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**BeeD:** Welcome to Blogstreams

**AtifaM:** Thank you

**SusanneN** smiles

**BeeD:** Where are you from Atifa? And what brings you here?

**BeeD:** And you Susanne? Long time no hear. How are things in Second Life?

**AtifaM:** From Houston, Texas and for my technology class I attend different discussions. Blogging has caught my attention

**BeeD:** Are you teaching Atifa?

**AtifaM:** Just completed my student teaching

**BeeD:** Have you blogged yet?

**SusanneN:** I'm currently teaching the blogs, for student teachers

**AtifaM:** We are required to blog for my technology class but that's it, I'm curious on how to incorporate it into the classroom

**BeeD:** Are you Susanne? On Moodle?

**BJB2:** Welcome to today's Blogstreams Salon, everyone!

**BeeD:** Jill and Edward, would you mind introducing yourselves?

**JillBa:** What do you want me to write?

**BeeD:** We always start the session with introductions (where you are, what you do)

**BJB2:** where you are located, what you teach and your interest in the topic

**EdwardCI:** Ed Clifford, 1st time here, 2nd time on Tapped In, Grad Student for Ed Tech.

**BeeD:** I'm an EFL (English as a foreign language) educator at the Franco-Brazilian school in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**BeeD:** have been online since 1997

**Maggi:** forgot - Germany and freelance

**JillBa:** OK - Elementary ITRT (Instructional Technology Resource Teacher k - 5 - - Henrico VA

**SusanneN:** Denmark, free lance teaching teachers in web 2.0 related collaboration tools

**SusanneN:** been in TI on & off since 2000

**EdwardCI:** Fredericksburg, VA, 4th year teacher of Geo And Sociology, newly adjusting to tech.

**JenniferAV:** I am a former high school Spanish teacher in Albuquerque, NM. I have also taught ESL. I am currently working on my PhD in distance education, so I am very interested in this group.

**BeeD:** Edward, Jill and Jennifer, tell me...what is now being done in instructional technology where you are? What are the main issues being discussed?

**JenniferAV:** Are you talking in the k-12 system or the university?

**BeeD:** both

**BeeD:** if you have the info

**JenniferAV:** Wow! Both areas are progressing. We have Intel out here, so they sponsor a lot of technology initiatives.

**BeeD:** or experience..I'd be glad to hear

**JenniferAV:** At the university level, especially in my department (organizational learning and instructional technologies), we are looking at best practices in interaction, social presence, course design, etc.

**JillBa:** Henrico is a 1:1 county for middle and high school - (26,000 laptops to students). Because of the huge initiative - most everything is tied down (blogs, wikis, email) IF we can give sound instructional reasons for bogging - the door may be opened.

**BeeD:** is it closed at present?

**JenniferAV:** that is really neat!

**JillBa:** I also teach online at the university level - and will be offering a "Using Web2.0 tools in the Classroom" in the spring.

**BeeD:** neat...what kind of tools do you recommend at this level?

**JillBa:** There is one pilot school that is blogging. It is done internally -

**EdwardCI:** Utilizing media in classroom settings, allowing students to experiment in practically any source for progression in their curriculum. We have two media centers allowing approx 50 students at any time to use computers in a school of approx 1300 students.

**SusanneN:** today where I meet teachers involved in college blended learning they begin to fear the move from staying behind the safe walls of Blackboard or Frontier (LMS)

**JenniferAV:** I will be teaching a 400-level course called "Technology and Training." It will be a hybrid course with WebCT vista

**AtifaM:** Newcomer here...How and what does the pilot school use the blogging for?

**BeeD:** blogging internally...interesting..what is the rationale of blogging internally?

**BeeD:** or behind safe walls as Susanne puts it?

**SusanneN:** Right, that's my actual concern - they could as well use a powerpoint presentation

**JillBa:** yes - it is safe and can be monitored. With that many students capable of blogging - a monitoring system has to be in place.

**JillBa:** Powerpoint is not interactive ??

**EdwardCI:** I am using Blogging for the first time in my Ed Tech Grad class as well as this site.

**JenniferAV:** how is that going Edward?

**BeeD:** what do you mean by safe Jill?

**BeeD:** and what does interactive mean to you?

**EdwardCI:** A little frustrating, since I've been out of school for about 28 years.

**JillBa:** The blogs are private to the school with no outsiders commenting.

**SusanneN:** Jill, in theory any document could be interactive, but I would say in most cases that a PPT presentation is old skool teacher on stage

**Maggi:** wow

**BeeD:** Why frustrating, Edward?

**DianneA** joined the room.

**JenniferAV:** how impressive that you are willing to jump right in with such innovation!

**BJB2:** welcome, Dianne

**JenniferAV:** hello again Dianne

**BeeD:** Welcome Dianne

**DianneA** waves to all, nods to BJ and sits quietly to listen for a bit

**JillBa:** That is what I am thinking - The convenience of responding to a Blog - and added features (images, podcasts, etc.) cannot be matched in a Ppt.

