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**BeeD**: Welcome to Blogstreams Salon, Amy. Is this your first time here?

**AmyLC**: Hi! I'm new to TI... just taking a look at what is going on!

**AmyLC**: Have you two been members for long?

**DanielC** joined the room.

**BeeD**: Yes...for quite some time

**BeeD** winks at BJ

**BeeD**: Welcome Daniel...good to see you around

**EmilyW** joined the room.

**BeeD** hugs Emily

**DanielC**: Hi Bee and all

**AmyLC**: hello!

**DanielC** waves around the room

**BeeD**: I teach EFL high school students in Sao Paulo, Brazil...what about you Amy?

**AaronPC** joined the room.

**EmilyW** waves hi

**AaronPC**: Good morning.

**AmyLC**: I am a 6th grade science teacher in California. I just started my masters degree in math, science and technology. TI is one of the resources our professor wants us to use.

**BeeD** hugs Aaron across continents

**AaronPC**: Hi Bee.

**AaronPC**: Nice to meet you Amy

**AmyLC**: Thanks Aaron! What do you all like best about TI?

**AaronPC**: Meeting people here...the informal but educational atmosphere.

**DanielC**: This is really the only place I come in TI these days.

**DanielC**: This is the only group that peaks my interest.

**DanielC**: The discussions are varied and I always come out this some good ideas

**AmyLC**: Speaking of this group...what kinds of things are discussed here?

**Maggi** joined the room.

**LesleyGst5** joined the room.

**BeeD** hugs Maggi in Germany and Lesley

**Maggi**: hugs Bee

**LesleyGst5**: Hi everyone. Long time no see/speak

**Maggi** waves to everyone

**AmyLC**: It's amazing how many countries seem to be represented in this room.

**LesleyGst5** hugs Bee back

**AaronPC**: We hang out and talk about whatever comes up; often blogs, wikis, pedagogy, teaching practices, social networking, software, the weather, etc.

**AaronPC**: Hi Maggi and Lesley.

**BeeD**: yes...it's a very rich environment Amy...there's a lot to learn...here we concentrate mostly on weblogging and webpublishing projects

**AmyLC**: I hope to learn from you, and hope you can learn from me too!

**BeeD**: we all learn from each other

**BeeD**: What have you been up to Lesley? Have classes started in France?

**LesleyGst5**: Yes, the masters mostly and also exam resits.

**LesleyGst5**: Have you been busy in Brazil?

**BeeD**: Very

**BeeD** sighs

**BeeD**: Have you had news from Nancy?

**LesleyGst5**: Nothing except for the post on her blog

**BeeD** explains Nancy is a blogger in Louisiana

**AmyLC**: I have had a website for a couple years. It has been an amazing way to keep in touch with parents, students, etc. I started posting student grades last year with passwords, and it has been fabulous. Kids always know where they stand, instead of only finding out every couple weeks how they are doing. Do you all have websites? Do you build them from scratch, or use a template like teacherweb.com?

**EmilyW**: Amy, I am a web designer

**AmyLC**: Neat. What software do you use most?

**EmilyW**: I started a web design group on Tapped In

**DanielC**: Hi Amy, I'm using Moodle right now.  I've enjoyed it so far

**EmilyW**: I use Dreamweaver and FrontPage

**AmyLC**: I've never heard of Moodle before. My husband and I have been using Dreamweaver.

**DanielC**: Moodle is a course management system...not an HTML editor

**SusanR** joined the room.

**BeeD**: I have  had a website on Tripod for 8 years now...but have recently bought a piece of land at Textdrive...but must learn the ropes...and apparently this is going to be a steeeep learning curve.

**DanielC**: kind of like blog applications, the work is really in the configuration not the design

**LesleyGst5**: We tried to implement Moddle in my University but there was no consensus on the necessity of having that sort of web "presence" :-(( so the project died

**DanielC**: too bad Lesley

**DanielC**: do you use any CMS?

**LesleyGst5**: CMS?

**RachelF** joined the room.

**BeeD** waves hi to Rachel

**DanielC**: Course Management System (CMS)

**AmyLC**: It sure is a challenge to get through all the html code, but once you get the hang of it, it's not so bad.

**EmilyW**: I have been coding in HTML for 8 years

**DanielC**: i.e., Blackboard or similar

**RachelF**: Rachel waves back.

**LesleyGst5**: Moodle is a CMS (like Blackboard) only free and opensource

**EmilyW**: I used to use Tripod

**GrahamS** joined the room.

**BeeD**: Hola Graham in Barcelona!

**LesleyGst5** waves to Graham

**GrahamS**: Hi everyone - sorry I'm late

**AmyLC**: I've used Teacherweb for 4 years. It is really easy because they set it up for you. It costs $25 per year, but it is certainly worth it to me!

