



Blogging

Basics:

Each student in this class is required to participate weekly in our class blog, located at <http://designingcomp.blogspot.com>. A “blog” is a weblog—an online space to share writing, pictures, links, and discussions with the rest of the world. Some of you may already have accounts at various blogging sites—livejournal, opendiary, blogger, wordpress, deadjournal—and some of you may be completely new to blogging. However, everyone will be expected to write and post to the blog, even if you need a lot of help at first (that’s what I’m here for!)

First, everyone needs to go to <http://www.blogger.com> to create an account. There is a simple step by step process to be used in doing this articulated on the site (and I should be able to demonstrate this in class if wireless is available). You will need a valid e-mail address to sign up (I use my wayne.edu e-mail for this purpose). After this, you should either e-mail me your username and the e-mail address you used to sign up, or give this to me in class. That way I can add you as an author of our class blog.

Each week you must blog at least twice. “Weeks” run from Monday to Monday. Sometimes you will have blog prompts—questions you must answer. Other times you will simply be allowed to write about whatever you like. In addition to posting twice a week, you should be reading what other students post and leaving them comments (sometimes your entire planned post might work best as a comment—you never know!) This lets everyone know that you are reading, and also will provide us lead ins for class discussion later in the term.

Points:

Blogging is worth 20 points per week, 10 points per post
Assigned blog posts are due the class period after they are assigned.
Extra credit is available for posting additional discussions, including posting links and news articles that you think other students would be interested in.

Recommendations:

Type blog posts in a word processor first, then copy them into the blog window. Trust me, you don’t want to lose an entire post, and I won’t be able to get it back for you, if you don’t do it this way. This will also allow you to keep a record of everything you’ve written if you want to develop a good idea into a paper later.

Don’t post both your blog entries at once, people will be less likely to comment that way.

Comment often on other people, this makes them more likely to read you!

If you already have a blogger account that you don’t want other students reading, please create an entirely new account with a new e-mail address.