

Title of Session: Webheads in Action-Moodle, Blogs, and Miscellany

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RobertWB: Vance it is at www.elderbob.com/Classes.

DafneG hugs BJ warmly

MargaretD hugs BJ

VanceS: oh, thanks Bob

JamesSi: Hi BJ

AndrewP: good morning BJ

BjB smiles and hugs Daf and Maggi

BjB: good morning, all!

RobertWB: That may be Daf, but it should have automatically turned email on.

SusanEsn waves to bj

TeresaD hugs bj

ButhainaA: Hi BJ..

RobertWB: I am still working on the kinks in it..

SaraMa: sth wrong with that link Bob...does not work!

BjB hugs Tere. Hi, Buth!

DafneG: Robert, Arnold is working with Moodle

RobertWB: A couple of folks with some experience with moodle have signed up and I am asking them for help.

ButhainaA: Buth smiles and waves

SusanneN: Bob, I have another question; your Elder site has a beginner Moodle training session that I would like to see. But I need a key from you?

RobertWB: www.elderbob.com/Classes

SusanneN hugs good dear BJ

BjB hugs Sus

SaraMa: I could see it by adding .htm

SusanEsn: sus how r u? long time

RobertWB: Nah, that is not my site Susanne.

SusanneN: sorry

ButhainaA: Bj, when are you going to give another tour , please?

RobertWB: There is a beginner moodle site on www.moodle.org and you can use the same name and password to get in.

LevA joined the room.

DafneG: I am trying to convince Arnold to join our DW group in Moodle he has experience with both

LevA: hi all - sorry I'm late

SusanEsn: hi Lev

VanceS: the Classes in the link is case specific

VanceS: Hi Lev

RobertWB: Oh that would really help Daf. I am fairly sure there are some problems in the PHP but I am no good at that.

DafneG: hi Lev, late is not a word for this meeting, you join and leave "whenever"

LevA: not quite- this time I'm here with a purpose; Vance said he'd be here

RobertWB: Oh that is sort of a class to be...Susanne, I may have it locked up...it's not available yet....

LevA: I thought someone around could help me

JamesSi: Hi Lev

SusanneN: I really enjoyed Arnold's session in Alado yesterday! I think we got into a deeper discussion level moving away from our actual strong focus on technical aspects and skills

SusanneN: Ok, Bob

DafneG: yes, a very thought provoking session

RobertWB: Susanne if you keep having trouble, get me on Yahoo and I will try to help...this is a learning experience for all of us all the way around.

SusanneN: Dafne, did the recording come out well?

DafneG: metacognitive-oriented

AndrewP: where will the recording from yesterday be hosted??

DafneG: it is online already, Sus, posted almost immediately

RobertWB: I thought Arnold's presentation was very thought provoking...I want to go back and look at it again,.

DafneG: it is on a temporary link, however

DafneG: Arnold is linking it to his webpage and i will post it today

SusanneN: great,! I will take some time later to play it again, because some of the discussion in the text char went so fast

AndrewP: thanks

DafneG: I love the different layers of participation

TeresaD: yes. great!

TeresaD: and I love the way webheads fit into all of them

RobertWB: Is there anyone here, with experience in posting a Windows Movie File on a web site?

SusanneN: yes, and the private messages add to that layer; I had a few side chats.

FernandaR: I could not attend the session myself....

DafneG: me too, Sus

AndrewP: Bob, Windows Media files are very large, I work in Windows Movie all the time

AndrewP: I don't think you want to use that format

SaraMa: No. mpeg better or ram

AndrewP: it really requires lots of bandwidth and storage

ButhainaA: thanks, Daf , I am eager to hear Arnold's session , most probably after our meeting here..

SusanneN: Bob did you ever try a tool called VideoPaper Builder? I know that some Webheads have had experiences with that one

RobertWB: I know the file is big, but do I have to load it onto a special server or can I just place it on my server.

RobertWB: I'll check that out Susanne.

SaraMa: No, I guess you can place it anywhere

AndrewP: well it depends on what you have on your server to deliver multi media content and how much bandwidth you have on that server

RobertWB: Andrew, with your experience, what is the best video format for a web page.

SusanneN: I think that Mike Marzio was getting some way with VPB for his Real English videos

VanceS: you should be able to just place it somewhere for download or EMBED it if you want it to appear in html

SusanEsn: sorry, but have to leave. good to meet you all again and nice meeting you James. good luck in Leeds

ButhainaA: Sus, where can I find the VPB, please?

AndrewP: it's like Sus said, Real and Win Media are the most common compression formats

SusanneN: I guess Mike is the pro when it comes to video webpages

TeresaD: glad to have you here, Susan

RobertWB: I am afraid it is just too big for a download like that Andrew...I wanted to stream it but I don't know how to do that either.

AndrewP: Quicktime for MaC and Apple users

VanceS: cya Susan

ButhainaA: oh, ok, I'll ask him..

SusanEsn: cya Vance

SusanEsn: bye now

AndrewP: how large is the file now

RobertWB: I don't have it in front of me, but it is almost 30 minutes long...big file.

AndrewP: you can email the info or we can work in Alado sometime on the problem

AndrewP: it will be very big if it's 30 mins

RobertWB: It is actually a copy of the powerpoint presentation with sound.

RobertWB: converted into a movie.

AndrewP: a five min file is about 25 to 30 megs

SusanneN: Buth - VPB is a tool from <http://vpb.concord.org/>

SusanneN: I think it is still free for educational purposes,

ButhainaA: BJ, I am having difficulties accessing my email account at Yahoo..

SusanneN: there is a new version 2.0 and it is multi platform

DafneG: Yahoo is being problematic lately, Buth

ButhainaA: I c..

ButhainaA: Yes, Daf, and my text lags again here

RobertWB: Do any of the places that allow whiteboard also pick up sound or animation from Power Points

SusanneN: Andy -does Alado support sound or animation in a PPT?

