

# Resource Packet on Blogs, Wikis, and Social Networks

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## EMAIL LIST MANAGEMENT

### Sample free EMAIL LIST MANAGEMENT apps

- LISTSERV® Free Edition: <http://www.lsoft.com/download/listservfree.asp>
- Mailman: <http://www.gnu.org/software/mailman/index.html>
- Majordomo: <http://www.greatcircle.com/majordomo/>
- Google groups: <http://groups.google.com/>
- Yahoo! Groups: <http://groups.yahoo.com/>

## SMS GROUP TEXTING

### Interesting Resources on Blogs

- FrontlineSMS: <http://www.frontlinesms.com/>
- TextMarks: <http://www.textmarks.com/>
- WeTxt: <http://www.wetxt.com/>
- JabberText: <http://www.jabbertext.com/>
- Outlook 2007: <http://www.trainingsignaltraining.com/text-and-picture-messaging-in-outlook-2007/2007-11-21/>

## BLOGS

### Interesting Resources on Blogs

- What is a blog: <http://www.problogger.net/archives/2005/02/05/what-is-a-blog/>
- Top Ten Reasons To Blog and Top Ten Not to Blog: <http://elearningtech.blogspot.com/2006/10/top-ten-reasons-to-blog-and-top-ten.html>
- weblogs: a history and perspective: [http://www.rebeccablood.net/essays/weblog\\_history.html](http://www.rebeccablood.net/essays/weblog_history.html)

- Social Media Research: Blogs And Twitter Use Trends Inside US Corporations: <http://www.masternewmedia.org/social-media-research-blogs-and-twitter-use-trends-inside-us-corporations/>
- Weblogs At Harvard Law: What makes a weblog a weblog?: <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/whatmakesaweblogaweblog.html>
- Warning: Do You Recognize These 21 Blogging Mistakes?: <http://www.problogger.net/archives/2009/05/30/warning-do-you-recognize-these-21-blogging-mistakes/>
- Mistakes made in Academic blogs: <http://www.dontwasteyourtime.co.uk/web-20/mistakes-made-in-academic-blogs/>
- Edubloggers as a Network of Practice: <http://terrya.edublogs.org/2009/02/28/edubloggers-as-a-network-of-practice/>

#### Sample free BLOG Creation and Hosting Services

- Wordpress: [www.Wordpress.com](http://www.Wordpress.com)
- Blogger: [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)
- Class Blogmeister: <http://classblogmeister.com/index.php>
- 21Classes: <http://www.21classes.com/>
- Blogtext: <http://blogtext.org/>
- Posterous (post things on the web from your email): <http://posterous.com/>

#### Some of My Favorite Blogs for Learning about eLearning and Technology

- ExploringTech Blog: <http://exploringtech.wordpress.com/>
- Elearnspace Blog: [http://www.ymlp172.com/pubarchive\\_show\\_message.php?eLearning+483](http://www.ymlp172.com/pubarchive_show_message.php?eLearning+483)
- eLearning Resources and News : [http://www.ymlp172.com/pubarchive\\_show\\_message.php?eLearning+483](http://www.ymlp172.com/pubarchive_show_message.php?eLearning+483)
- Experiencing E-Learning: <http://christytucker.wordpress.com/>
- Time elearning Blog Don't Waste Your: <http://www.dontwasteyourtime.co.uk/web-2-0/what-is-ning-and-what-can-i-use-it-for/>
- Presentation Zen: <http://www.presentationzen.com/>
- Technorati Blog: <http://blog.technorati.com/>
- ZaidLearn: <http://zaidlearn.blogspot.com/>
- E-Learning Curve Blog: <http://michaelhanley.ie/elearningcurve/>
- Robin Good's MasterNewMedia: <http://www.masternewmedia.org/index.html>
- Pingdom: <http://royal.pingdom.com/>
- Internet Time Blog: <http://www.internettime.com/>
- Social Media in Learning: <http://janeknight.typepad.com/socialmedia/>
- eLearning Learning: <http://www.elearninglearning.com/>
- Top Elearning Blogs: <http://thedailyreviewer.com/top/eLearning>

