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**TeresaHi**: Hello to all.

**BeeD** waves hi to Teresa, Emily and **Maggi**

**Maggi**: Teresa is new

**BeeD**: Hi Miguel and welcome Teresa

**BeeD**: Is this your first time at Tapped In Teresa?

**MiguelB**: Would you believe....I am here...and early.....LOL

**BeeD** claps

**BeeD**: Have a look at the new decoration of the room and tell me if you like it

**BeeD**: Teresa...I teach EFL in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Where are you from?

**TeresaHi**: I teach kindergarten in Houston, Tx.  I love it.

**BeeD**: Oh...another one from Texas...like Emily and Miguel

**TeresaHi**: Texas is a great place.

**MiguelB** joined the room.

**MiguelB**: I guess Fabrice isn't back.

**BeeD**: Yes...I have never been there (well...once I landed at the airport while connecting to Sacramento, but that was all I saw)

**MiguelB** left the room.

**BeeD**: And how did you find out about Tapped In Teresa?

**TeresaHi**: I am taking a tech course in collage.

**AaronPC** joined the room.

**BeeD**: Good morning Aaron!

**AaronPC**: Hello Bee.

**BeeD**: Teresa..meet Aaron ...who is in Kyoto, Japan

**Maggi**: Hi Aaron

**AaronPC**: Hi Maggi and Emily.

**TeresaHi**: Hello Aaron.

**BeeD**: Teresa is from Texas

**AaronPC**: Nice to meet you Teresa....and welcome.

**BeeD**: I participated of the webheads meeting this morning...sthg I had not done for a long time as I am never here in the city at this time