**BeeD**: Graham is our podcasting expert

**SusanR**: I used teacherweb when it as free

**SedatA** joined the room.

**EmilyW**: I think I have teacherweb linked in the web design group

**BeeD** welcomes Sedat

**GrahamS**: I'm far from being an expert I'm afraid

**AmyLC**: I'm not sure if Teacherweb is available to countries outside the US.

**SedatA**: hi

**BeeD**: welll...more than many of us I am sure

**Maggi**: Hi Sedat

**AmyLC**: Emily, what is the name of your web design group? Is it "web design group?" Ha!

**BeeD**: Sedat is in Turkey

**EmilyW**: web design

**SedatA**: hi Maggi

**LesleyGst5**: Will we soon be talking about nanopodcasting?

**SedatA**: hi all

**GrahamS**: Lesley, you mean because of the new iPod?

**LesleyGst5**: Yes

**SusanR**: nanopod

**BeeD**: what is the difference between podcasting and narrowcasting?

**AmyLC**: I'll have to check it out. Are there certain times the web design group meets?

**AaronPC** joined the room.

**EmilyW**: no times yet

**LesleyGst5**: I'm miffed because mine is out of date so soon

**GrahamS**: it looks great, doesn't it?

**BeeD**: WB Aaron

**GrahamS**: Hi Aaron

**EmilyW**: right now it is through discussion messages

**AaronPC**: thx

**DavidWe** joined the room.

**AaronPC**: Hey Graham.

**DavidWe** waves

**BeeD** waves oi to David

**Maggi** hugs David

**DavidWe**: Hi

**SedatA** waves to David

**SusanR**: http://www.apple.com/

**BeeD** . o O ( David is very popular at TI )

**LesleyGst5**: My favourite podcast is Notes From Spain: all about life in Spain as seen by an English guy called Ben who lives in Madrid

