that I haven't had a chance to play with it.

AaronPC: Wow...lots of language learning potential with a tool like this.

RobertWB: INEEN has the potential to get 50 some odd people on one conference call.

PauloD: Well, my computer is a Pentium 1, HD 64, 16 MB, do you think it supports this Skype device

RobertWB: and it assigns you a phone number that can be called from a regular phone.

LeeB: I know what you mean. I do too. I can't wait to try INEEN. I have had trouble convincing people other than this group to use these tools. I think they are afraid of security.

RobertWB: Paulo, look at the INEEN page and see what it requires, I don't really recall.

RobertWB: I'm running a p2 and can get Skype and INEEN to work at the same time, though hesitantly.

BeeD: What would be the security issues involved?

PauloD: Okay, I will later!!!

LeeB: 50 people is very handy.

RobertWB: Bee, that's another good question, and I'll defer to a later look.

RobertWB: I think the INEEN has better encoding....whereas, there are stories floating around that SKYPE just basically uses a regular phone line on land....

RobertWB: So If I call you on skype, I am actually calling a switchbox in South America which then connects me to you.

RobertWB: So it is only partly VOIP.

BeeD: right

PauloD: And what about the telephone costs, are they the same as a local cost or what

RobertWB: These are all good questions, I just don't have all the answers yet.

RobertWB: I am going to say that they are quite a bit cheaper Paulo, but I also suspect that they may vary from country to country.

PauloD: I see.

RobertWB: The INEEN also handles four Webcams in tandem, and I am not sure the Skype allows for webcams at all yet.

BeeD: Yahoo Messenger does quite efficiently

LeeB: So what is the advantage to even having Skype.

AaronPC: I usually run YM concurrently with Skype.

AaronPC: It works well.

BeeD: just that the voice is clearer perhaps

RobertWB: the INEEN is also based on the old Speex codecs which are open source, so there is potential for a more reasonable device and more software to work with it.

AaronPC: Skype works well.

RobertWB: Aaron is that for the video.

AaronPC: I can't wait to try out Ineen though.

BeeD: yes...but I have had some bugs...like echoes

AaronPC: No...just sound.

AaronPC: I don't think Skype does video.

BeeD: it does not

RobertWB: Bee do you use a USB speaker and headset.

BeeD: yes

RobertWB: and what about the person on the other end.

BeeD: ha...this is the pb

RobertWB: IF either party or for that matter, any party online, is playing the sound back through speakers, then the microphone will pick that up and because of the signal delay, you will hear an echo.

LeeB: Where do I get YM to join all of you in an audio conversation?

BeeD: conference

RobertWB: Yahoo.com, I believe Lee and then download Instant messenger.

BeeD: what is your YM id Lee?

BeeD: mine is bdieu2001

AaronPC: Gotta run off to work. See you all next week.

BeeD: Have a great week Aaron

AaronPC: Bye now.

RobertWB: Keep in Touch Aaron.

PauloD: Bye Aaron

GrahamS: Bye Aaron

AaronPC

AaronPC left the room (signed off).

LeeB: LeeBuddyLeeB

BeeD: wow

LeeB: I could not get any names to work. They were all taken!

GrahamS: My Yahoo ID is blogefl

RobertWB: elderbob@prodigy.net here

RobertWB: confusing, but that is it.

LeeB: Buddy is my golden retriever. After many tries, I finally just used something I knew no one would have!

BeeD: Graham will be telling us what he has been doing with podcasting next week

LeeB: Remind me again when, Graham.

LesleyG: great Graham. I've spent all weekend filling my new i-pod up with music. I need some podcasts now.

BeeD: Sunday 19th

BeeD: here

GrahamS: looking forward to it

BeeD: Graham...just a little question before we go

GrahamS: sure thing

RobertWB: I'm gonna run too.

RobertWB: Bye all.

RobertWB: See you all next week.

BeeD: how is a podcast different from an mp3 file you link to your blog?

RobertWB: Wait, I want to hear that answer.

GrahamS: It's only a podcast really if you publish the RSS feed with enclosures...

BeeD: and how do you do that?

LesleyG: Must go and take my contacts out, they're sticking to my eyes. Time for bed. Bye everyone.

GrahamS: ...that way the 'podcatcher' client picks it up automatically

BeeD: Thanks Lesley

RobertWB: Bye Lesley.

PauloD: Bye Lesley

BeeD: sleep tight

LeeB waves bye to Lesley

RobertWB: Are all podcast MP3s

BeeD: I have Total Recorder and Audacity.... I have downloaded Ipodder

BeeD: but do not know exactly how to RSS the thing

BeeD: do you have it on your blog Graham...or is there a place I can find it?

