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GrahamS: Bee, I'm happy to say that the BC is starting to open up to blogging - I've been receiving invites to speak at BC conferences in Spain about blogging

BeeD: Yes..they have opened a chat on the Brazil site as well..and are copying a bit what we are doing here

GrahamS: there seems to be a growing interest in using computers for communication rather than sticking students in front of cd-roms and drilling them

BeeD: Last Friday was the first anniversary of their forum...the ELT forum..and they set up four chats

GrahamS: great

BeeD: the good thing about this chat (must find out what software they are using) is that you do not have to download any java or applet

BeeD: so it makes it easier for people to access

GrahamS: that's because of GTI2 I suppose (GTI2 is the BC version of XP)

RobertWB: I think they may have been talking about that this morning in WorldBridges.

GrahamS: aha - I need to listen to that Bob

BeeD: What happened this morning Bob?

GrahamS: I've not had time to listen to the latest Worldbridges webcasts

BeeD: neither have I

RobertWB: Will Richardson postponed until next week.

RobertWB: It was mainly news and views.

BeeD: IC

RobertWB: and then I did an hour on RSS....with folk from Knowplace, the TI folks and Vance's Multilit class.

EmilyW: what was the rss about?

GrahamS: sounds great - is that available to listen to yet, Bob?

RobertWB: It was a good session....I think both hours got archived into pod casts.....I haven't looked yet

RobertWB: Mainly just an intro to RSS.

BeeD: This is sooo necessary

GrahamS: I'll download that and listen to it on my way to work tomorrow

EmilyW: what was the intro about?

RobertWB: It's all still up at Knowplace.ca

RobertWB: until 9:00 PM PDT

BeeD: There is also a recording on RSS at Learning Times

EmilyW: I am not on those sites

BeeD: that Will Richardson did for the last Evo blogging session

RobertWB: That's the earlier Will Richarson from your blogging class, isn't it.

BeeD: it was very clear and to the point

BeeD: Mary Harrsch also presented

RobertWB: Right....it's an excellent session'

BeeD: but hers was a bit more philosophical...less practical

GrahamS: yes, an excellent session

RobertWB: I should have made sure that Knowplace announced it here.

RobertWB: My bad.

BeeD: well...it is still walled behind a login in Learning Times but at least it is free for consultation any time

BeeD: Are you doing the Multiliteracy course as well Bob?

RobertWB: Are there still folks that have trouble getting into LT.

RobertWB: I have really enjoyed the class, though, there is sooo much to get your head around....

RobertWB: Vance has posted some very good resources, but this last week was really busy getting ready for Knowplace this weekend, and I am still short two speakers for the six day extravaganza in November prior to WIA Convergence.

BeeD: Yes...I can imagine..I bought the book last year...and read it from time to time...

RobertWB: Dennis Oliver has been there. I have really enjoyed him.

RobertWB: and of course, Vance is always thinking...

BeeD: I enjoy reading his blog

RobertWB: I think the book has to be digested in small chunks.

BeeD: yes...it is dense

RobertWB: Lots of interesting concepts.

BeeD: this weekend I was engrossed in the rhetorical literacy...

BeeD: st my head spinning

RobertWB: That's where the course is this week.

RobertWB: Are you enrolled Bee?

BeeD: no I'm not...I followed from a distance last year

RobertWB: I think I recalled reading some blog posts? from you last year.

BeeD: I wish I had the time..unfortunately with my 22 classes a week + preparation + all the extras...impossible

RobertWB: It's sort of funny, if you do a google search for Multiliteracy, most of the items in the search were written by folks from the course last year.

BeeD: there is the New London Group as well

RobertWB: Oh yea, that's the core of it all...

GrahamS: 22 classes Bee? You really do earn your nickname

BeeD: <http://edoz.com.au/educationaustralia/archive/features/mult3.html>

RobertWB: but from there on, there is stuff related to Multilit, but it is often called something else.

BeeD: Yes Graham...22 hours before classes of 30 students

RobertWB: I think Bee has secretly had herself cloned....

BeeD: from 11 to 18 - from elementary to literature classes preparing for the baccalaureate

GrahamS: I always suspected that Bob

RobertWB: and we could still use another half dozen of her.

BeeD: sometimes it is difficult to switch in five minutes

GrahamS: ...in every city

BeeD: I wish I had some clones

GrahamS: Bee, I'd like to go to your presentation on time management

BeeD: there is no time management...lol

BeeD: it's on automatic

RobertWB: Graham, are you familiar with the concept of "Getting Things Done"

GrahamS: tell me more Bob

RobertWB: It's from a book by Dave Allen, I believe....lots of web groups formed around it.

GrahamS: sounds interesting - I'll have to look into it

RobertWB: The 48 Things website is an outgrowth from it.

BeeD: 43 things

GrahamS: that's a great site

BeeD: 43 places

RobertWB: It's a good read...hard to keep the concept going but sound advice.

EmilyW: what about 43 things?

GrahamS: <http://www.43things.com/>

RobertWB: It stands for the filing system he uses....31 days plus 12 months.

RobertWB: There is a lot of stuff there on time management.