DafneG: Bob, I was able to access our YG from the chat at Moodle

VanceS: I don't think so Bob

SusanneN to Andy: Bob and I visited an office in Talkingcommunities with Yaodong some days ago, same technology as Alado,

DafneG: clicking on the url

AndrewP: we have a new application we are in beta testing now and it does allow white boards, sound, animated powerpoints

AndrewP: we will launch it for education sometime in the spring

SusanneN: ...and I think he showed us a page with animation working from inside the whiteboard

DafneG: that's great news, Andy

VanceS: cool

AndrewP: our first priority is getting sound ported/into Tapped In for Mac users

SusanneN: BTW, I had a great little test session with Yaodong's students on Friday in YM with voice

ButhainaA: nice, Andy..

RobertWB: So I may be breaking new ground...

RobertWB: Well, the other way that Jonathan had suggested was to cut all the audio up in chunks and then he is going to load it into some other commercial software so that each slide has a matching sound file...it looks very much like a movie or video type of file.

SusanneN: then yesterday I was invited to visit Yaodong's family and chatted with his son, 15 years and his nephew, 18 years, and also had some exchange indirectly with his mother, 66. They sent me photos and we text chatted. Our dear friend Yaodong was so happy

SusanneN: Sorry for interrupting Bob, I had wanted to save this entry for later

VanceS: I put his picture at my Plenary site

VanceS: a web cam view

SusanneN: Jonathan has been very helpful with this problem. Will you try this for your Tools Day presentation bob?

SusanneN: Yes, Vance, that is a nice picture.

VanceS: Lev is curious about LT and Alado

SusanneN waves hello to Lev

VanceS: he wants to have guest speakers meet his class and was asking me earlier how to do it

VanceS: I suggested he swing by here

SusanneN: I often like to volunteer as a guest, Lev

RobertWB: IF I am not too late Susanne.

SusanneN: If so, then remember to KISS, Bob - Keep It Simple, Stupid

RobertWB: If I am I have alternatives...I can just show the ppt. and then send him the interview.

SusanneN: Bob, did you transcribe the interview to text??

RobertWB: I know you are right Susanne, and I wanted it to be more collaborative, but there is so much to moodle. to tell about...

SusanneN: if so, you could post it in the chat, passage for passage

RobertWB: No I haven't yet..Susanne.

RobertWB: its down my list somewhere here.

SusanneN: oh. It is another time taking job

VanceS: Lev, we were just talking about why you joined us

RobertWB: It thought about that, but he talks fast and there was a lot too it.

SusanneN: It is very timetaking if you wish to get it down word for word.

SusanneN: I can imagine that you think we're talking a lot

RobertWB: Well, the ppts, go along with the interview and are sort of summarized.

RobertWB: I think they make it easier to understand...

SusanneN: Bob, sometimes less is more!

RobertWB: Once I get the whole ppt thing done, I am going to zip and send it to BAW whoever, and you can use it however you like.

VanceS: I'm trying to work out the time of Bob's session Tue

SusanneN to Lev Is this your first time to join a Webheads session Lev?

VanceS: he thinks it's 5 a.m. GMT, correct?

RobertWB: Well, there is about 15 minutes explaining the moodle, and then 15 to 20 minutes of interview with Martin.

RobertWB: so I don't think that is too bad.

RobertWB: That leaves room for a chat.

RobertWB: I just checked, I am presenting at 11:00 AM. Central US time..which is -6 GMT> so I believe that is 5:00 GMT>

VanceS: ahh, central time, there's a clue

SaraMa: I don't know why I had got the impression that your presentation was at 5 p.m GMT

VanceS: yes, PM is correct

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixetime.html?day=24&month=2&year=2004&hour=11&min=0&sec=0&p1=64>

VanceS: not a.m.

SaraMa: uff! glad to hear it!

DafneG: Arnold has just given me the link to his web page for the presentation and the recording is there too: http://home.planet.nl/~mhren000/baw_pres_am/

SaraMa: thx daf!

RobertWB: Well it is coming up to 7:00 Central here which is -6:00 GMT so it is is nearly 1:00 (or 1300) GMT, isn't that right.

SaraMa: yes

SaraMa: 1300

DafneG: yes, 2pm in Spain, one hour less in the Canary Islands

VanceS: correct Bingo

RobertWB: Whew, so if there is a test today, I may be able to pass it.

KarenGar joined the room.

RobertWB: Do you ever think about how few people in the world ever see time from this perspective.

DafneG: welcome, Karen

SaraMa: Uff! my alarm clock is going to be glad not to be set at 4:30 a.m for Moodle!

TeresaD: mine too, Sara

KarenGar: Good morning,

DafneG: nice to see you here, Karen

KarenGar: Gracias!

KarenGar: I must be missing something...

VanceS: de nada

DafneG: Sara, I love your blog activities,

RobertWB: Well, I think it will be recorded...and besides as I said, the ppt stuff with sound and animation is going back to BAW....I will be glad to share it with anyone that wants a copy....the only thing you won't get is the chat.

TeresaD: welcome Karen

VanceS: for convenience, the URL for Sara's blog?

KarenGar waves back

SaraMa: <http://elrebumbio.org/blogs/blogroundtheclock.htm>

DafneG: I especially like the sound in context ones, I used to do something of the sort with my elementary schools kids to when learning about the sense of hearing

SaraMa: There you are Vance! still unfinished anyway..

SusanneN: Sara, I just love your blog idea

JamesSi: Sara - I've just had a look at your site and blog. Great stuff..

VanceS: ~\we gonna blog blog blog/~

SaraMa: Thanks. I'm trying to collect some twelve possible activities

VanceS: ~\around the clock/~

DafneG: blog my life away.,,, la la la

SaraMa: but just couldn't wait to upload it...

