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BobZw: Jeff after my chat in your room, I will bring people to the TI Talk Room I set up at the elearning Community http://tinyurl.com/aj6be

JeffC: OK Bob... I did you one better: http://snipurl.com/zwickchat

BobZw: that's a new one on me. You like it better than tinyurl ?

JeffC: Yes... for several reasons:

JeffC: 1) You have an account there (free)... and it saves all your redirects 2) You can create your own redirect name (as I did with zwickchat)... makes it easy to remember!

BeeD: Bob Zwick from Talking Communities? Lots of interesting chats going on in there

JeffC: Tinyurl has the advantage that there's a toolbar... snipurl doesn't have one.

JeffC: Yes Bee... he'll be presenting here in 10 minutes.

BeeD: this is great Jeff!

BobZw: nice to see you again Bee

BeeD: Hi Bob! Good to see you here with us

BjB: |** ANNOUNCEMENT: The next Mr. Collaboration session features Bob Zwick who will discuss open e-learning communities, global collaboration between educators and students, and an overview of TalkingCommunities (audio/visual environment). **|

JeffC: Before I introduce my next guest speaker... I just want to make sure that people have their chat Detached... since it's possible there will be quite a bit in the text box.

JeffC: OK... let's get started.

JeffC: I'd like to introduce Bob Zwick, who will talk about open e-learning communities and more. He will also use an off-Tapped In site to demo and discuss (with audio) later in this presentation.

JeffC: Take it away Bob!

BobZw: thanks Jeff

BobZw: I am getting back into the groove of text chat so bear with me please

BobZw: I will be pushing some text statements and then I'll pause after each one for comments and questions.

BobZw: Hi. Just a little background about me. I've been in the industry since the mid 1960's. I have been involved with PC's, networks, technical training, tech writing, customer service, software development and distance education.

BobZw: I have assisted with production of five of the eight Global Learn Days and have hosted distance education chats for several years.

BobZw: I am a strong advocate for open distance education

BobZw: I have built an open education portal called the eLearning Community
http://tinyurl.com/7rn7k

BobZw: The technology is provided by Talking Communities
http://www.talkingcommunities.com

BobZw: It centers on cross-platform voip conference rooms (win, Mac, Linux) that include web touring, multimedia and Mp3 recording.

BobZw: with the popularity of podcasting the recording feature is just what the doctor ordered

BobZw: Our archives have proven to be a very popular resource. One recording had over 16,000 views the week following the seminar.

BobZw: Although synchronous communication is it's mainstay we also have a BBS Forum, event calendar and a BLOG

BobZw: Workshops and seminars are recorded and publicized in our BLOG and podcasts.

BobZw: When I say that this is an open community, I mean that teachers, students and the general public are invited to participate.

BobZw: One important feature of our voice rooms is that they were built to be accessible to the visually impaired which makes education available to a large and important sector of society.

BobZw: I invite any educator to use our portal to share any educational topic that they wish to speak about and publish to the world.

BobZw: Learning to use our technology has been simplified through the use of recorded movies about each and every feature. http://tinyurl.com/aujfz

BobZw: The next important feature of our community will be to integrate the MOODLE LMS system allowing educators to manage course materials and open the door to freelance educators.

BobZw: Every Tuesday from 12:00 - 1:00 PM Central time I hold an open discussion to talk about projects and answer questions about the community.

BobZw: One final note: Those who join http://tinyurl.com/98vqz the community receive a weekly newsletter that tells of upcoming events and delivers tips about the community.

BobZw: any questions?

BobZw: ok - let me tell you a little about the company who has made our community possible

BobZw: I want to express thanks to Talking Communities for allowing us to use this technology.

BobZw: TC provides this technology as a rental service to businesses and institutions.

BobZw: Some of the other great things that Talking Communities is doing are:

BobZw: 1. http://www.audio-tips a free voice room community with a large blind membership

BobZw: 2. http://www.takingcommunities.com/enc a free community for Entrepreneurs

BobZw: 3. http://www.letsgoexpo.com a service that builds large trade shows and expositions like the Occusource Expo http://63.134.192.23/expo.cfm

BobZw: questions?

JeffC: I'm creating redirects for your sites Bob... will post them later... what you're doing sounds great.

BobZw: let me ask if anyone here has used talking communities rooms

JeffC: I have

JeffC: Christina just did for Robin Good's presentation.

BobZw: Thank you! I can be contacted at http://tinyurl.com/3kb3m

JeffC: I think Susan R also made it to Robin.

BobZw: I saw Christina T there

BobZw: I now invite anyone to join me in the TI Talk Room in the eLearning Community to experience the technology and continue our discussion. http://tinyurl.com/aj6be

BobZw: I'll be in the room for the next hour or so so people can come by at will

JeffC: OK... Bob's chatroom (also a redirect) is at: http://snurl.com/zwickchat

JeffC: Here are some other redirects for his sites:

JeffC: http://snurl.com/zwickelearning

JeffC: http://snurl.com/zwickmovies

JeffC: http://snurl.com/zwickeschool

JeffC: I'll make other redirects and post back. I encourage everyone here to join Bob at http://snurl.com/zwickchat now. I can't make it because of a computer problem, but would like to archive that session later... and post a link here.

JeffC: Bob is meeting now at his talkingcommunities room: http://snurl.com/zwickchat

BobZw left the room.

JeffC: Click on that link... type in your name and hit "Enter" ... you will need to install a plugin to get the audio chat there to work.

LynneW: Hi folks. I'm teaching but can't resist catching as much of the festival as possible.

JeffC: Bob Zwick is presenting at http://snurl.com/zwickchat ... just go to the page, type in your name... install the plugin and you're in his audio/visual chat.

LynneW: Great

JeffC: Dave Sperling of Dave's ESL Cafe will be here in 20 minutes.

JeffC: Hold down the Ctrl key or turn off popup blocks before clicking the link.