

A Blogger's Vocabulary List

Aggregator An aggregator is software that pulls information from various web feeds that you have selected and displays any updates made to them. Aggregators make it possible to download the updated content (or an excerpt) for viewing on your computer, in your web browser, or even displayed on another website without needing to visit the original website. A few popular Desktop aggregators include: Feed Reader, Feed Demon, NetNewsWire (Mac). A few popular online aggregators include: Bloglines, Newsgator and Rojo.

Archives In a blog, archives store previous posts and can be displayed by date or topics.

Blogroll A blogroll is a list of links to other blogs or websites that the author of the blog regularly likes to read. The blogroll generally resides in one of the side columns of the blog.

Catblogging (traditionally "Friday catblogging") is the practice of posting pictures of cats, in typical cat postures and expressions, on a blog. Sometimes a comment on the cat or the situation shown is provided. Cats had been on web pages already, but "catblogging" as a distinct and defined practice originated on Calpundit by Kevin Drum.
(www.carnivalofthecats.com)

Category Cloud A tag cloud (or weighted list in visual design) is a visual depiction of content tags used on a website. Often, more frequently used tags are depicted in a larger font or otherwise emphasized, while the displayed order is generally alphabetical[1]. Thus both finding a tag by alphabet and by popularity is possible. Selecting a single tag within a tag cloud will generally lead to a collection of items that are associated with that tag.

<http://www.librarything.com/tagcloud.php>

<http://del.icio.us/tag/>

<http://www.technorati.com/tag/>

Comments how blog readers respond to blogger posts. Some blogs do not allow reader response and there is a debate as to whether those on-line journals are really blogs.

del.icio.us At its most basic level, del.icio.us allows users to save their bookmarks online. Del.icio.us also gives users the ability to "tag" their bookmarks with descriptive category names. For example, someone who has bookmarked multiple Web pages that deal with the Washington Nationals baseball team could tag those links with any terms they want, like "baseball," "nationals," "natsfan," etc. As members of a "social bookmarking" community, del.icio.us sers can also see how many other people have bookmarked the same pages, and they can look at those users' bookmark collections to find other interesting online content.

To register, go to: <http://del.icio.us/register>

For more information about Del.icio.us, go to <http://del.icio.us/about/>

Digg On Digg, users share interesting online content by submitting links to the site. At that point, the Digg audience can vote on whether or not they think it is interesting. Articles with lots of votes, or "diggings," rise up higher on the site's main page and topical subsection pages. Another form of social sharing, this site also lets users categorize the content they are submitting to Digg and label it with descriptions of up to 350 characters. Digg users can also submit comments on each content item submitted to the site.

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Facebook Facebook is made up of many networks - individual schools, companies or regions. To join Facebook, people can authenticate into a school or work network, or they can join a regional network. They can then create profiles to connect with friends, share interests, join groups, send messages, writes notes and post photos.

If you are a registered user of Facebook, you can also "share" news stories on your profile page.

To register, go to: <https://register.facebook.com/r.php>

For more information about Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/about.php>



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Goggle If you are a registered user of Google's personalized homepage, e-mail and other services, you can also save bookmarks and label them with keywords.
Create a personalized Google account here: <http://www.google.com/ig>

Permalink A permalink is the contraction of permanent link and is the URL for an individual blog entry.

Pingback A pingback is a notification letting a blog or website know that it has been referenced (or linked to) by another blog. Pingbacks usually include a short excerpt of the post containing the link, along with a link to the website.

Podcast A podcast is an audio file, usually in MP3 format, that the blog's readers can download and listen to on any compatible audio device, such as an ipod, MP3 player, iTunes, or Windows Media Player. To do a podcast is to create and publish an audio file to the blog for the readers to download and listen to. Some podcast resources include Odeo, Yahoo! Podcasts and iPodder.org/

Reddit Reddit allows users to submit news articles and other online content to the site. Users also give articles a thumbs-up or thumbs-down. Reddit then uses those votes to build a user profile and to find articles to recommend to you. Users can also submit comments on items posted to the site.
To register, go to: <http://reddit.com/login>
For more information about Reddit, go to: <http://reddit.com/help/faq>

RSS aggregator Software or online service allowing a blogger to read an RSS feed, especially the latest posts on their favorite blogs. Also called a reader, or feedreader.

RSS feed The file containing a blog's latest posts. It is read by an RSS aggregator/reader and shows at once when a blog has been updated. It may contain only the title of the post, the title plus the first few lines of a post, or the entire post.
"Subscribe to this blog's feed" will take you to a file like this.

Tag A tag is a label assigned to a blog entry to help describe it and/or file it. Bloggers also tag each other to participate in a meme or to post on the same topic. The use of tags for labeling blog entries was popularized by Technorati, which organizes blogs based on their tags. Some tagging resources include Technorati and IceRocket.

TrackBack A trackback is a way for one blog to notify another that it is linking to one of its entries. An excerpt with a link to the linking blog usually appears on the referenced blog.

URL URLs are typically entered into the address or location bar of a web browser. They are the "Naming Code" that takes you to a particular site on the web.

Yahoo! Users of Yahoo's "MyYahoo" feature can save bookmarks to their personal page, tag them with keywords, and share them with other Yahoo users.
Sign up for a personal Yahoo account here: http://e.my.yahoo.com/config/my_init

Widgets A widget is anything that can be embedded within a page of HTML, i.e. a web page. A widget adds some content to that page that is not static. Generally widgets are third party originated, though they can be home made. Widgets are also known as modules, snippets, and plug-ins. Widgets can be written in HTML, but also in JavaScript, flash and other scripting languages that will be run when the page is called.



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Links about blogging terms

Blogging Glossary

<http://www.blogossary.com/>

Wikipedia's list of blogging terms

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_blogging_terms

Giant Blogging Terms Glossary

<http://www.quickonlinetips.com/archives/2006/06/the-giant-blogging-terms-glossary/>

Grumpy girl and the questioning ant discuss blogging:

http://invisibleshoebox.blogspot.com/2002_11_17_is_archive.html#84725454