GrahamS: Sorry...Feedburner does it automatically for you...adds enclosures

GrahamS: http://feeds.feedburner.com/BarcelonaYoungLearnerEFLpodcasts

RobertWB: So you send it to Feedburner, or give feedburner the URL

BeeD: ok..I have an account there

LeeB: So are Total recorder, audacity and feedburner free?

BeeD: Audacity and feedburner are

GrahamS: When you sign up to publish an RSS feed with Feedburner you can select podcast friendly feed

BeeD: total recorder not

GrahamS: feedburner is free

RobertWB: Audacity is free.

RobertWB: Graham, do you know anything about broadcasting the podcast.

GrahamS: broadcasting it?

LeeB: Good.

RobertWB: Yes, like an internet radio station.

GrahamS: Oh no...I think the whole point is that it's available for downloading so it can be listened to whenever anyone wants

RobertWB: I want to set up Webhead radio...

BeeD: but any mp3 file online can be downloaded

GrahamS: hence the name (ipod + broadcasting)

RobertWB: broadcast in 12 hour segments 2x per day and maybe 3 or 4 days a week.

LeeB: I take it a podcast is simply a recording one prepares and uploads?

RobertWB: Very automatic....different parts of Webheads can have assigned times....as long as they prepare their own broadcast.

BeeD: I think so Lee...with the added RSS so you can syndicate it

RobertWB: All I want to do, is set it up, and make sure it runs.

BeeD: Well Bob...you will have to come and present it here when it is ready

RobertWB: Then any webhead can listen in at any time and hear a Webhead broadcast

GrahamS: yes...the only special thing about the podcast is the fact that I subscribe to feeds with a 'podcatching' client (such as ipodder) and they're downloaded for me automatically and placed into my mp3 player (ready for me to take to work with me in the morning)

LeeB: Robert.. you mean broadcast various sessions, conferences, lessons, etc etc?

RobertWB: Yes, that might have potential.

BeeD: well...let's not have

BeeD: **GrahamS** presentation today...

GrahamS: The other thing that makes podcasting special is the way the idea has caught on - there's a real boom in content at the moment

BeeD: let's leave something for him to say next week

LeeB: Say...Robert.. this is a really good idea.

RobertWB: For instance..on Sunday afternoons, there would be the Blogger Salon...with special guest interviews and notes from the blogosphere...Bee and Aaron would host it, with interviews done by SKYPE or INEEN

BeeD: Sounds great

GrahamS: a great idea

RobertWB: and since all that was a podcast any webhead could save the broadcast and listen to it at their leisure, but if they were not on at the time of the broadcast, they couldn't interact.

LeeB: Hummmm.. possibly record an especially good lesson.. so one can hear how to teach it

RobertWB: My moodle is www.wholewheatradio.com.

RobertWB: 2 people run a round the clock music station...and they are often not even there...it's all automated.

RobertWB: They use robots to run the music via play lists....and they have blog update notifiers, live chat and photos.

RobertWB: I have an open source software already loaded onto my server...right now, I have question about streaming servers and how much that is going to cost me.

RobertWB: If I can set it up, so that I can run a Webhead station on the server that I run my personal broadcast station, then it wont cost anymore than it would have anyway, and I'll just pick up the tab....but that's a pretty big question.

RobertWB: It if is too costly, then I may have to wait.

BeeD: maybe someone could sponsor you

GrahamS: why not start with a podcast first, Bob? And then move on to streaming radio?

RobertWB: There is so much going on in internet radio right now...the commercial radio stations and satellite radio want the internet stations deemed as regular radio so that it would be very costly...but I believe that it is going to go the way of VOIP and there will be an open source segment that is essentially a free web server for broadcasting.

LeeB: Hope so.

BeeD: I must go now...will leave my window open so I do not miss your discussion

GrahamS: Well, I'm going to have to leave you all to get some sleep - Goodnight!

RobertWB: Graham, basically, I'm doing both, but so many folks are already looking at podcasting...I'm simply looking a step ahead and thinking about how we can aggregate all those podcast into one single service and make it available in one place.

BeeD: Have a great week!

PauloD: bye Graham.

PauloD: Bye Bee

BeeD: It's St Anthony here

BeeD: corresponds to Valentine's Day

RobertWB: Have a good one Bee.

PauloD: lol!!!

LeeB waves bye to all.

GrahamS left the room (signed off).

PauloD: that is it Bee!!! Quadrilha Party!!!

RobertWB: I guess I better go too.

LeeB: Yes, Bob, it makes sense to go with your idea instead of the podcasting.

BeeD: see you all next week