DafneG: I understand your excitement, Sara

VanceS: I've always sung to this tune

DafneG: and second bob's words in his message to you

VanceS: ~\let's go blogging now, everyone is learning how/~

SaraMa: Bob's message was great...despite he told me off for not checking link in the email!!

DafneG: with a blog blog, here, and a blog, blog, there,....

RobertWB: I didn't tell you off...I was very kind...

KarenGar . o O (I'm still trying to figure out what these people are doing blogging there lives away!)

SaraMa: I know...just kidding

RobertWB: I just reminded us all that sometimes we make errors.

RobertWB: haah.

SaraMa: He was really kind!

RobertWB: I like the site and am really tickled about your use of it.

DafneG: we are human, hurraa!!!!

DafneG: not bots

KarenGar: bots?

SaraMa: And I really appreciate your words. The greatest part of Webheads is the possibility to learn and share

SaraMa: from others

DafneG: that's true, Sara

AndrewP: robots and virtual programs that work like robots on computers and networks

VanceS: I'm at digimedia, how did I end up there?

SusanneN: I tried a new blog tool yesterday that was very easy to edit, very intuitive

DafneG: I am deeply grateful to Webheads

KarenGar . o O (I see... that's why my eyes hurt this morning.....)

SaraMa: No idea, I guess that was with Xanga...I might be moving that blog to somewhere else

VanceS: that blog url redirects to digimedia :-(
SaraMa: no! Which blog url exactly?
VanceS: what was the blog tool sus??
DafneG: Once Sus and I were thought to be bots by a newcomer to old TI
SaraMa: hang on...I'll go and check
SusanneN: hehe, we had so many standard messages to say
SusanneN: <http://www.tabulas.com/~susnyrop/>
RobertWB: I still wonder if you aren't highly refined bots.
SusanneN: the new tool is canned Tabulas
SusanneN: you can store up to fifty image files for free
DafneG: yes, it is a good one, according to the blog profs
SusanneN: and it has many formatting features that I LIKE
DafneG: Renata created one there and she has a great gallery of pics
KarenGar: thanks
DafneG: maybe, Bob
VanceS: looks nice, I like the portrait
DafneG: maybe bob
SusanneN: I just paid one year for getting xanga premium tools
DafneG: maybe bob
RobertWB: Thanks, Hal....
SusanneN: the portrait is my most recent and taken with my own webcam
SusanneN: a pretty acrobatic exercise
RobertWB: Now if you start singing "Mary had a little lamb..." I'm going to get real nervous.
VanceS: well done (sus)
AndrewP: Sus, I see you are amazed at the way buildings are built in China, it's that way throughout Asia except for Japan of course
DafneG puts a piece of masking tape on her mouth
SusanneN: in Tabulas you can create several albums in the Gallery
DafneG: yes
RobertWB: I'm going to get my second cup of coffee, brb.
DafneG: and you can have a community blog
SusanneN: I was angry of myself because I scanned all the images in a wrong format
SusanneN: so I will have to do it all over again
DafneG . o O (shame on Sus)
SusanneN: yes, the community blog seem to be a very powerful feature Daf
SusanneN: I need to make friends with my photo editing software
DafneG: I think you can do that with the bravenet blogs, but have not had the time to explore it yet
DafneG . o O (seems time is not on my side)
RobertWB: Susanne do you have Irfanview...
VanceS: so many YGroups so little time !!
RobertWB: Irfanview will allow you to batch convert your files.
DafneG: yeap
RobertWB: and its free.
KarenGar: can you say more about irfanview

KarenGar: url?

AndrewP: I use Irfanview, very good program

FernandaR: it's a pity that all tesol workshops are at the same time

DafneG: my Omni page software (came with Cannon scanner) saves them as jpg or gif

SusanneN: Fernanda, I agree, we should have the workshops spread all over the year!

RobertWB: and here is another freebie, 7,500 free gifs to use on your website.

<http://www.davidpye.com/freeware/index.shtml>

VanceS: good idea

SusanneN: cool Bob

FernandaR: because there so many interesting subjects, but just no time for everything

DafneG: well, that's what WiA is there for, to keep on working after the workshop

SusanneN: you can always link from an image stored elsewhere

RobertWB: www.irfanview.com

SusanneN: I want to make small and clear image files.

RobertWB: I have used it for years....it converts just about any format to any other format...it wont do my audio files but it will do virtually any picture file.

SusanneN: I'm working to become better with this

JamesSi: I gotta go now. Good catching up with the W'h goings-on.

SusanneN: Bye bye James

DafneG: bye James

SusanneN: so good to see you again

AndrewP: bye James

JamesSi: See you again soon, now I've settled down a bit

SusanneN: Coffee break for me, see you in a while

JamesSi left the room (signed off).

DafneG follows Sus to the kitchen to ask for a cup of coffee

SaraMa: great links Bob! so many sites & tools to check and so little time!!!

TeresaD: bob, thanks for the great links

RobertWB: Those little free gifs, are all cute little characters..and they are of a size that you can make them into buttons are illustrate text...they are really quite usable...they come in a zip file and set them selves up in their own categorized folders on your hard drive...good stuff.

FernandaR: I use Paintshoppro to edit images, Sus, you can resize them easily

DafneG: I have bookmarked them, thanks bob

ButhainaA joined the room.

RobertWB: You can also do some resizing in Irfanview...it is a good freeware tool.

AndrewP: Hi Buth did you work out your ISP problem?

SaraMa: I'm a gif addict! One of these days my computer is gong to explode..so full with them!

FernandaR: I'll have a look, Bob

RobertWB: I have photoshop too, and I love to use it, but it is a bit cumbersome, I takes more time than I sometimes want to use.

