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CorinneW: there are only a few people active here as far as I can see though, they meet in an hour if I have the time zone thing sussed

CorinneW: have you got a blog Bj?

BJB2: yes, I just started one

CorinneW: oh, let's see it then!

BJB2: Try this http://voicesfromloysville.blogspot.com/

CorinneW: thanks

BJB2: it's only a week old

BJB2 . o O (I resisted for a long time, but finally found a reason to do one)

BJB2: kids think a lot differently when they know they are going to be 'published' on the web.

CorinneW: you mean they think about it before they 'say' it

CorinneW: cripes, hot off the press

BJB2: they think a little more seriously

CorinneW: right

CorinneW: when I was doing my qualification to become an online tutor, they mentioned that a lot but there was little evidence to back it up

BJB2: I do all the posts. They submit their entries to me in their journals

CorinneW: I was suspicious that it was just marketing speak

CorinneW: right

BJB2 nods. You should join the Online Teaching and Learning Group

CorinneW: and you don't correct, just cut and paste

CorinneW: didn't realise there was one Bj

CorinneW checks

BJB2: no, I did lots of correcting. Their spelling and punctuation is abysmal

CorinneW: ooh, lots of work

CorinneW: can't find that group, is it called something else maybe

BJB2: not that many posts. If it starts getting overwhelming, I'll have to start having them type their entries so I can copy and paste

CorinneW: right, fair enough

BJB2: try clicking on SEARCH and then the subtab GROUPS

CorinneW: or peer editing?

CorinneW: got it

BJB2: Peer editing would be nice, but not too effective yet. We'll keep it in our bag of tricks

CorinneW: joined it, got the t shirt

CorinneW: yeah, can be a bit like the blind leading the blind

CorinneW: gobby blind convincing the quiet blind

CorinneW: or I'm ok, you're not ok

CorinneW: have you read that book?

BJB2: when you're working with these kids, sometimes you also really have to dig deep...and they are not often open to sharing

CorinneW: yeah, fair enough, I can't say hand on heart that I can really appreciate the challenges that you face on a day to day basis

CorinneW: I would be a liar if I suggested anything otherwise

CorinneW: If I were to die tomorrow I would want to [be] remembered as being honest you see

CorinneW smiles

ConstanceK joined the room.

CorinneW: Hi Constance

ConstanceK: Hi Corinne-I'm Connie

CorinneW: thank you

CorinneW: Hi Connie, will try to remember

BJB2 wonders if Connie would like her username changed?

CorinneW: Connie is nice and approachable

CorinneW: BJ can change that for you Connie

CorinneW: she is a TI queen and pioneer

ConstanceK: Thanks-I like it too..as soon as I figure out how to change it I will.

BJB2: you can't change it but I can

CorinneW: I think BJ might have to step in as administrator for that one

ConstanceK: You can change it for me! wow!

BJB2: there is already a Connie K, but Connie Ka is available

BJB2: would that be better?

CorinneW: no messing

ConstanceK: I'll take it!

CorinneW: deal!

BJB2: log out for a minute, Connie and I'll take care of it

CorinneW: another happy user within seconds,

ConstanceK: I tried to do an introduction here but I think I flubbed it.

CorinneW: is there a record for that?

CorinneW: I was just about to do the same Connie

ConstanceK: dunno

CorinneW: flubbed - I like that

CorinneW smiles at yet another US/UK difference

BJB2: I can't change your username while you're logged in, Connie. I can do it later, if you prefer

ConstanceK: I'm trying to find it but nada.

CorinneW: find what?

BJB2: to edit your description go to the ME tab at the top of your screen and then click on the subtab SETTINGS

Maggi joined the room.

Maggi: Hi

BJB2 hugs Maggi

Maggi hugs BJ and Corinne

CorinneW: Hi Maggi, biiiiiiiiiiiiiiiig hug

ConstanceK: Me is okay...it's the discussion intro thread that wasn't so good.

JeffC joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Jeff

CorinneW: yeah I am having problems responding to Jeff's, speak of the devil, intro message

JeffC waves

CorinneW waves

JeffC: which intro message?

CorinneW: nice crowd!

Maggi waves

BJB2 . o O (all we need is Bee!)

CorinneW: David?

CorinneW: Nathan?