BeeD: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/43_Things

RobertWB: Thanks Bee

GrahamS: I'm so busy I only have 3 things listed so far

BeeD: And how are preparations for the podcasting workshop Graham?

BeeD: I have collected some links for you while I was surfing

GrahamS: well, going slowly

GrahamS: that's great - thank you

RobertWB: When is that coming up Graham?

BeeD: let me get them for you...you might have them already...but let me get them for you

GrahamS: That'll be in January

GrahamS: <http://blipmedia.org/> is the latest site I have to look into

RobertWB: I took a four week class, from a fellow named Andy Wibbels from Chicago.

GrahamS: it seems they offer free podcasting space

RobertWB: It was pretty good....pretty basic, but a good outline of podcasting.

GrahamS: that sounds good Bob

BeeD: This is one : http://www.ottergroup.com/blog/_archives/2005/9/16/1232728.html

GrahamS: thanks Bee

RobertWB: Graham do you tune in to the Sunday morning Skypecast at Worldbridges.

RobertWB: I know that is early in the day....

GrahamS: I have done Bob, when I can

GrahamS: I usually end up listening to their podcast

RobertWB: Those two fellows seem to be pretty keen on podcasting.

LeeB joined the room.

GrahamS: for me it's late afternoon

RobertWB: You could probably talk them out of some podcast space...

LeeB: Where are you located?

GrahamS: They are sponsoring the EVO2006 podcast - we've set up a Moodle and webspaces for the course thanks to them

BeeD: Here is another:

<http://www.ceap.wcu.edu/houghton/EDELCompEduc/Ch1/blogthinking.html#podcasting>

RobertWB: They have a dedicated server, and as long as they know it is for ed purposes, they are actually very flexible.

GrahamS: I'm in Barcelona, Spain

RobertWB: I don't think that would matter to them.

GrahamS: they are very keen - we are planning on doing some webcasting with them during our course

RobertWB: Talk to Jeff LeBow and let him know what you are doing...

RobertWB: Oh good.

GrahamS: yes, really keen on helping us

RobertWB: Do you have any thoughts on doing podcast from LT.

GrahamS: We need to start organising our material and thinking about all that Bob

GrahamS: any suggestions you could give would be warmly welcome

RobertWB: I am looking at doing some stuff from there in November if possible....

GrahamS: Bee, that podcasting setup in the last link looks intriguing

RobertWB: but we may have to back up and just do a skypecast instead.

GrahamS: that's another think I have to try out soon - recording skype

GrahamS: I have used hotrecorder, but the quality isn't great

GrahamS: <http://www.hotrecorder.com/>

BeeD: and finally there is this one...which you probably have already come across
<http://lt.msu.edu/vol9num3/emerging/default.html>

GrahamS: Thanks Bee

BeeD: I have recorded some little bits for my elementary stds...but it's not really a podcast as I have not added the feed

BeeD: it's just on their blogs for them to practice...

GrahamS: Bee, what about a Dekita podcast?

BeeD: why not?

GrahamS: it's an idea

BeeD: sure it is...how do you imagine it?

GrahamS: of course it's all a question of time

BeeD: we are preparing our presentation for the WiAOC event in November

BeeD: on Dekita

BeeD: and then thinking of writing a paper ...so why not a podcast as well?

GrahamS: it's a nice idea

GrahamS: You could do a weekly round up of news?

BeeD: we could have students participate as well

BeeD: it would be fun...but TIME is the main obstacle

GrahamS: definitely

GrahamS: Time is a real problem

GrahamS: I have another problem at the moment - I have had a bad cough for 2 weeks now (doesn't stop me blogging, but podcasting...)

BeeD: yes...this is terrible

GrahamS: And when I cough on Skype, I lose the connection!

BeeD: maybe you could interview some people in the meantime

BeeD: lol

GrahamS: Actually, I need to listen to the presentations I gave last week and see if they are good enough to podcast

GrahamS: editing out the coughing of course

BeeD: hehehe

RobertWB: Here is another cool blog I found...you may already have it
<http://podchef.motime.com/>

BeeD: how long does it take you to prepare a podcast, Graham?

RobertWB: They do recipes, with text, podcast and step by step Flickr photos.

BeeD: fantastic Bob

GrahamS: looks great Bob

GrahamS: Bee, that's the thing - I've been doing podcasts that take too long to prepare - I need to change the way I do it

RobertWB: I am going to have to go....My family no longer recognizes me, they say I have keyboards growing out of my fingers.

RobertWB: Later on all.....

RobertWB: Have a great week.

BeeD: I know what you mean Bob...here it is the same thing

GrahamS: I have to start doing regular podcasts that are shorter and that take less time to prepare

BeeD: Have a great week too

GrahamS: Bye bob

RobertWB left the room (signed off).

GrahamS: I'm going to have to go too

GrahamS: get some sleep

BeeD: Yes..better take care of yourself

BeeD: Have a great week too Graham and thanks for coming

GrahamS: it's been a pleasure - have a great week too

BeeD: I have loads of things to take care of as well

BeeD: Well must be going as well..see you