DafneG: I use microsoft photo editor, and Easy Thumbnails

ButhainaA: No, Andy, they are fixing the problem,, still not done

RobertWB: so I keep Irfanview on my desktop.

RobertWB: That's another good one Daf...and doesn't it convert to HTML too.

RobertWB: The easy thumbnails...

AndrewP: Infraview is cool because it let's stitch a number of pics together to form a panorama picture

VanceS: I can't get the Irfanview url

KarenGar: I've been using photo shop and microsoft editor for short jobs but haven't figured out what the best sizes and specs are....

DafneG: I guess, but I have not used that feature yet

RobertWB: Let me look again.

VanceS: I use Thumbs Plus from <http://www.cerious.com>

TeresaD: easy thumbnails is really practical and so intuitive for someone in a hurry

DafneG: right, Tere

KarenGar: yes... I like the someone in a hurry strategy... thanks Teresa

DafneG: microsoft is also user-friendly

RobertWB: <http://www.irfanview.com/>

TeresaD: lol karen aren't we all?

RobertWB: Don't let gates hear you say that about MS or he will charge us even more.

AndrewP: Vance that is correct link for irfanview

AndrewP: it comes up

SaraMa: lol bob!

KarenGar: well.. it seems that with practice there are short cuts

DafneG: microsoft photo editor is free

KarenGar: I don't have the firts but you have the short cuts

SaraMa: I use Fireworks. Can't help being a Macromedia fan!

AndrewP: Are any of you working with students that have disabilities, either learning or physical disabilities

KarenGar: let's talk micromedia!

DafneG: it comes with DW

ButhainaA: Yes, Daf, I like Microsoft photo editor it is friendly

TeresaD: no, andy, but as you know, I'm interested in that

TeresaD: but

DafneG: I mean Fireworks comes with DW

VanceS: irfanview ok now

ButhainaA: Fireworks, has lots of features though , but it's not free.

DafneG: I have many friends working with disabled kids

SaraMa: Yes. It's not free but we got an educational license at our school

DafneG: and technology

RobertWB: Sara, are you on a Mac.

ButhainaA: yes, it does, Dafd

TeresaD: and we do have a few disabled students in my school, andy

ButhainaA: Daf

SaraMa: No, I'm not. Couldn't get rid of Bill gates to such an extent!!

SaraMa: I'm a poor windows user!

AndrewP: BJ has been interested in setting up a TI program for "Special Needs Learning" or something like that, what we in the US call learning disabilities

DafneG: I always say that Macs are not for my budget

RobertWB: No poorer than me then...

BjB perks up her ears and pays attention to Andy

TeresaD listens closely to andy

TeresaD: listens

KarenGar: andy talk

AndrewP: actually, I wanted to draw you to our BJ, see how sneaky I am

DafneG . o O (imagines BJ's ears turning around like bunny's ears)

SaraMa: Sorry Andy...we're interrupting you and your topic is quite better than complaining about old Bill!!

ButhainaA: BTW, Andy, I checked your presentation at BaW, it's fascinating specially the part on learning disabilities..thanks for your efforts Andy

BjB chuckles at the sly Andy

RobertWB: Well, old Bill has provided windows with a fairly useful set of tools for the handicapped too.

RobertWB: I am also interested in the same subject area, but my interest has to do with the elderly and infirm.

AndrewP: it applies to anyone with a disability

ButhainaA: Bob, I liked the presentation at moodle, it is very clear and useful ..

AndrewP: anyway we have this conference next Friday and the link is up on the www.alado.net/webheads main page for anyone wanting to tune in

TeresaD: thanks, andy

DafneG: I will be there, Andy, thanks

VanceS: I saw the email and made note but I'm away then

SaraMa: Andy can't use that link...gives me an error..

ButhainaA: Does anyone know of sites for color blinded people, please?

SaraMa: thanks **BJB**

AndrewP: and since we have BJ's attention perhaps she can say a few words about a Special Needs program for anyone interested, sometimes it's good to keep things balanced and not just on the higher tech but those who get left behind with all this technology

ButhainaA: I mean, stating colors by words, if you know what i mean?

TeresaD listens to bj's wise words

SaraMa: thanks, I've managed to see it now!

BjB: I think that Andy is addressing a very important need...and Bob too

AndrewP: I placed the notice down beneath the group picture

BjB: we spend so much time trying to keep up with the kids who are raised on tech and are at home with it...

RobertWB: I will try to be there.

DafneG: <http://www.websiteprimer.com/article1045.html> Color Charts For the Color Blind [Index plus the Black/Gray Chart]

BjB: that we sometimes lose sight of the problems that learning disabled or the elderly experience

RobertWB: Outstanding Dafne,, I was looking for that.

BjB: webpage design is certainly an important part of the solution, Daf

RobertWB: My old boss was color blind.

DafneG: right

BjB: some kids are colorblind also...doesn't seem to be an age related problem

RobertWB: I don't think that is the same as what I used but the same idea.

AndrewP: in the US our statistics on this population indicate that as many as 40% of our population (now 290 million) have some type of disability

ButhainaA: Thanks, Daf

BjB: what other obstacles do the disabled face in access, Andy?

BjB: o O (obvious ones are blindness and deafness)

AndrewP: we don't have the time to address all of their difficulty but this conference on Friday is intended to begin to work on teaching methodologies and providing resources to help this population get telework and become employed

BjB: and what I suggested to Andy was that the conference could be a jumping off point for further dialogue

TeresaD: fabulous, andy! I will be there

TeresaD: certainly, bj

VanceS: I was working with people at Stanford who were creating voice recognition interfaces for paraplegics

AndrewP: it may be worthy quest for some webheads to use their skills toward helping others not so privileged

VanceS: and they had the disabled there working on the computers

SusanneN is back, scrolling up to read about accessibility design

TeresaD: count on me, andy

RobertWB: My wife is demanding breakfast, so I guess I had better go break some eggs...good to see you all this morning....is there anything else today....I am getting spoiled with all these events going on.