CorinneW: In this group, you created a message about personal introductions Jeff - sorry, young Jeff!

ConstanceK: I thought I had managed to do a personal introduction…guess I didn't.

CorinneW: If I open the group Personal Introductions, I cannot see an obvious place to respond

CorinneW: ouch, that's annoying Connie

ConstanceK: Oh well

CorinneW: blame Jeff, he doesn't mind a playful dig in the ribs

ConstanceK: go for it then Corinne

CorinneW: or me, I can take it

JeffC: you mean here Corinne?

CorinneW: yes Jeff

Maggi . o O (maybe it tickles)

CorinneW: try it

JeffC: if you're making a personal introduction in a Discussion, just start a new topic in the folder.

CorinneW: but where?

CorinneW wonders whether she should really be on the helpdesk at all

CorinneW: 'I resign'

Maggi smiles

JeffC: Click Discussion-- Click the Personal Introduction folder-- Click "Post new topic"

CorinneW: I don't see Post new Topic on my screen

CorinneW questions her sanity

Maggi: or at the end of one it has reply

JeffC: Click the Discussion *link* (to open all discussions)-- Click the Personal Introduction folder-- Click "Post new topic"

CorinneW: don't have that option

JeffC: Go back to the Welcome screen.

CorinneW wonders if she is speaking in German or something

CorinneW: ok

JeffC: On the left of the top frame there will be a number of links... Welcome, About Us, etc... including Discussion.

CorinneW: Nope, no difference

CorinneW: been there and back

JeffC: Click *that* Discussion link, then the Personal Introduction folder. What do you see in the top frame when you click the original Discussion link on the left of the top frame?

CorinneW: wasn't hell, but being back here is getting close to being in hell - jokin

Maggi: oh   my

CorinneW: indeed oh my

JeffC: After you click the original Discussion link, scroll down the top frame and you'll see the Personal Introduction folder.

CorinneW: no option to reply to your message for instance Jeff

JeffC: click that, then click the link to Post new topic. I don't want you to reply to my message.

JeffC: I want you to start a new thread.

CorinneW: Connie, do you see a reply option?

ImeldaC joined the room.

JeffC: What do you see in the top frame Corinne?

CorinneW: No option to start a new thread, all I can do is read them

Maggi: your computer is trying to drive you nuts

JeffC: Ah... ok

BJB2 waves hi to Imelda

JeffC: That's because you haven't joined this group yet!

ImeldaC: Hi Connie, this is Imee

JeffC: Join this group!

CorinneW: ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

CorinneW: sorry boss

ImeldaC: who are you talking to?

Maggi: always an easy answer

CorinneW: Jeff is just a big hairy show off

HeatherBu joined the room.

CorinneW sticks tongue out

CorinneW: at Jeff

CorinneW: and smiles

HeatherBu waves

Maggi: Hi Imelda

CorinneW: Hi Heather

ConstanceK: Hi Imee.

HeatherBu: Hi ya'll.

Maggi hugs Heather

HeatherBu hugs **Maggi**

HeatherBu . o O (twice in one day!)

ImeldaC: Hi **Maggi**. I think that this is too fast for me

CorinneW: do I have to log in and out to get my membership to take effect

CorinneW: hang on in there Imelda

CorinneW: remember that you can detach

CorinneW: keep with us

ConstanceK: Imee weren't we supposed to meet for the tour?

Maggi smiles

CorinneW: all working well now

ImeldaC: Ok. Just tell me what I have to do to keep up with you

ConstanceK: Folks...I did the intro thing.

CorinneW: just read and type as and when you feel the urge

CorinneW: well done to Connie, one step ahead of me

BJB2: the tour is in reception. Unless Bee logs in soon, I'm thinking that blogstreams is a bust

CorinneW hugs Jeff for splendid solution

ImeldaC: Ok, but are we going to do the tour?>

HeatherBu checks the Calendar

BJB2: to participate in the tour type /join DianneA

CorinneW: or we could hang out and hope that she joins us later?

ConstanceK: Do it Imee...I'll catch up later.

HeatherBu: BJ, according to the Calendar, Blogstreams isn't due to start for another 50 minutes.

BJB2: ahhh...thanks, Heather

ConstanceK: Then, I'll be back.