- ReadWriteWeb: [http://www.readwriteweb.com/about\\_readwriteweb.php](http://www.readwriteweb.com/about_readwriteweb.php)
- eLearning Technology: <http://elearningtech.blogspot.com/2006/08/first-time-visitor-guide.html>
- Techmeme: <http://www.techmeme.com/>
- Learning Reflections: <http://elearnity.blogspot.com/>
- Ignatia Webs: <http://ignatiawebs.blogspot.com/2009/02/mobile-project-update-1-html-mp4-mobile.html>
- Lifehacker: <http://lifehacker.com/>
- Internet Time Group (Jay Cross): <http://internettime.pbworks.com/>
- IDDBlog.org (IDD Department at DePaul University): <http://www.iddblog.org/?p=11>
- Cathellis13 (Cath Ellis): <http://cathellis13.blogspot.com/2009/04/ten-commandments-of-elearning.html>
- Bottom-Line Performance: Lessons on Learning (various): <http://www.bottomlineperformance.com/lolblog/>
- Top ELearning Blogs: <http://thedailyreviewer.com/top/eLearning>
- Top 99 Workplace eLearning Blogs: <http://elearningtech.blogspot.com/2009/08/top-99-workplace-elearning-blogs.html>

#### Education Related Blogs

- Teacher Magazine Blogboard: <http://blogs.edweek.org/te>
- Education Week On Special Education: <http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/>
- Virtual Canuck-Teaching and Learning in a Net-Centric World: <http://terrya.edublogs.org/>
- EmergingEdTech: <http://www.emergingedtech.com/>
- Digital Anthology: <http://digitalanthology.blogspot.com/>
- Youth Voices: <http://youthvoices.net/>
- Learning is Messy: <http://learningismessy.com/blog/>
- TechnoTuesday: <http://blog.cathyjonelson.com/>
- Special Education Law Blog: <http://specialedlaw.blogs.com/>
- Wrightslaw Way to Special Education Law and Advocacy: <http://www.wrightslaw.com/blog/>
- The Education Blog: <http://www.education-blog.net/>
- Reality 101: CEC's blog for new teachers: <http://cecblog.typepad.com/cec/>

#### Some Other Interesting Examples of Blogs

- Kottke.org: <http://kottke.org/>
- New Yorker: <http://www.newyorker.com/online/index/blogs>
- The White House Blog: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/01/29/president-holds-open-discussion-across-aisle/?e=29&ref=image>
- CaringBridge.org: <http://www.caringbridge.org>

### Examples of the Use of Blogs in the TA&D Network

- SIGnetwork Tech Topics: <http://signetwork.org/blog/>
- Exceptional Children's Assistance Center: <http://www.ecacearlysteps.blogspot.com/>
- NICHCY Blog: <http://www.nichcy.org/BLOG/Pages/default.aspx>
- NCDB's List of Deaf-Blindness Blogs: <http://www.nationaldb.org/blogs.php>
- Reading Rockets Blogs: <http://www.readingrockets.org/blogs>
- Speaking of Inclusion: <http://community.fpg.unc.edu/discussions/blog-speaking-of-inclusion>
- LeadCast Blog: <http://www.niusileadscape.org/bl/>
- CITED Search Result for Blogs:  
[http://www.cited.org/citedSearchResult.html?cx=006232520840541327472%3Aq5frx\\_jvqg8&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=blog&sa=Search&siteurl=www.cited.org%2FcitedGoogleSearch.html#928](http://www.cited.org/citedSearchResult.html?cx=006232520840541327472%3Aq5frx_jvqg8&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=blog&sa=Search&siteurl=www.cited.org%2FcitedGoogleSearch.html#928)
- FCTD Resource Reviews: <http://www.fctd.info/resources>

## WIKIS

### Interesting Resources on Wiki

- Wikipedia on Wikis: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>
- What Is Wiki: <http://wiki.org/wiki.cgi?WhatIsWiki>
- WikiMatrix- Compare Them All: <http://www.wikimatrix.org/>
- Wiktionary (lexical companion to wikipedia): [http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Main\\_Page](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Main_Page)

### Free Wiki Creation and Hosting Services

- Wetpaint: <http://www.wetpaint.com>
- pbwiki: <http://www.pbwiki.com/>
- Wikispaces: <http://www.wikispaces.com>
- Wikia: <http://www.wikia.com/Wikia>

### Ways to Use Wikis

- 50 Ways to Use Wikis for a More Collaborative and Interactive Classroom:  
<http://www.smartteaching.org/blog/2008/08/50-ways-to-use-wikis-for-a-more-collaborative-and-interactive-classroom/>
- Wikis: Ways to use them for a more Collaboration and Interaction:  
<http://www.dontwasteyourtime.co.uk/elearning/wikis-ways-to-use-them-for-a-more-collaboration-and-interaction/>
- Why Wikis are Important in Government: <http://www.usa.gov/webcontent/technology/wikis.shtml>

### A Few Interesting Wikis

- Wiki use by Government: <http://www.egov.vic.gov.au/topics-a-z/w/wiki-use-by-government-topics-a-z.html>
- Welcome to San Francisco Homeless Resource (a resource directory anyone can edit):  
[http://sfhomeless.wikia.com/wiki/San\\_Francisco\\_Homeless\\_Resource](http://sfhomeless.wikia.com/wiki/San_Francisco_Homeless_Resource)