RobertWB: bye all.

TeresaD: thanks for being here, bob. and for your great resources and ideas :-)))

SusanneN: Happy brekkie, Bob, go feed your family

FernandaR: bye, Bob

VanceS: I'm losing track of them all

SaraMa: great to see you bob! now it's time to be a good husband!

VanceS: when is the next one? Michael Krauss ? Or EBob moodle?

DafneG: bye Bob, thanks for your help

DafneG: <http://www.geocities.com/bawebhead/chatsession.html>

DafneG: see our chat sessions page, Vance

SusanneN laughs happily, instant information booth at your service

DafneG: <http://www.geocities.com/bawebhead/chatsessions.html>

VanceS: I refer to that page often

TeresaD: you do, vance?! puzzled

SaraMa: Nice situation for music sound trigger at my blog Vance! People will have to work hard to make a better one!!

DafneG: many topics so far, Audrey

VanceS: I try to track what I know is going on here:

http://www.geocities.com/vance_stevens/online_events.htm#current

SusanneN: Hey Sara, I wanna have music in my blog too, but I also want it to be possible to turn it off for those who prefer

VanceS: but these days I get behind pretty fast

SusanneN hands Vance an extra hour every day

AudreyMC: blogs, great topic!

VanceS to Sara "My cat plays music so I know about these things."

WayneDL joined the room.

SusanneN: hello Wayne

SaraMa: I have not checked that yet Sus, but I also feel it might be a bit tiring to have music background all the time

VanceS: the extra hour is gone already, how it flies

WayneDL: Hello, first time here from NS so just exploring to check out the building!

SusanneN: and the more people join us, the longer sessions

DafneG: hi Wayne

VanceS: welcome

WayneDL: Thanks!

SaraMa: I'm leaving now...my husband's just woken up (late Sundays!) ...

SaraMa: great to see you all

SusanneN to Sara It was a fun experience to enter your blog page with music

AndrewP: bye Sara

AudreyMC: when I took web design class, background music was considered an annoyance.. some people don't like it so it's a good idea to have an "off" switch

ButhainaA: Welcome Wayne

VanceS: enjoyed your blog

SusanneN: Bye sara!

SaraMa: bye everyone!

SaraMa left the room (signed off).

TeresaD: nice day, sara

SusanneN: I agree Audrey, it can be disturbing for some of us.

ButhainaA: I can't work with a background music, Andy..

DafneG: me too, Audrey, especially when it is a short segment and it repeats itself

KarenGar: Can I bring a topic for discussion pleas?

KarenGar: please?

AudreyMC: I'm glad to see Buthaina is here, I really admire your work

AndrewP: But where do you find background music

DafneG: Audrey look at this e-book about blogs

http://members.tripod.com/the_english_dept/blog04/

ButhainaA: sure, Karen

AudreyMC: thanks

VanceS listens to Karen

SusanneN: Karen, come on in!

KarenGar: I have been involved with the baw workshop for 7+days

ButhainaA: Ther is one at Christine's website, a nice song but not when I am working
?Andy

DafneG: hi Don

KarenGar: and there is a WEALTH OF INFO, PEOPLE, IDEAS....

DafneG listens attentively

VanceS: we're brimming with ideas

KarenGar: I want to find a way to record ALL the information.... downloaded into a cd format

ButhainaA: <http://academics.smcvt.edu/cbauer-ramazani/>

KarenGar: so we can have it

ButhainaA: check it out, Andy

KarenGar: can someone help me with that project?

SusanneN: Yes. You were late , Karen - but you are definitely catching up quickly

DafneG: you have all the info online, Karen

KarenGar: . o O (trying to catch up)

KarenGar: yes... but I am not online always

SusanneN: I think that would be a brilliant idea to collect all of our knowledge on a post workshop CD

SusanneN: but time taking

KarenGar: and I want to establish the capacity of making a self booting medium for access to the info

SusanneN: for those who have a slow connection that would be very helpful

DafneG: we should get the ISBN for the CD

KarenGar: say more

KarenGar: isbn?

DafneG: yes, the copyright

SusanneN: We could make it for a reasonable little sum of money

KarenGar: say more

KarenGar: i am looking at it as an archival thing....

KarenGar: but... i don't know how you deal with \$\$\$\$

VanceS: If you're thinking to have a cd for sale then it should accompany a book

ButhainaA: Vance's and Teresa's Websites are our archives Karen

ButhainaA: Arlyn's too

KarenGar: or Should it be copyrighted?

DafneG: the problem is that we are updating our pages almost on a daily basis

VanceS: A teacher's handbook with accompanying CD

ButhainaA: right, Daf

KarenGar: right.... but when should we take a "picture" of it...

VanceS: but the info goes out of date so quickly

SusanneN: I agree Vance, once we get to write that book, we could include a good CDrom - this kind of stuff is not totally costless

KarenGar: or a document of the baw's workshop vance

DafneG: we are writing a book, Karen

ButhainaA: have updated a bunch of them yesterday, and still more pages need to be done soon

AdaL joined the room.

SusanneN: Karen, you have been with us for a very short time.

KarenGar: or shouldn't we just get into packaging these things without the concept of books...

AndrewP: I should share with everyone the resources we have available through a partnership for making CD in the thousands

SusanneN: we're trying to share all we can with those who care to work for it

AndrewP: when you are ready for that resource

KarenGar: yes, please

SusanneN: Andy, great!!!

VanceS: Someone once critiqued my work at my old workplace by saying we were like a bunch of ants running all over everywhere

SusanneN: hehe

SusanneN: I have another metaphor animal:

VanceS: Ants it turns out are very productive and powerful creatures

KarenGar: well.... I still want to talk about packaging the baw workshop

SusanneN: the fox that has more exits to her cave

DafneG: agree about our community oriented-ants

VanceS: and their modus operandi is to scatter and forage

KarenGar: dafne says we should isbn it

SusanneN: but ants are very cool , too

KarenGar: there is a book being written..