CorinneW: pants

BJB2 . o O (that's what I have written down, just forgot   )

CorinneW: time zone hiccough again

ImeldaC: Join DianneA where do I type it

CorinneW: here

HeatherBu . o O (I know I'm a bit daft right now, but I was *really* geting confused)

CorinneW: don't forget the slash

CorinneW: me too

CorinneW: at least I am a member now, let's chill out here for a while

CorinneW: so Heather, how's it going?

HeatherBu: Fine, thanks. And you, Corinne?

CorinneW: yeah

CorinneW: fine

BJB2: Imelda, type /joinDianneA

CorinneW: anyway, best I go and keep my hubby company, not much of the weekend left

ImeldaC: I guess you can tell that I am very new at this but I will get the hang of it

CorinneW: will be back in at 11pm

CorinneW: my time

CorinneW: cu l8r

CorinneW: alligator

BJB2: Imelda, we all start out as newbies! You're doing fine

HeatherBu: later, Corinne.

HeatherBu: You're doing great, Imelda.

BJB2: if you want to join the tour, type /join DianneA

ImeldaC left the room.

CorinneW: just added my intro at least

CorinneW: cu later

CorinneW left the room (signed off).

JeffC: Bj... Blogstreams isn't scheduled until 2p.m. my time.

HeatherBu grins. Guess who's been afk

BJB2 nods to Jeff. I just forgot

JeffC: nah... not afk just figuring out how to checkmate someone at http://chessworld.net/chessclubs/playchess.asp?SquareSize=32&chessgame_number_cam=2804771&startpos=&endpos=

JeffC: I think I have him (I'm wolfeliam... it was originally my son's account but he decided he didn't want to play... he's since changed his mind!).

ConstanceK joined the room.

ImeldaC joined the room.

ImeldaC: Hi everyone

BJB2: good job, Imelda

ConstanceK: Hi all

ImeldaC: I have to go

ConstanceK: Bye Imee talk to you on Tuesday

ImeldaC: Connie you and I will get together to work on this, I like it

ImeldaC: bye

ConstanceK: bye Imee'

ImeldaC left the room (signed off).

BJB2: Connie, can you log out for a minute so I can change your username?

ConstanceK: asolutely!

ConstanceK left the room (signed off).

CorinneW joined the room.

CorinneW: Have I missed anything?

CorinneW: The best people are still here

BJB2: not yet, Corinne

CorinneW: ok

CorinneW: how long did it take you to set your blog up bjb

CorinneW: being a technical pro, unlike myself

ConnieKa joined the room.

CorinneW: Hi again Connie

BJB2 cheers for Connie.

BJB2: better?

CorinneW: now with a cooler more appropriate name

CorinneW: or id

ConnieKa: I'm back..Thanks this feels better!

CorinneW: a name that fits

CorinneW: and both Connie and I have done our intros

ConnieKa: yep!

ConnieKa: I'll have to check it out Corinne

CorinneW: I have already checked yours

CorinneW: not your blog yet though

CorinneW: I could do that whilst we're waiting

BeeD joined the room.

BeeD: Hello everyone!

ConnieKa: Where the heck are you?

BeeD: I'm sorry I'm late

BeeD: My computer crashed twice

BJB2 hugs Bee. Welcome!

ConnieKa: talking to Corinne..

BeeD: It's ok Connie

BeeD: I opened my eyes wide

BeeD: but understood it was not a complaint

ConnieKa: Bee-I looked into blogs because of an article of yours. I'm so excited to be talking to you!

CorinneW: The AZAR grammar disk, is that a good resource Connie

BeeD: Really Connie? Where was this article?

CorinneW: Hi Bee

BeeD: Hi Corinne

ConnieKa: You've been peeking...it's very old and not made anymore. but it's good.

BeeD: and hi BJ, Jeff and Maggi

CorinneW: Jeff and Maggi are being cardboard cutouts for now

ConnieKa: Corinne check out the links from session 1

BeeD: Have you started blogging?

CorinneW: no doubt they will be back soon

CorinneW: ah, right

ConnieKa: Can't stop me!

BeeD: Are you teaching?

CorinneW: will do- Sept 26th?

ConnieKa: Corinne have you seen the business English podcast

CorinneW: I have seen a couple which one are you referring to?

