

Keeping a Blog with Minds

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What's a blog?

A blog (short for “web log”) is an online journal that allows other people to browse and comment on the posts. It's an easy way for you to publish stuff online for everybody to read and, if you want, they can leave comments (the blog writer can disable the commenting if they wish).

Why would I want a blog?

Well, people use blogs for all kinds of things;

- A lot of folks use them just to talk about their experiences, let people know what they're doing; like a public diary.
- Other people use them to comment on things; there are a lot of blogs talking about politics, news, technology, reviewing everything from films to cars, that kind of thing.
- Other folks use them mainly for their own benefit; to organise their thoughts, discuss their current ideas and projects, and maybe get some feedback on them.
- Some people use blogs to share their experience – they post up tutorials or guides to different things – a few people on Minds currently do this.

So, how does it work?

You write your blog using “blogging” software on a website – this is what runs your blog, displays it, lets people comment, etc. Don't worry about the technical stuff – writing a blog is easy. If you've every used an online forum, it's like that; you just log in to your blog site, type up your post, click submit, and there you go. If you want, you can change the way your blog looks, add pictures, change the background, that kind of thing.

How do I get one?

Minds provides blogs for all members. Just post on the Minds newsgroups, the Minds forum on MikadoSoc.ie, or email info@minds.nuim.ie, and we'll set one up for you. Minds also maintains a site called Planet Minds where we collect posts from all members' blogs – it's a central point for people to read Minds blogs.

Visit www.minds.nuim.ie/planet to view a wide selection of blogs by current Minds members