VanceS: they are, they get a lot done, and there's no stopping them

SusanneN: and ants are very good at cooperating

VanceS: but we work like that, so if you want to put us on a CD you basically have to take a snapshot

DafneG: we are always on the move like ants

VanceS: a day in the life of BwW

SusanneN: Yes, Karen, so be patient, and contribute to our work, so you will see how it turns out

AdaL left the room.

KarenGar: and I am looking for help in getting the experience about packaging it into a file participants can download at the end of the session

AdaL joined the room.

DafneG: hi Ada

SusanneN: Karen, sounds like an interesting project to sum up our workshop somehow

AdaL: Hi

VanceS: funny thing is the person who suggested it meant it as criticism but looked at another way it's a very productive way of working

VanceS: not everyone is happy with chaos navigation, but we get used to it

ButhainaA: yes, I like the Ants metaphor, too, slow but sure..hehehe

DafneG: right

KarenGar . o O (should I keep talking about this?)

SusanneN: yes Karen, go ahead

DafneG: not that slow, both, see them work

VanceS: Sure, it's just that you have to understand you're dealing with a bunch of ants here

KarenGar: has anyone done the cd packaging of urls

VanceS: our antennae are going all the time

AudreyMC: i learned about chaos in Yemen... when I came back to the US I read about chaos theory and the butterfly effect... this is the wave of the future in my opinion

<LOL>

KarenGar . o O (to do... study ants behavior)

ButhainaA: Daf, you are not included in the ants category, you are under the fox's one!

SusanneN: Yes, I feel that we have many butterflies battering their wings in here

ButhainaA: Forgot, Ms Speedy

VanceS: yes, I understand what you're getting at Karen, and it would make a good project for a group of ants to cooperate on

SusanneN: it is a kind of collective intelligence movement

DafneG: Tere and Arlyn have done a never-ending Web-page packaging

ButhainaA: thanks Vance

KarenGar: can we structure a way to do it?

KarenGar: whatever it is

DafneG: lol, both

SusanneN: but we enjoy finding new structures and patterns in our material

AudreyMC: Can I ask...? I'm curious why no one uses a purchased website with your own domain name? Is it a cost issue?

KarenGar: good question

VanceS: I'm at <http://www.VanceStevens.com/>

TeresaD: my index is a bit behind, but I'll try to catch up this week

KarenGar: would the answer be there?

DafneG: one of our points is to make others aware that you can work with free services

ButhainaA: yes, Daf, good, you got it, so you do remember

AudreyMC: is there a www.webheads.com yet?

ButhainaA -)

SusanneN to Karen vance is pointing to his own domain site

KarenGar: I really like the fact we use freeware... it makes our work available to everyone...

SusanneN: lots of Webheads dot com, but not ours

TeresaD: that's the idea, karen. and also the fact that we work with students.

SusanneN: webheads is pretty common as trade mark for small ventures

KarenGar: now, if we could have a file which downloads the info into a cd I would be SO HAPPY

TeresaD: besides, do teachers earn that much?!

AudreyMC: the webheads.com name is taken but the site is not being used

ButhainaA: and mine is at: [htt://alothman-b.tripod.com](http://alothman-b.tripod.com)

DafneG: webheads is a compilation of its members' web pages

AndrewP: Well, my daughter has arisen from her dreamworld and I'm off to make some coffee and enjoy our snowy Sunday morning with the family. Hope to see some of you this Friday in the session on Making IT Work for the disabled and catch up next week with everyone else, bye for now

AudreyMC: please, can u give me your link again Buth?

DafneG: some have private domains and many others do not

TeresaD: will be there, andy. my love to gabriela

DafneG: thanks for everything, Andy, see you on Friday

DafneG: enjoy your Sunday

SusanneN: Karen, we could use this project to prepare for our book. I suppose we're taking about a paper book?

ButhainaA: Thanks Andy, and have a nice day with your family..

KarenGar: is the book about the baw's workshop?

AndrewP left the room (signed off).

DafneG: the book is about WiA

SusanneN asks Vance what he's up to with all these questions

DafneG: Webheads in Action

KarenGar: I see.... I don't have the background of it... sorry

SusanneN: The book, is a book that we have talked about for a long time, about Webheads in Action, not only about the workshop - but the workshop would make a very reLevAnt chapter

DafneG: The BaW session was intended to train new people to join our WiA CoP

KarenGar: I don't see the cd project to deviate from "THE BOOK"

SusanneN: I think we decided to have a meeting after the TESOL convention for the book project Vance?

VanceS: sorry, I just got a phone call a

KarenGar: the CD project for me is a gaining of expertise in downloading the info and archiving it

SusanneN: So you see, Karen, you need to become a GOOD Webhead from your active participation in this workshop and beyond

AudreyMC: I'm keeping him up to date with our discussion thru Yahoo right now

KarenGar: Sus.... is that how I would get practice with a download file?

VanceS: I have just printed out the comments pages we did for that book

AudreyMC: and he's letting me know what I missed in the Alado session on Friday

KarenGar: ok, I'll wait

SusanneN: let us get back to your idea Karen

AudreyMC: I wanted to ask Buthaina how she gets around some of the cultural issues with her female students' families?

KarenGar: I understand that the moderators have done a huge and fantastic job with baw workshop

TeresaD: thanks, karen

VanceS: seconded

SusanneN: It has been a tremendous experience for us so far karen, and we're learning all the time.

KarenGar: and I wonder if there anybody would mind if I pursue the archiving of the info into a cd

DafneG: this is the alado session from yesterday, Audrey

http://home.planet.nl/~mhren000/baw_pres_am/

KarenGar: at the end of the workshop

SusanneN: It is timetaking and fun, and we wish to keep up with the ideas we have already set on our agenda.