ConnieKa: It's on podomatic and the emblem is blue...

CorinneW: all of the links are French

CorinneW: ok, will check it out later

BJB2 wonders if Bee wants to make the start of the discussion 'official'?

BeeD: well...nothing very official today

BeeD: I was just going to ask if anyone is using Web 2.0 tools

CorinneW: no sorry

ConnieKa: no clue

BJB2: some pretty cool ones out there!

BeeD: What about blogging? Are you acquainted with it?

CorinneW: Wikipedia is one, so yes I think I have one but have yet to activate or add content

CorinneW: I have yet to experiment with blogging Bee

ConnieKa: I don't know much but I get a lot of mileage

BeeD: what blogging service are you using?

ConnieKa: blogger

BeeD: the new beta version?

CorinneW: does anyone find that blogging gets used to 'sound off' about stuff more than constructive conversation and learning?

CorinneW: if so, any remedies or strategies for avoidance?

BeeD: Well..I must say I have been following some really interesting blogs

ConnieKa: I saw beta sign in but I didn't understand what it was for.

BeeD: and that many people I met on the internet

BJB2: I've invited other correctional educators and their students to comment on my students' entries on the blog I just started

BeeD: was after reading their blogs

BJB2 . o O (and have had some very positive replies, if not material to post yet)

BeeD: Aaron Campbell is one

BeeD: Konrad Glogowski is another

BeeD: anyhow

BJB2: Lynne Wolters has a good blog

BeeD: there are a lot of good blogs around

ConnieKa: I use blog comments for directed or structured comments only...group or individual.

BeeD: Connie and Corinne..let me take you to Dekita.org then

BeeD: http://dekita.org

BJB2: that's the problem, Bee....so many blogs and so little time to read them all!

BeeD: it's true

CorinneW: I would be inclined to use a blog as a sounding board for a conversation topic, put the cat amoungst the pigeons.

BeeD: I love to use blogs with my students because they keep their own content later on

BeeD: and can review what they have written

ConnieKa: I've had students make personl blogs..

CorinneW: exactly when would my target market - business execs - find time to read a blog unless it was a real expert and don't real experts have better things to do with their time?

BeeD: with the Web 2.0 and the mashups they can integrate a lot of stuff into their blogs as well

BeeD: so we are using several services and bringing them all together

BJB2: during webheads this morning they brought up the term infoluenza

CorinneW: That is true, transparent learning is a big bonus for organisations that like to know where their budgets are being well spent or not

BeeD: This year the kids have been using Flickr for photographs, tagging, writing a description and finding other interest groups

CorinneW: infoluenza?

BeeD: We are also using 43Things and 43Places to write about wishes and recommend places to travel

BeeD: and

BeeD: Wordpress for blogging

CorinneW: are those websites?

BeeD: they are Web 2.0 sites and applications

ConnieKa: Are you using virtual tourist as a link?

BeeD: Virtual tourist?

BJB2: http://blog.jackvinson.com/archives/2006/08/22/infoluenza_epidemic.html

CorinneW: Wordpress has a staggering amount of lessons, nice touch

ConnieKa: I saw it as a link somewhere and it has pictures and comments from places allover the world. looks interesting

BeeD: I cannot open the window

ConnieKa: What's wordpress

BeeD: the link does not click

BeeD: http://wordpress.com

BJB2 . o O (do you have a window minimized, Bee?)

BeeD: is another blogging service

BeeD: no BJ

BeeD: I'm on Firefox

BJB2: The frustrated, overwhelmed and unfulfilled feeling that results from continued efforts to broaden information or knowledge management systems.

BJB2: An epidemic of confusion, vendor hype, paralysis by analysis, and suspect decision-making caused by dogged pursuit of a Technology Nirvana.

CorinneW: a better term for information overload

BJB2: An unsustainable addiction to incorporating more and more information

BJB2 . o O (description of infoluenza)

BeeD: yes..this is crazy

BJB2: Information is not the problem, but infoluenza - a disease of not being able to understand the limitations of deriving contentment from content alone.

BJB2 shuts up and stops interrupting Bee's discussion

BeeD: it was interesting BJ

CorinneW: but I do agree that getting people to put their thoughts down on to paper, encourages a deeper level of thought incorporating examples, cultural awareness, empathy, openness etc

BeeD: I was preparing a presentation on blogs and web 2.0 tools this morning

JeffC: Plus people type at most 100 wpm, talk at 300 wpm, and think at 150 wpm.

