

Creation Station Session TH208CS

Personal and Collaborative Learning Using Blogs and Social Bookmarking

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Session Description

This session is a follow-on to the earlier session (W101): Personal and Collaborative Learning Using Blogs and Social Bookmarking.

In this creation station session, you will use blog software to:

1. Create your own blog, create posts
2. Sign-up with an RSS reader and subscribe to blogs
3. Comment on other blogs and link to them
4. Sign-up on a social bookmarking tool, mark pages, share those pages with others in the session
5. Discuss how this might apply to personal and collaborative learning

In this handout you can find detailed description of the steps that will be completed during the session.

Session Steps

Go to: <http://elearningtech.pbwiki.com/HandoutTK2007> the following notes can be found there with active links.

Step 1 – Start Registration with Bloglines (3 minutes):

This step requires email confirmation. In other words, you will provide an email address as part of the sign-up process and must be able to click a link sent to that email address. If you cannot access the email account you provide via the web, you will need to partner on the blog reading portion of this exercise and should find a partner at this point who can read their emails from one of the computers.

1. Go to <http://www.bloglines.com>
2. Click register
3. Enter email address and other information
4. Periodically check to see if you got the verification email (we'll come back to check in a bit)

Step 2 - Getting Started with Your Own Blogger Blog (20 minutes):

1. Go to <http://beta.blogger.com>
2. Sign-into your Google Account OR Create a Google Account
3. Name Your Blog – set your URL (write it down)
4. Give the instructor your URL and Feed URL
5. Choose a template
6. Create your first post
7. View Your Blog
8. Set Settings
 - a. Basic
 - i. Edit the Description
 - b. Publishing
 - i. Change Notify Weblogs to Yes
 - c. Comments
 - i. Change Who to - Anyone
 - ii. Change to Show Backlinks
 - iii. Change to Turn on Word Verification
 - iv. Provide an email address for notifications
9. Go to Dashboard
10. Edit Profile
11. Click on Edit Layout, but don't make changes

Step 3 – More Blog Reading (10 minutes):

1. Go to your Email to verify your registration from Bloglines
2. Go back to <http://www.bloglines.com>
3. Click on Feeds
4. Click Add
5. Add your feed URL
6. Choose Subscribe
7. Click on that Feed
8. Subscribe to someone else's feed
 - a. I'll put some links here during the session
9. Click on those Feeds
10. Click through to someone's blog
11. Click to Add a comment

Step 4 – Social Bookmarking (15 minutes)

1. Go to <http://del.icio.us>
2. Register using your information
3. Click to Install the Buttons
 - a. If buttons don't work
 - i. <http://del.icio.us/?url=>
 - ii. <http://del.icio.us/>
4. Search for interesting content related to this session, i.e., learning, blogs, social bookmarking
5. When you find an interesting page, tag it with TK2007 and whatever other tags you feel make sense
6. Search for pages tagged TK2007 to see what other people are bookmarking
7. Figure out something interesting to say in a post and a page to cite

Step 5 – More Blog Posting (10 minutes)

1. Go back to <http://beta.blogger.com>
2. Click "New Post"
3. Write up a short post
4. Include a link to the post page

Step 6 – Brief Summary Discussion

What are the implications of this for personal and group learning?