### Examples of Wikis in the TA&D Network

- Wiki and Discussion: Help Define Approaches to Professional Development: <http://community.fpg.unc.edu/discussions/wiki-pd-approaches>
- LeadScape Wiki: <http://www.niusileadscape.org/wk/>

## BLOGS vs. WIKIS

- Blogs vs. wikis: Which is best for internal government use?: [http://articles.techrepublic.com.com/5100-10878\\_11-5711955.html?tag=search](http://articles.techrepublic.com.com/5100-10878_11-5711955.html?tag=search)
- Lee and Sachi LeFever's commoncraft: <http://www.commoncraft.com/> (also found on YouTube)
- Blogs in Plain English: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NN21pWXjXI>
- Wikis in Plain English: <http://www.youtube.com/user/leelefever#p/u/14/-dnL00TdmLY>
- Social networking in Plain English: [http://www.youtube.com/user/leelefever#p/u/13/6a\\_KF7TYKVC](http://www.youtube.com/user/leelefever#p/u/13/6a_KF7TYKVC)
- Bonus FUN: see JFK and Richard Nixon's take on things in Blogs and Wikis: a fictitious debate: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsFU3sAlPx4>

## SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

### Popular Services in the US

- MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/>
- FaceBook: <http://www.facebook.com/>
- LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/>
- BeBo: <http://www.bebo.com/>
- Seesmic (Video Social networking): <http://www.seesmic.com/>

### Sample free SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES Creation and Hosting Services

- Ning: <http://www.ning.com/>
- GroupSite: <http://www.groupsite.com/>

### Useful Resources on Ning

- Ning Blog: <http://blog.ning.com/>
- What is Ning and what can I use it for?: <http://www.dontwasteyourtime.co.uk/web-2-0/what-is-ning-and-what-can-i-use-it-for/>
- Why and How Do You Use Ning?: [http://blog.acm.org/elearn/2010/02/why\\_and\\_how\\_do\\_you\\_use\\_ning.html](http://blog.acm.org/elearn/2010/02/why_and_how_do_you_use_ning.html)

### Examples of A Few Ning Networks

- Ideagora: <http://innovate-ideagora.ning.com/>
- LearnTrends: <http://learntrends.ning.com/>
- Camtasia Users: <http://camtasia.ning.com/>
- ISTE Community: <http://www.iste-community.org/>

### Examples of the Use of Social Network Websites in the TA&D Network

- NCTI on Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Center-for-Technology-Innovation-NCTI/75760958172?ref=ts>
- NCTI's Classroom 2.0: <http://www.classroom20.com/profile/NCTI>
- CITED on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Center-for-Implementing-Technology-in-Education-CITEd/75046464439?ref=ts>
- TA&D Network: <http://tadnet.ning.com/>
- NICHCY on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nichcy>
- Personnel Improvement Center for Special Education and Related Personnel on Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/social\\_graph.php?node\\_id=34938844586&filter=fanned&start=0#!/pages/Personnel-Improvement-Center-for-Special-Education-and-Related-Personnel/92363577551](http://www.facebook.com/social_graph.php?node_id=34938844586&filter=fanned&start=0#!/pages/Personnel-Improvement-Center-for-Special-Education-and-Related-Personnel/92363577551)
- The National Center on Response to Intervention (NCRTI) on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/The-National-Center-on-Response-to-Intervention-NCRTI/113792346349>
- CADRE on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/CADRE/102597006742>
- Region 2 TA on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Region-2-TA/89645677013>
- Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ParentCenters>
- The Equity Alliance at ASU on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Equity-Alliance-at-ASU/41216038506>
- Reading Rockets on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ReadingRockets.org>

### Examples of TWITTER (<http://twitter.com/>) in the TA&D Network

- US Department Of Education <http://twitter.com/usedgov>
- NICHCY: <http://twitter.com/DrNICHCY>
- NCTI: <http://twitter.com/NCTI2>
- CITED: <http://twitter.com/TechnologyInEd>
- PRNTEXAS <http://twitter.com/PRNTEXAS>
- Equity\_Matters [http://twitter.com/Equity\\_Matters](http://twitter.com/Equity_Matters)
- The Alliance <http://twitter.com/parentcenter>
- readingrockets <http://twitter.com/readingrockets>
- National High School Center <http://twitter.com/NHSCatAIR>
- RTIcenter <http://twitter.com/RTIcenter>
- TACC <http://twitter.com/cglimpsetadnet>