BeeD: so missed the Webhead session

CorinneW: me too

BeeD: thanks for updating us

BeeD: What I like about the social networking tools for language learning

BeeD: is that you put the students in contact with other people who speak the language

BeeD: not only teachers

BeeD: so they have to negotiate meaning

CorinneW: I would be interested in using a blog as part of an international industry peer training programme

BeeD: Was it you BJ or Jeff who sent me a link to a new blog called langwitches?

BJB2: must have been Jeff

BeeD: http://langwitches.org if I am not mistaken

CorinneW: so air conditioning experts or something equally as niche market could come together and learn the language skills they need for their job by working on virtual projects together plus having a weekly blog

BeeD: for collaboration a wiki is better

BeeD: a blog is nice to reflect on your learning

JeffC: nope... wasn't me that sent that link.

ConnieKa: Bee-how would a wiki be different or better for the collaboration? just looking into it

BJB2 agrees. TI is better too

BJB2 . o O (using the threaded discussion boards)

BeeD: People can use it collectively building a list of resources and tutorials for instance

ConnieKa: ahh but how to get so many online together-discussion boards don't need together do they

BeeD: do not get you

CorinneW: is wiki the same as threaded discussion boards then but on your own website possibly

ConnieKa: I'm answering TI option

JeffC: No, but it always amazes me when I read that people can't do online classes in real time, because you can't get them together all at the same time. Uh... seems to me... that in f2f classrooms you don't seem to get that argument!

BeeD: no..they are not threaded discussions

BeeD: wikis are pages you can open on the fly

BeeD: and insert content collectively

BeeD: have you used Writely for instance?

BeeD: not exactly a wiki

BeeD: but you collaborate on the same document

BeeD: online

CorinneW: the problem with my clients is that they use time as an argument to postpone learning, threaded discussions or another form of asynch learning eliminates that 'excuse'

ConnieKa: if students are members of a blog - how does it differ from a wiki

BeeD: a blog is personal

CorinneW: sorry, doesn't eliminate, but reduces

BeeD: a wiki is collective

BeeD: let me give you an example of a wiki

CorinneW: could you demonstrate

CorinneW: thanks

ConnieKa: need more explanation

JeffC: The major difference between a blog and a wiki is that with the wiki, you allow members to change the content of a page... with a blog... people may comment, but they don't edit the work of others.

BeeD: http://braztesol.pbwiki.com

CorinneW: ahh, right, with you

BeeD: if you click on this link it will take you to a wiki that was put together by several people

CorinneW: so the blind leading the blind is wiki

CorinneW: blog is each to their own opinion

BeeD: yes

BeeD: you can have a group blog

CorinneW: wiki is a bit dangerous to my mind

JeffC: Some argue that Corinne, but with wikipedia for instance, there are a number of safeguards. Sometimes there is an owner of the page who must approve changes... other changes may be challenged and the page reverted to the original.

BeeD: you have a history page

CorinneW: some idiot that thinks he knows it all could mislead everyone else

BeeD: that records all changes

BJB2: Bee, are you familiar with www.zoho.com?

BeeD: I have heard of it

BeeD: but have not used it

CorinneW: thanks BJB2, good link, will check that out later

JeffC: That really cuts down on the jokers, or people adding misinformation. I think that wikipedia is better than Encyclopedia Brittanica for that reason. People will not put in something they know is wrong, and the page becomes self-correcting and fluid. With EB, you rely on an "expert" to have all the right info (and errors in EB and Wikipedia have been shown to be similar in number), and EB is *static* and unchanging.

BeeD: there are so many different ones appearing

CorinneW: fair comment Jeff

CorinneW: indeed the amount of wikis is staggering

BJB2 agrees...enough to give one infouenza!

CorinneW smiles

CorinneW: what about if I had a team of 12 coaches

JeffC: Well... there are those who disagree with me (Kathy Schrock vociferously for one!). Hopefully we can have a session/debate on it in the future here.