TeresaD: i don't really see the need for it, karen, since it's all online and will remain so

KenK joined the room.

DafneG: hi Ken

KenK: Hi

KarenGar: but being online is not a given for me nor for many others

SusanneN: others might think differently, Teresa

VanceS: ooooh I LIKE Irfanview

TeresaD: of course, sus, that's why I gave my personal opinion

DafneG: can we help you, Ken?

KarenGar: I want personal opinions....

VanceS: I like the idea of reaching different modalities and styles

VanceS: and for this reason Karen's idea makes a lot of sense

KarenGar: teresa... are we debating about online being a medium all to itself?

VanceS: to her at least, and to others I'm sure

KenK: No thanks, I am just looking around... I appreciate though

KarenGar: because what I am looking at is at extending the medium to become tutorials delivered offline

KarenGar: doing both things at a time

TeresaD: no, of course not, karen. but I do think it's a medium that reaches very far, and farther and farther as time goes by, i hope

SusanneN: I see that some of the more remote people have great problems getting connected because of firewalls etc

KarenGar: you are right...

VanceS: I also think a lot of our output is our attempt to organize our world

KenK left the room.

KarenGar: and in a cd it would reach even further

VanceS: Karen has one idea for organizing what she is absorbing

DafneG: if you need, help with the environment, just ask, Ken

SusanneN: The discussion is important and needed before we begin a project like this

VanceS: Tere made a web page, I make web pages

VanceS: Arlyn and Fernanda worked with dynamic scripts

SusanneN: yes, many people make different webpages

KarenGar: do any of you download your pages into cds

VanceS: Karen's desire to make a cd fits in with these efforts

VanceS: but these efforts are all idiosyncratic

KarenGar: it shouldn't be too much work.....

SusanneN: smaller or larger slices of content. But what about copyright etc. do we want to join the Open Content idea or what?

TeresaD: I just keep everything online, karen

VanceS: that is, if you want to do it, you go for it, and if you find others to work with you, well, that's webheads

KarenGar: being online is what I've done...

SusanneN: I save everything offline and has great problems keeping track of it

SusanneN: almost everything

KarenGar: listen... these freeware sites can choose to disconnect and we would be out without the info.... it has happened to me before

DafneG: our idea is to learn to use CMC, so I like using CMC

SusanneN: And even though a CD is static, it is ten times faster to update it in a new version than a printed matter

KarenGar: and now I am wanting to get the expertise of packaging things for backup and for use

KarenGar: haven't done it... but will

TeresaD: karen, regarding amount of work, it's huge, believe me. I know how much I worked to start the wai index. and it'll never be finished, I'm sure

KarenGar: and I am asking for leads and help

VanceS: start it as a personal project, but if you distribute other people's work you have to get permission

KarenGar: but the job is to download... all the connections are already made in the html

VanceS: but you can archive for your personal use what you want, and that would be a start

SusanneN: start thinking about this and let us know how you would suggest an organizer

DafneG: yes, it is huge, I have just put the appendices of my diss on CD and it was tons of work, and it is not 1/8 of wiA archives

KarenGar: so it is huge because there is a lot of info?

TeresaD: daf, I'm sure it's been very similar. you diss is huge!

KarenGar: or because of doing it manually without a software...

SusanneN: Maybe we might find a good way to make things easier accessible for the less privileged user -some shortcuts and hyperstructures

KarenGar: still the being online and reliability of server is an issue.

AudreyMC: why not create self-contained modules?

KarenGar: I would like to see how we can look into packaging it into a cd

DafneG: I did it with Dreamweaver, with Arnold's help

SusanneN: karen, are you familiar with working in databases?

KarenGar: some

AudreyMC: there are so many topics I'm sure you could create a dozen modules

DafneG: just look at every week's threads page, Audrey

AudreyMC: exactly

AudreyMC: I'm having a hard time keeping up with all the info

DafneG: well, it is there threaded for you, just have to go to the threads page

SusanneN: in a way, I am not so much for the "modulization" - I fear we are near the readymade Building blocks that are against the idea of collaboration

DafneG: to go back to it, when needed

SusanneN: IMHO

VanceS: what was that sus?

SusanneN: Audrey, it is not meant to be easy for you, each of us need to invest haqrd work and intelligent thoughts

DafneG: brb, phone

VanceS: database is the key to organization I think

SusanneN: Vance, I was thinking about how the BlackBoard that used to be a free site, developed readymade course content called Building Blocks

VanceS: dynamic pages that filter the info you need

VanceS: yes, I'm familiar with BB's Buildin g Blocks

VanceS: wimba is one, right?

VanceS: or do you mean the course 'cartridges;

SusanneN: yes, maybe they call this Cartridge

KarenGar: ;listens intently

AudreyMC: I guess by modules I mean "mini courses" such as what is used at University of Phoenix. A module is about a major topic and has all the resources and assignments included.

AudreyMC: Maybe "manuals" is a better word

DafneG: are you talking about learning objects, Audrey?

ButhainaA: thanks

SusanneN: I agree that the way the terms are used has a great importance - objects, content, manual or whatever

DafneG: OU of UK is working with that now. I am not very convinced about them, though. I think every course, every context is different and needs a special design

DafneG: that's why I have never liked canned-designed courses

SusanneN: this reminds me of Arnold's discussion yesterday where we raised the question of design

ButhainaA: Me too, Daf.

DafneG: even teaching the same course to different groups in a given trimester, I change things from group to group

ButhainaA: And this is how I found moodle, I haven't created a course yet, but tried the demo. What do you think Daf?