**JenniferAV:** agreed

**JillBa:** Is there a favorite blog site - I have three - and can't keep up with them!

**SusanneN:** but for very many teachers there seem to be a hurdle to pass; they're not familiar with the idea that others could follow their work with students, and even get in touch

**BeeD:** Are you using RSS feeds?

**EdwardCI:** Only because of the lack of training. I really want to be able to use the tech but have not had the training. Some of this seems to be expected.

**JenniferAV:** RSS feeds?

**BeeD:** I have learnt all on my own Edward...lol...not very proficient...but I get by

**SusanneN:** Edward don't we all have to start somewhere!!

**AtifaM:** I know a lot of teachers feel that way...I know I do Edward

**JillBa:** I agree about the training! That is why I am "experimenting" with an intro to Web2.0 course.

**BeeD:** Blogs and all social tools are dynamic tools

**BeeD:** meant for social interaction

**EdwardCI:** I was on Webheads this AM and they were talking about RSS feeders. I have no Idea!

**BeeD:** this is why their code allows you to aggregate other blogs

**BeeD:** Try Bloglines

**JillBa:** Bee - explain some of your terms - RSS, aggregate, etc.

**BeeD:** it's an RSS feed aggregator

**SusanneN:** It is a code telling you each time a blog is updated

**BeeD:** let me see if I can make it visual

**SusanneN:** the term aggregate is hard to understand if you don't get the idea

**BeeD:** imagine that all the blogs have like little antennae...like insects

**EdwardCI:** Maybe most of all it's the jargon used.

**BeeD:** then you have some tools which feel these antennae...and bring them together through this dynamic code

**BeeD:** so you can aggregate all the posts in one page

**SusanneN:** I like the image of ants

**BeeD:** and you do not have to type each url on the address bar to check whether the blogs have been updated

**BeeD:** check my Bloglines account

**BeeD:** <http://www.bloglines.com/public/bee>

**JenniferAV:** that's pretty cool! it's kind of like the cell phone service that allows you to forward all of your numbers to one?

**JillBa:** I heard an analogy of buying a magazine one at a time - when published - or getting a subscription (RSS feed) and having it delivered to your home (computer)

**AtifaM:** that makes sense

**BeeD:** I have collected all my student feeds and others (the antennae) in folders in Bloglines.

**EdwardCI:** I get that part, and I have a Blog, but how do you get them all to come together?

**BeeD:** You have to open an account on an aggregator like Bloglines or Netvibes

**SusanneN:** it is a matter of magic!

**EmilyW** joined the room.

**JenniferAV:** is it a free service?

**BeeD:** absolutely

**JeffC** joined the room.

**BeeD:** like most Web 2.0 tools

**JenniferAV:** thank you for sharing!

**BeeD:** Let me give you a screencasting

**BeeD:** which will make your life easier

**BeeD:** <http://screencasting.blogspot.com/2006/08/using-bloglines-to-subscribe-to.html>

**EdwardCI:** Well, I'm full of imagination and I like magic.

**BeeD:** Hi Jeff

**BeeD:** Magic is wonderful Edward and this is why I love the Web

**JeffC** waves to Bee. Nice Quicktime Bee!

**BeeD:** Yes, Leigh has been making a lot of screencasts using Cam Studio

**BeeD:** most practical

**EdwardCI:** How are you guys waving to each other, on computer visuals?

**BeeD:** just use a : and a verb

**BeeD** smiles

**JillBa:** Great screencast Leigh!

**JillBa:** How do you "tag" other people for your site?

**BeeD:** tag Jill? What do you mean?

**BeeD:** tags are key words

**JillBa:** Like a community of like-minded bloggers - you are linked to another

**BeeD:** you use to describe content online (text, multimedia)

**BeeD:** Yes...bloggers form networks

**BeeD:** according to their interests

**JillBa:** So each site has a way to "link" people?

**BeeD:** we read a lot, comment on others and link to those we find interesting, amusing or like to correspond with

**EdwardCI:** I am attempting to get onto the screen cast...Can I just click on or do I have to fully key it in?

**BeeD:** yes...you can link to people from your blog

**BeeD:** or using bloglines to see when their blogs are updated

**BeeD:** Just click on play Edward

**EdwardCI:** Play?

**BeeD:** it takes some time to load

**JillBa:** I need to run - thanks for sharing everyone! Next month - first Sunday?

**JillBa:** My gosh - that 2007!

**JillBa:** bye!

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

**BeeD:** I do not know about next month Jill.. want to take some holidays...most probably in February or March. January is my long summer holidays

**EdwardCI:** Be Safe, enjoy!!!

**AtifaM:** Susanne, you said you teach blogs to your student teachers. What do you tell them, or how to do tell them to use them in the classroom?