**AmyLC**: Is the nanopod available for purchase already?

**GrahamS**: I don't know that one, Lesley - what is the URL?

**LesleyGst5**: Don't think so

**SusanR**: I believe so

**AmyLC**: I've been seeing a lot of commercials.

**LesleyGst5**: www.notesfromspain.com or via i-tunes

**GrahamS**: Thanks

**LesleyGst5**: Has everyone been having problems with spomments?

**DanielC**: not now, but I can't even get Google to index me

**AaronPC**: I had that problem, but it was on a blog I wasn't using anymore.

**AaronPC**: I just turned off the comments.

**GrahamS**: me too

**LesleyGst5**: If you use Blogger they index you within a nanosecond

**LesleyGst5**: I turned on the wobbly word thing

**DanielC**: I do...and they do....but Google doesn't seem to

**EmilyW**: I have been having problems with comments

**EmilyW**: getting spam

**EmilyW**: I changed my settings in blogger to only allow blogger users to comment

**LesleyGst5**: But Blogger belongs to Google, doesn't it?

**BeeD**: My students and I have been getting a lot of them

**DanielC**: sure does Lesley

**GrahamS**: I wanted to ask if anyone can recommend some good student blogs I can use as examples

**GrahamS**: I'm giving a paper at a conference in Madrid next weekend and want to show some

**BeeD**: Why don't you use the ones on Dekita, Graham?

**GrahamS**: good idea, Bee - I'm going to introduce the participants to Dekita, so that'll be good

**LesleyGst5**: Do you mean good language-wise or content-wise graham?

**GrahamS**: I'm looking for recent content produced by EFL students

**BeeD**: We are about to launch an exchange page, Graham

**GrahamS**: great

**AmyLC**: Is blogging easier with Apple or PC, or is it pretty equal depending on the software you are using?

**LesleyGst5**: I haven't had any blogging students since May, so I can't help I'm afraid.

**AaronPC**: The exchange page lists current blogging projects in EFL/ESL

**BeeD**: http://dekita.org/exchange

**GrahamS**: Thanks

**AaronPC**: In the righthand sidebar is a list of such projects.

**BeeD**: and we invite you all to read and link to it...this is a pre-launch...lol

**LesleyGst5**: Depends on the tool I think Amy. There are loads of Blogger functions that are inaccessible with a Mac.

**BeeD** . o O ( remembers the nightmare it was during the Evo session to cater for all different browsers )

**DavidWe** believes almost all things related to the Internet are easier on a Mac

**AaronPC**: Like Lesley said Amy....it depends on the software you are using.

**LesleyGst5** nods head enthusiastically

**SusanR** agrees with David; however a lot of add-ons and plugins are not available for the Mac

**AmyLC**: Okay, thanks everyone!

**AaronPC**: Macs tend not to display as many WHSIWHG features in my experience.

**DanielC**: It also depends on your browser

**DavidWe** . o O ( WYSIWYG* )

**AaronPC**: lol

**AaronPC**: Right

**AmyLC**: I know, it seems like there are a lot of browsers nowadays that don't word well with many sites...

**DavidWe**: See, Aaron, even easier to SPELL on a Mac

**DavidWe** winks

**SusanR**: googletalk and googlearth are available only for Windows for the moment

**GrahamS**: I've just seen the link you have credited to me - it's actually a blog run by Mark Appleby

**AaronPC**: Yeah...I'm on a PC this morning.  That explains the poor spelling and the crash I had earlier.

**BeeD**: lol

**DanielC**: Of course the best way to tell is to test it on your target platform and browser and OS

**DavidWe** admires how Aaron is learning

**AaronPC**

**LesleyGst5**: I've got to go and get some sleep people. My new Powerbook arrives tomorrow and i want to look my best

**BeeD** . o O ( All these Mac users! )

**BeeD**: Wow Lesley..super news!

**AaronPC**: Oooohh, you must be excited.

**AmyLC**: Enjoy Lesley! I have one, and it is fabulous!

**MiguelB** joined the room.

**LesleyGst5**: Can't wait. See you all soon..........

**SusanR**: Raise your hand if you are a  MAC  User!

**AmyLC**: ME ME ME ME

**BeeD**: Ciao Lesley..have a great week

**DanielC** puts hand down

**MiguelB**: Howdy y'a;;

**AaronPC** raises hand

**SusanR**: a quick survey

**BeeD** puts hand down

**MiguelB**: howdy y'all

**AaronPC**: Hi Miguel

**BeeD**: Hi Miguel...good to see you

**MiguelB**: Hey there Aaron

**SusanR**: Windows wins!

**MiguelB**: Howdy Bee

**MiguelB**: Howdy Bj

**BJB2** waves hi to Mike

**AmyLC**: I don't think everyone voted Susan :o)

**BeeD**: Miguel are you on a Mac or a Windows?

**Maggi** . o O ( PC )

**MiguelB**: I have a third blog set up now...waiting to work on number 4

**MiguelB**: Windows

**SusanR**: 3 Macs  12 Windows is my guess

**MiguelB**: I used to have a Mac....but preferred windows....

**BeeD**: Why is that Miguel?

**AmyLC**: Well everyone, I have to go make dinner for the family. Thanks for being so helpful for my first TI session! I look forward to a whole lot more!

**SusanR**: The Mac interface is somewhat more elegant and consistent

**DanielC**: I think that brings up a good point though.  In the US the edu market is Mac rich.  We've got to think more about our users in that regard.

**BeeD**: Nice meeting you Amy...see you

**DanielC**: I develop for PC, because I only have access to PC

**DanielC**: Not a sound development strategy

**AmyLC**: Thanks Bee.

**AmyLC** left the room (signed off).

**MiguelB**: Well I first learned on a Mac but then the school turned to windows and couldn't work with mac at home due to the noncapatibility

**EmilyW**: is anyone familiar with blog carnivals?

**SusanR**: our school district was Mac; they have converted to windows

**AaronPC**: no....please tell us more, Emily.

**MiguelB**: I don't believe I am Emily

**BeeD**: I am not...tell us more about them, Emily

**EmilyW**: I am not either, but I am starting to understand what they are

**ZacharyW** joined the room.

**EmilyW**: I have been working on this blog project which is being held this week

**EmilyW**: and someone suggest this idea

**BeeD** listens attentively

**MiguelB**: Howdy Zachary

**BeeD** welcomes Zachary

**ZacharyW**: hi all

**EmilyW**: and I am thinking about doing this after the blogging event this week

**AaronPC**: Hi Zachary

**EmilyW**: http://weblogs.about.com/od/blogcarnivalsindex/f/blogcarnivals.htm

**ZacharyW**: Em what's your idea with the blog carnival?

**EmilyW**: and there is a blog carnival for education

**SusanR**: sort of like a Blog Fair, Emily

**EmilyW**: the idea of it is to have different bloggers host the carnival, but I am thinking it will stay on the site that I made and just leave the posts there

**EmilyW**: bloggers would e-mail me an entry

**EmilyW**: and I would post the link

**EmilyW**: I like that Sue

**EmilyW**: I can call it a blog fair

**BeeD**: Looks fun

**MiguelB**: kewl

**ZacharyW**: I'm not familiar with the concept (just what I read on the link you just posted) but it sounds like a neat idea