DafneG: I think Moodle is great, I am not very familiar yet, but according to what I have read, and Arnold has told me, you can set it for collaborative learning

ButhainaA: Yes, the intor and presentation of the concept are great and enjoyed reading them, I haven't created anything yet..just asking if they are of this sort, thought they are.

AudreyMC: Buthaina, I read your posts about SMS and wanted to give you this hewlett-packard link: <http://grants.hp.com/us/education/index.html>

AudreyMC: I know that you are not in the US, but HP might have similar grant opportunities outside the US. They are awarding up to 50,000 USD for educators using SMS technology

ButhainaA: oh, thanks so much Audrey

SusanneN: I've followed the discussions from the Moodle community from time to time and their ideas are very close to how we like to think about learning as a collaborative effort, but another thing is how they manage to implement it in the software, as it has to be structured somehow

SusanneN: Buth, I saw a Danish school project using MMS for projects

ButhainaA: Really? tell more Sus, please

SusanneN: I had a webpage on this, but I need to track it again

SusanneN: MMS is with the built in webcam that has become very popular in Denmark already - I think it is called G4 technology

ButhainaA: would be grateful Sus..

StefaniGst2 joined the room.

ButhainaA: yes, here too, mobiles with cams are the trend now

AudreyMC: Bye everybody.... nice talking with you

AudreyMC: HP's mobile technology grant program is featured in "Making Anytime, Anywhere Education a Reality: Ubiquitous Computing Research" published by UCLA Engineer.

SusanneN: great Audrey

AudreyMC: I have a webcam and microphone now, so I'm ready for the next Alado or Yahoo conference!

ButhainaA: Bye Audrey and thanks again for your help

KarenGar: I like that idea

AudreyMC: I think I'm familiar with every kind of stress imaginable <LOL>

KarenGar: a yahoo meeting without typing!!!

AudreyMC: Have a great weekend all....

TeresaD: same to you, audrey!

SusanneN: Great Audrey

VanceS: sorry I've been wrapping up work here

VanceS: I'll read the last of this in email when I get home

VanceS: bye

TeresaD: bye, vance

KarenGar: hasta la vista Vance.... chao!

VanceS left the room (signed off).

ButhainaA: bye Vance

KarenGar: bye Audrey

SusanneN: I think I will move away to get some other things done for now, but leave my window open here

AudreyMC left the room (signed off).

KarenGar: I guess this might be the end of the session.

ButhainaA: I am trying to prepare projects for this semester, our first c-lab sessions , with both classes are on tuesday

KarenGar: But I don't want to leave without thanking the mod's for the baw workshop

TeresaD: well, it's time for me to carry on with other tasks. this has been a loooooong session! bye, everyone! have a great week!

BjB: anyone is welcome to lurk and serve as helpdesk if you have the time

ButhainaA: I am worried about the facilities at our c-lab though

KarenGar: tereza... before you leave

BjB . o O (I'm going to leave for breakfast and some grocery shopping shortly)

TeresaD: yes, karen

TeresaD: bon appetit, bj

SusanneN: Bj, I appreciate your offer! I do come in from time to time and serve as a helpdesk

KarenGar: thanks for your work and tolerance of my landing in week 3

ButhainaA: can I , BJ?

KarenGar: I think the project is the BEST I've seen and would like to be of assistance also....

TeresaD: karen, we are here to lend everybody a helping hand anytime they land. glad you landed, even if in week 3

KarenGar: so...

KarenGar: dafne... sus, teresa....

KarenGar: GREAT JOB!!!!

TeresaD: you will, i'm sure, bec. there are always people who know less than we do, right?

ButhainaA: I mean could I serve at the help desk, BJ?

TeresaD: thank you, karen! have a great day!

SusanneN: Karen, I think we're more than happy that you wish to share your ideas with us. We need to find a way round your project

ButhainaA: or, I have to be experienced in using Tapped in?

TeresaD: and don't forget michael krauss' session tomorrow!

SusanneN: new thinking can sometimes be a great implulse

ButhainaA: yes, thanks, Tere. for reminding us
KarenGar: I'm into participatory methodologies.... loved Paulo freire when he visited us and follow the reciprocity idea
SusanneN: Buth, you're more than welcome as a helpdesk!!!
ButhainaA: oh, thanks
ButhainaA: Sus, I will definitely need to consult you everynow and then Sus
TeresaD: welcome, buth! I'm sure it'll be another great event.
ButhainaA: yes, I'm sure Tere
SusanneN: that will also help yourself feel more familiar with features in here, and you can always refer people to read the help files
TeresaD: see you all tomorrw, then
ButhainaA: Yes, Sus, it is a great way to learn
TeresaD left the room (signed off).
KarenGar: bye... me too
ButhainaA: ok, gtg friends, and hope to catch you all later
ButhainaA: bye
SusanneN: Karen you could also use some of your energy as a helpdesk here :--)
KarenGar: seems like a plan.... I will see how I can do that
KarenGar . o O (a progression once I graduate from the baw?)
SusanneN: we have no graduation ceremony
KarenGar: no ceremony????
KarenGar: there must be a ritual....
SusanneN: you will need to show what you're worth in action, no exam, no assessment
KarenGar: action speaks louder than words.....
SusanneN: we might have a party to celebrate our neWebheads
KarenGar: yes... that sounds like action...
KarenGar: for now... I better get "organized" for tomorrows activity.
KarenGar: thanks again.... I hope you have a nice day..... or eve
SusanneN: For the record of our chat session, I would be interested in learning more about how you plan to organize the content . I could certainly use some of that myself.
SusanneN: yes, take a look at Michael Krauss' page, he has got many great ideas
KarenGar: I'll summarize ideas about the cd project and sent it to the yahoo mail
SusanneN: great
KarenGar: I'll do that
SusanneN: then we will see shat this leads to
SusanneN: see you tomorrow then
KarenGar waves nods and shakes
SusanneN hugs karen goodbye