CorinneW: each of which with a different experience base,

BeeD: it would be nice Jeff

CorinneW: and clients that wanted to access an online hotspot to deal with their language problems in the office

CorinneW: which would work best

BeeD: a teacher on Skype

CorinneW: we do that already

CorinneW: thinking of a text solution for reference

BeeD: who would then transcribe the FAQ to a wiki

BeeD: and you would build a resource

CorinneW: not me, I want them to submit and evaluate themselves

CorinneW: I will monitor

BeeD: or they would

CorinneW: the coaches and the learners would be interfacing directly

CorinneW: I would be able to see which of my trainers are being active, supportive, friendly, approachable etc

BeeD: a wiki does not usually have much metadata..well..you have the discussion page

CorinneW: my clients would be able to have statistics about how much activity there was at the 'grammar clinic'

BeeD: then better use moodle

BeeD: if you need to control this

SusanR joined the room.

CorinneW: Hi Susan

BeeD: Welcome Susan

SusanR: Hi Corinne and Bee

CorinneW hugs Susan

BeeD: We were discussing blogs, wikis , Web 2.0 and infoinfluenza

SusanR: infoinfluenza was mentioned in the webheads discussion

BeeD: I was absent so BJ and Jeff updated me

CorinneW: indeed

SusanR: I will have to look at the transcript from this morning

BeeD: Would you send it to me?

CorinneW: information that adds value - can that be achieved with wikis and blogs or not, that is the question?

NinaTL joined the room.

BeeD: Hello Nina

CorinneW: or can educators use wikis and blogs to achieve something that face to face teaching cannot?

NinaTL: Hi, Bee, hi everyone. Sorry, I meant to be here earlier but I completely forgot!

BeeD: It's ok Nina

DavidWe joined the room.

DavidWe waves

BeeD: Hi David

DavidWe: Bonjour, Bee

BeeD: Bonsoir ici

SusanR: do they have time to maintain and update the wikis?

DavidWe . o O (Bonsoir ici, aussi, pardonnez-moi)

CorinneW: Hi there Mr Lingo!

BeeD: I have used wikis for collaborative writing

CorinneW: tell us more about that

BeeD: When writing a paper for instance

BeeD: with someone else

BeeD: we edit the same page

BeeD: add and remove stuff

DavidWe realizes who that "Mr. Lingo" comment was aimed at

NinaTL: Can that be done in real time with both participants working on the same document?

CorinneW: so if I have a communication project where the teams had to produce written reports, memos, press releases etc, a wiki could be of interest

BeeD: organize and discuss our writing

CorinneW: Jeff, did Ikarus use wikis

NinaTL: I am very interested in learning more about wikis.

CorinneW: Ikarus?

BeeD: Wikis are very practical for collaboration

CorinneW: what was that online learning project we did a while ago

BeeD: and you can include multimedia as well

BeeD: quite easily

CorinneW: just editing text or layout as well?

SusanR: Is anyone using Pbwiki http://pbwiki.com/edu.html

BeeD: I am

NinaTL: Where would you place wikis on the synchronous/asynchronous continuum?

BeeD: definitely asynchronous

NinaTL: So people wouldn't work on the same doc at the same time, then?

BeeD: you cannot edit the same page at the same time

BeeD: not on a wiki

NinaTL: OK, that was my question.

NinaTL: What prevents it?

BeeD: You cannot open it

SusanR listens

NinaTL: Aha

BeeD: Writely tells you there is someone else editing

BeeD: some wikis do as well

NinaTL: Are there as many open source wiki hosts as there are blog hosts?

CorinneW: brilliant, no duplicate edits, excellent

BeeD: I do not think there are as many no...but there are

BeeD: and a number you can install on your server

NinaTL: "my" server?

BeeD: mediawiki and pmwiki

CorinneW: so if I try to access something and it is being edited by Mr X, does it tell me who is doing it?

BeeD: for instance

BeeD: Yes because you can set your permissions for use

BeeD: and invite people to join it

BeeD: so they have an ID

ConnieKa: need to sign off till next time

BeeD: Ok...see you around

CorinneW: ok,good to meet you

BeeD: Thanks for coming

ConnieKa: ciao for now..bye

BeeD: bye

NinaTL: If you have a class wiki and invite your students to edit it, do you ever have problems where students change stuff that should not be changed (for a joke or just accidentally)?