**EmilyW**: I was just curious if any of you were familiar with it

**ZacharyW**: what is your theme going to be?

**BeeD**: first time I hear of it

**SusanR**: Here is an example...  http://enlightennj.blogspot.com/2005/06/carnival-of-new-jersey-bloggers.html

**SusanR** . o O ( This one is for David )

**EmilyW**: about a month ago I volunteered to coordinate this blog exchange for nonprofits

**ZacharyW**: ok I think I get the idea now thanks

**EmilyW**: and this week is the exchange

**EmilyW**: and it's not working out like I expected it to

**ZacharyW**: how so?

**DavidWe** thanks Susan for the URL

**EmilyW**: trying to figure out how to explain this

**ZacharyW**: take your time

**SusanR** listens

**EmilyW**: so this exchange was for blogs for nonprofits, people who work for/with nonprofits, and people who write about those types of topics

**ZacharyW**: right

**AaronPC** nods

**EmilyW**: I got ones submitted that were not on topic

**EmilyW**: and ones that wanted to be included and their blog only had like one entry or no content

**EmilyW**: I think they started their blog after they heard about this project

**ZacharyW**: how far off topic did they get?

**MiguelB**: Maybe they misunderstood the blog title...

**EmilyW**: hold on

**EmilyW**: I had a deadline for Aug 31st, and I was going to start pairing up blogs

**EmilyW**: blogs were submitted after the deadline

**EmilyW**: got one last week AFTER I did the pairing up

**EmilyW**: one was about engineering

**ZacharyW**: ha

**ZacharyW**: any chance they misunderstood the specifications?

**EmilyW**: I got 4 from someone submitting their education blogs, one of them was actually I good one that I enjoyed reading

**EmilyW**: but not for this exchange

**MiguelB**: Bj check out the third blog I put up...it's on square roots...could help your kids out....

**BJB2**: thanks, Mike

**DanielC**: Time to hit the road.  Thanks to everyone for another wonderful meeting.

**MiguelB**: And I loved your email on special ed....trying to push it at school

**MiguelB**: Have a good one Daniel

**ZacharyW**: I see your problem Em

**BeeD**: Thanks for coming Daniel

**EmilyW**: this other one was about training for this marathon for raising money for an org

**BeeD**: On 25th we have a special session

**EmilyW**: (not about the org, about their training)

**ZacharyW**: ha ha

**BeeD**: with Gabriella Vernetto from Val d'Aosta, in Italy

**MiguelB**: I will make an all out effort to be here on time...

**AaronPC**: Looking forward to that.

**BeeD**: The chat will be in French and English

**BeeD**: Gabriella understands English but prefers to do it in French

**BeeD**: so I will be trying to bridge the gap

**MiguelB**: Then I will be lost in space...

**AaronPC**: I think it will be fun.

**AaronPC**: Lots of translations.

**BeeD**: this is what blogosphere is all about

**DavidWe** wonders

**BeeD**: Jeu de langues and langues en jeux

**DavidWe**: Bien sûr

**BeeD**: sorry Jeux de langues et langues en jeu

**DavidWe** smiles

**BeeD**: If I am getting it wrong...then this is going to be carnival...lol

**DavidWe**: Too much Portuguese?

**AaronPC**: lol....I gotta run off to class.  See you all next week.

**BeeD**: I do not know what language I am speaking anymore

**DavidWe** waves bye to Aaron

**DavidWe** smiles

**BeeD**: See you

**DavidWe**: It's NOT Japanese, Bee

**MiguelB**: Have a good one Aaron

**ZacharyW**: Spricht jemand Deutche?

**AaronPC**: Thanks!

**AaronPC**: Mata ne.

**DavidWe** nods yes to Zachary

**BeeD**: mata is kill in Portuguese

**BeeD**: he is definitely killing me there

**DavidWe** smiles

**Maggi**: ja Zachary

**ZacharyW**: toll!

**Maggi**: was gibtsß

**ZacharyW**: sorry my German is rusty it's been a while since I was there

**ZacharyW**: I always spoke better than I wrote anyway

**Maggi**: keine UrsACHE

**DavidWe**: Where were you?

**Maggi**: or slang keine Bange

**ZacharyW**: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Eastern Europe... all over

**DavidWe** smiles

**ZacharyW**: wonderful adventures

**DavidWe**: When was this?

**ZacharyW**: about two years ago

**BeeD**: I must go as well...have a wonderful Sunday evening and see you next week

**MiguelB**: Have a good one Bee

**MiguelB**: Chao

**Maggi**: it is Monday morning now

**Maggi**: bye Bee

**BeeD** waves ciao and flies out of the window

**ZacharyW**: well I'm off as well, aufweidersehen.

**DavidWe** waves bye in German

**Maggi**: tschüß

**MiguelB**: A tout a'l heure   I think