**AaronPC**: How'd it go?

**MiguelB** joined the room.

**AaronPC**: Hi Miguel.

**MiguelB**: Emily...there are some students on TI reception who need some help

**BeeD**: fun...like it usually is...many people were there today

**MiguelB**: Howdy Aaron

**BeeD**: then we later went to Worldbridges

**MiguelB**: I am not that qualified to help them with their questions...something about posting to a journal

**BeeD**: there was an interview going on

**AaronPC**: Nice. Were people talking about the WiA conference at all?

**BeeD**: and I was invited to Skype in about Dekita

**BeeD**: so I did..but very quickly...because hubby and children had arrived in the meantime

**BeeD**: they would like to cover a bit more the project

**AaronPC**: Great!

**EmilyW** waves hi

**EmilyW**: I am back

**BeeD**: WB Emily

**AaronPC**: Hi Emily

**EmilyW**: I found a new website this week for blog prompts

**AaronPC**: Oh, please share if you have the URL.

**EmilyW**: http://www.creativity-portal.com/howto/writing/writing.prompts.html

**FabriceD** joined the room.

**MiguelB** joined the room.

**FabriceD**: so easy

**MiguelB**: Okay...back for the millionth time...

**Maggi** joined the room.

**MiguelB**: Howdy Y'all again

**BeeD** . o O ( Miguel is restless tonight )

**FabriceD**: hi everybody

**MiguelB**: Naw...trying to help out

**BeeD**: Welcome to Blogstreams Fabrice

**FabriceD**: managing to help     thanks

**AaronPC**: Hey Fabrice.

**MiguelB**: Aaron is from Tokyo...right?

**BeeD**: Looks great Emily

**AaronPC**: Well...originally from Tennessee, but living in Kyoto now.

**BeeD**: I will bookmark it deliciously

**MiguelB**: And Bee is from South America...Bolivia I think

**BeeD**: Brazil

**JeanMC** joined the room.

**EmilyW**: I am from Texas

**BeeD**: Bonsoir JM

**MiguelB**: Well I got the B right....LOL

**JeanMC**: Hello, Hola, salut

**AaronPC**: Hola Jean.

**BeeD**: Jean Michel is in Colombia

**MiguelB**: Buenos dias...from Texas

**FabriceD**: I am from France Hola, Ola,

**JeanMC**: Buenos dias from Bucaramanga

**Maggi**: Hi JM

**JeanMC**: Et moi je suis francais mais resident en Colombie

**JeffC** joined the room.

**BeeD**: Jean Michel has just returned from a long trip to France and Canada

**MiguelB**: All I understood is I am French and reside in Colombie///I think

**MiguelB**: Big group today...good

**BeeD**: Next week we will be having our chat in French...and other languages...lol

**MiguelB**: Then I will be lost...

**FabriceD**: What about ancient Greek ?

**BeeD**: We will be helping in the translation

**JeanMC**: We will help you Miguel

**AaronPC**: That'll be fun...

**BeeD**: Gabriella understands English

**BeeD**: but she prefers to do it in French

**MiguelB**: Good...all I understand is Spanglish...

**BeeD**: it will be a good multi cultural and plurilingual meeting

**FabriceD**: Sure you'll do fine if we try the Spanglishench

**EmilyW**: what is the session about next week?

**FabriceD**: How do you say FLE in English ? FFL =French as a foreign language?

**BeeD**: I think so

**AaronPC**: Emily...Gabrielle is a teacher / trainer in innovative technologies and foreign language didactics.

**EmilyW**: oh ok cool

**AaronPC**: She is coming along to chat with us about what she does....

**AaronPC**: especially with some collaborative projects in which she has been involved.

**EmilyW**: ok great

**FabriceD**: what is Dekita ?

**AaronPC**: Dekita is a community devoted to promoting P2P communication in language learning.

**AaronPC**: http://www.dekita.org/about

**BeeD**: Fabrice, what do you teach?

**FabriceD**: FFL and English...I've just graduated. Master degree about Multimedia, TICE and FOAD (that's Open and distance learning in French)

**FabriceD**: what about you ?

**BeeD**: I teach EFL at the Franco Brazilian school in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**AaronPC**: Where are you living Fabrice?

**BeeD**: so you should talk to Jean Michel...he is the coordinator of the FLETICE list

**FabriceD**: fixe (that's what they say in Portuguese for "cool")

**BeeD**: fixe?

**MiguelB**: kewl

**FabriceD**: yep I know, that's how I ended up here, on an invitation from him

**BeeD**: that's nice

**JeanMC**: but a very silent coordinator during the last 5 months!.....

**FabriceD**: yep, fixe..."fish" never heard that? what do they use in Brazil ?

**FabriceD**: I guess it means you're really busy JM

**BeeD**: oh...this is an expression of surprise...which comes from virgem

**BeeD**: and became fixe

**BeeD**: hehehe

**JeffC** has something to share with the group... which I (hope) you will find pretty cool.

**BeeD** is curious

**JeffC**: If you click the Welcome screen... and scroll down... you will see a new Folder and a new thread.

**JeffC**: Click the Personal Introduction Discussion link.

**JeffC**: I formatted it using html... and I'll post another thread and folder on how to do that.

**JeffC**: For now... if you look at the post... the thing I think is interesting is that you can post URLs in Discussion that will hyperlink and keep the user in the top frame.

**JeffC**: When looking at that post... click the hyperlink to Tapped In... you'll see what I'm talking about.

**JeffC**: What that means (for the group as well as other Tapped In members), is that you can truly make Tapped In a polysynchronous environment... having users surf in the top frame, while discussing sites in chat.

**BeeD**: I do not have anything open there...just instructions

**JeffC**: Click on the Tapped In hyperlink within the Discussion thread itself.

**MiguelB**: Click on the tapped in link...

**JeanMC**: Jeff, interesting option; congratulations

**JeffC**: It will bring up the Tapped In homepage (just using it as an example).

**BeeD**: oh..that's cool

**JeffC**: The beauty of it is that although the standard way to introduce links is to just type them into chat here... like http://snurl.com/netc1 (my homepage)... it gets lost later.

**BeeD**: where would I have to insert the link

**BeeD**: oh..here in the chat

**JeffC**: Sure... it's in your transcript... but it's not going to be seen in days (months) etc. to come.

**JeffC**: No... *not in chat* ... in *Discussion*

**JeffC**: For every meeting... you could put your links into a thread in a Folder in Discussion with the html code... that way... if people wanted to see the links later... they could just open the Discussion folder for that day.

**BeeD**: IC

**MiguelB**: Kewl

**JeffC**: I know I'm going a bit fast here... but figured you guys are all pretty tech savvy... are there any questions?

**BeeD**: so instead of them opening in a new window outside Tapped In, they will open inside, on the top part

**BeeD**: but they need to be inserted into the folder before the meeting...

**JeffC**: You need to simply type: [a href="http://www.etc.]url title[/a] in discussion

exactly Bee.

**BeeD**: just checking to see if I understood

**JeffC**: Well... they could be put in *during* the meeting... after or before... *whenever*.

**BeeD** . o O ( this requires some planning ahead, which I sometimes do not have...lol )

**JeffC**: I substituted [ ] for < and > and also forgot the end quotation mark.

**BeeD**: Anyhow...thanks for showing us the trick

**JeffC**: Right... but you're *here* Dee... the problem with synchronous chat is that not all group members can or will show up.