**BeeD:** Have you managed to listen to the screencast, Edward?

**EdwardCI:** Can't get in

**BeeD:** do you have the click on play below the image?

**EdwardCI:** I thought that I only had to click on the site posted..

**AtifaM:** I have a hard time getting the link to work, I usually end up typing it in

**BeeD:** well the link to the site and then the actual screencast

**BeeD:** Atifa...if you are interested, there will be a number of 6-week sessions on diverse subjects from January 15th to February 25th. It's free and open to all educators.

**JenniferAV:** I have to go back home now. Thank you all for sharing your insight with me.

**AtifaM:** Sounds good

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

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

**BeeD:** Check the call for participation <http://dafnegonzalez.com/evo-07/index1.htm>

**EdwardCI:** This is what I mean. There seems to be an expectation of knowledge already learned. I will keep trying.

**BeeD:** if the video goes too quick for you, you may try the text and screen shots

**BeeD:** <http://screencasting.blogspot.com/2005/05/bloglines-screencast.html>

**EdwardCI:** My only competition is with myself.

**BeeD:** smiles

**BJB2:** Bee, not a blog, but take a look at this video from nextvista  
<http://www.nextvista.org/2006/09/10/traveling-robort-frosts-the-road-not-taken/>

**BJB2:** Next Vista is in Tapped In on Thursday, December 7



**BeeD:** thanks BJ

**BeeD:** I will check it

**BeeD:** link is not clickable..a.rgh

**BJB2:** even holding down ctrl?

**BeeD** nods

**BJB2:** sometimes you have to hold down ctrl/right mouse click

**BeeD:** just dumb, deaf and blind

**BJB2** . o O ( and click your heels together three times, while saying, There's no place like home, there's no place like home.... )

**BeeD:** copied it to the pasteboard

**BeeD:** copied and pasted to the address bar

**BeeD:** interesting videos

**BeeD:** but the one on blogging is ominous...lol

**AtifaM:** I have to get going. thanks for a good session. Bye everyone

**BeeD:** Thanks for coming Atifa

**BeeD:** have a great week

**AtifaM:** you too

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

**EdwardCI:** I've been listening to the screencast, very interesting. Does that sound dull?

**BeeD:** What sounds dull..the screencasting'

**EdwardCI:** No my language used, interesting...

**BeeD:** I am always impressed at the many ways knowledge can now be shared with others

**BeeD:** Not only interesting but fantastic

**EdwardCI:** Not very technical, but I am learning.

**BeeD:** we are all learning Edward...and this is the great thing about it

**BeeD:** I have re-discovered teaching through my own learning

**BJB2** smiles...that is wonderful! May I quote you, Bee?

**DianneA:** I am of the same mind Bee

**BeeD:** quote?

**BJB2:** I think the statement reflects most of the active Tapped In users' attitude

**BeeD:** oh mine

**BJB2:** in the newsletter

**BeeD:** go ahead...but I am not sure whether I am being very original here

**BJB2** laughs

**DianneA:** I have even begun re-discovering what I do know about mathematics, as well as teaching, by learning again

**EdwardCI:** Impressive. Sounds like some of my spec ed course in dealing how to teach the exceptional! We need to know ourselves first.

**Maggi** waves bye to all

**DianneA** nods to Edward concerning the rejuvenation from self-knowing

**BJB2** hugs **Maggi**. Take care

**Maggi** left the room.

**BeeD:** I must fly as well...going to peek at Second Life

**DianneA** waves bye to all

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

**BeeD:** BJ...I think I will have a month off in January

**BJB2** hugs bye...take care. OK, Bee. Have a good holiday

**BeeD:** will be back first Sunday in February though

**EdwardCI:** Thanks for the education. Much appreciated and long lasting. I'll be back!

**BeeD:** Have a wonderful holiday time if I do not see you

**BeeD:** Merry X-mas and Happy New Year

**EdwardCI:** Appreciate the patience.

**BeeD:** and Edward...I expect to see you here with us next year

**BeeD:** you are welcome...check the links here at [Blogstreams](#) in the meantime

**BeeD:** lots of useful interviews and links

**BeeD:** Ciao