BeeD: You have a history page Nina

BeeD: where all changes are recorded

SusanR: is there some kind of backup

BeeD: so you can always revert to the version you choose

CorinneW: so you can go back to a previous version, if you spot it fast enough

NinaTL: Does the history tell you who made which change?

BeeD: yes

CorinneW: aha, the plot thickens

NinaTL: I am reading The World Is Flat now by Tom Friedman...

NinaTL: He tells about a man who was essentially libeled in Wikipedia

NinaTL: but they never traced the lies to anyone in particular

BeeD: and what are your impressions?

NinaTL: In the meantime other sources picked up the lies automatically

NinaTL: They corrected the errors in Wikipedia but needless to say it took some time to sort out

BeeD: there are a lot of people working behind Wikipedia

BeeD: and checking it

NinaTL: Yes, but the other sites that picked it up apparently did not check the accuracy of the story

BeeD: oh..that would be their problem

CorinneW: anyway I have to go now, would it be possible for me to have a full transcript instead of one cut off when I leave?

BeeD: never trust one source

NinaTL: Well, it was kind of this person's problem.

BeeD: this is part of the information literacy

NinaTL: It just reminds me not to be too trusting in this "flat world"

BeeD: check and double check

NinaTL: and then triple check!

BeeD: exactly

BeeD: when in doubt

BeeD: ask

BeeD: around

NinaTL: I wouldn't expect a similar situation like that about me, because I am not an important person, as this man is!

BeeD: I read something about a lie being published in an print encyclopedia

BeeD: now that is much more difficult to correct

NinaTL: I suppose even print encyclopedias are not immune!

BeeD: and causes much more damage

NinaTL: Yes, it would be, definitely!

BeeD: because they are not edited as quickly

BeeD: so apparently the meme went on and on for about 15 years

BeeD: and by the time they republished and corrected it

BeeD: the lie was already accepted as truth

NinaTL: But back to class wikis, I'd love to know if you see a wiki as a subsitute for a class webpage, or for a class blog, or something different.

NinaTL: o O There are plenty of historical lies which are commonly accepted as truths!

BeeD: Yes..a wiki could be used as a class page

BeeD: you can lock pages so people do not edit them

NinaTL: Could you put syllabi, handouts, course descriptions etc on it?

BeeD: sure

NinaTL: Ah, locking parts of the wiki is possible!

BeeD: yes

NinaTL: And is the wiki always public or is there a choice to make a private wiki accessible only by certain people?

BeeD: have a go at http://pbwiki.com or http://wikispaces.com

BeeD: you can make it private

NinaTL: I will check those out. Thanks!

BeeD: Well...have to sign out now...

BeeD: lots of correcting to be done

SusanR . o O (easy as making a peanut butter sandwich)

NinaTL: Again, I apologize for coming late. I expected to chat about blogs but happened in on a wiki chat instead!

BeeD: for tomorrow

BeeD: Oh..we specialize in webpublishing...lol

NinaTL: Well, I will try to be on time next month, folks!

BeeD: I will be talking about my trip to New Zealand

BJB2: next Blogstreams will be Oct 1

BeeD: Oh no

BeeD: this is the day I come back

BeeD: let's make it the other Sunday

BJB2: that will be something really exciting, Bee! Do you want to move it to Oct 8?

BeeD: I will be jetlagged

BeeD: Yes better

BeeD:
http://networkedlearning.wikispaces.com/future+of+learning+in+a+networked+world

BJB2 nods.

BeeD: This is a wiki Nina

BeeD: We have been working on

BeeD: I have also set a Google calendar

BeeD: where I will be posting links to podcasts and blogposts

BeeD: so my kids can follow the trip as well

SusanR: Thanks Bee

BeeD: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=beeonline%40gmail.com

BeeD: http://lycee.wordpress.com

BeeD: This is my class blog

BeeD: if you have teens..this is the place to find others

BeeD: Well..good evening everyone

BeeD: and see you in a month

BJB2: thanks, Bee! Have a wonderful trip

BeeD: Thanks

BeeD: Getting ready

NinaTL: I am sorry, I was looking at pbwiki!

BeeD: Ciao4now

NinaTL: I was not paying attention.

BeeD left the room (signed off).

NinaTL: Imagine I am not here, please! See you all next month

BJB2 waves bye to Nina