**JeffC**: you're welcome

**JeffC**: I'm just suggesting that for each meeting... all the links be formatted into one discussion post... that way... members who can't show up... (and those here) can quickly navigate and chat (those that are here).

**BeeD**: right...does this mean that they are mailed the transcript as well? Even if they were not present?

**JeffC**: yes

**JeffC**: I suggest that all members "Turn Digest On"

**BeeD**: are they mailed the whole transcript or just the links that were displayed?

**JeffC** goes to create another folder with fuller explanation of using Discussion here. I know that as bloggers... you're elsewhere often... but this is one way to utilize Tapped In as a quasi-blog.

**JeffC**: They'll be emailed Discussion that will include the links... here's an idea... just type in the urls on the whiteboard for each meeting... I'll take care of it.

**BeeD**: something I wanted to ask you Jeff...as you are more technically savvy than I will ever be...lol

**JeffC**: I don't know about that... but I'm pretty Tapped In savvy.

**JeffC** just featured the whiteboard.

**BeeD**: Is there a way groups can have a static page announcing their group outside the Tapped In environment

**BeeD**: a page generated by Tapped In I mean

**JeffC**: Well... I can create a redirect for this Welcome page... members can feature it in their blogs... when clicking the link, they will be required to login... what will happen then is a bit strange... because the top frame will be this room, but if they login as a guest (or member), they'll end up in their office or Reception.

**BeeD**: hmmm...this may confuse people

**EmilyW**: what you can do is announce the group

**JeffC**: Someone already snipped it: http://snipurl.com/hj27

**BeeD**: what about the event page we access from the calendar?

**EmilyW**: I think the event page works

**BeeD**: the trouble is that the url changes everytime so we cannot link to it

**BeeD**: and we cannot customize it either

**JeffC**: Not sure about that Bee... I created a redirect for my office (don't click it unless you want to go there): v,kjjyuuhjnfjxnfygfvgtdetreryfhbvnhttp://snipurl.com/jeffcoffice ... just checked... it still (obviously because I popped out) works.

**JeffC**: It would be confusing for new members to login to both Reception and Blogstreams... but there would be advantages.

**JeffC**: For starters... by logging into Reception they have the added chance that there will be someone on Helpdesk to help them.  We're used to people with split screens.

**JeffC**: Solution is to use the dropdown menu to have them go to Reception so their screen isn't split... then have them go back to Blogstreams.

**BeeD**: sounds complicated, no? I will have to try it out one day

**JeffC**: Well... moveable type is complicated to me...

**JeffC**: It all depends on what you're used to... and most importantly... what kind of support you receive in doing it.

**BeeD**: absolutely

**BeeD**: the support is essential

**TeresaHi**: Support is essential. This is something I will practice when I am not trying to listen. I am fairly new and can not go in and out.

**RogerMG** joined the room.

**BeeD** waves hi to Roger

**MiguelB**: It's just like using your computer...when you leave...just click on the back button...

**RogerMG**: Roger Waves to Bee

**MiguelB**: When you are ready to get back to the original place where you started

**MiguelB**: I am not that literate when it comes to puters...but I try....

**BeeD**: we all try Miguel ...at different levels...but we are all learning

**JeffC** just posted and featured a complete list of tips for Discussion boards here.

**JeffC**: There are still a couple of errors in that post... I'll fix them later.

**JeffC**: uh oh... now hyperlinking *doesn't* work! (goes back to the drawing board)

**JeffC**: I wonder if Zaz turned it off... worked a little while ago.

**MiguelB**: I wish understood all of the discussion....sorry Jeff,,,

**TeresaHi**: It was good to listen. Have a great week.

**MiguelB**: Have a good week Teresa

**TeresaHi** left the room (signed off).

**AaronPC**: Bye Teresa

**BeeD**: Well, I must leave earlier tonight...I hope to see you all next week for the French discussion

**JeanMC**: bonne soirée Barbara

**BeeD**: Fabrice...I count on you and JM

**MiguelB**: Bye Bee

**AaronPC**: Adios everyone. See you next week.

**JeanMC**: On verra!....

**BeeD**: oui

**MiguelB**: I will make an all out effort to be here.

**MiguelB**: Adios

**JeanMC** left the room (signed off).

**Maggi**: Hugs Bee bye

**FabriceD**: is that all there is M

**FabriceD**: shouldn't be a problem

**FabriceD**: thanks

**FabriceD**: Thanks everyone. See you next week

**JeffC** goes to his office to test this out some more.