## Social Networking and Blogging

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# Blogging

- A blog (a contraction of the term weblog) is a type of website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video.
- Entries are commonly displayed in reversechronological order.
- "Blog" can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain or add content to a blog.

## Why would I blog?

- Making money
- Making information available to others
- Professing personal view
- Complaining about issues (personal or not)
- Discussing hobbies, politics, or anything else

#### **Types of Blogs**

- Personal blogs http://www.crazyauntpurl.com/
- Corporate blogs http://googleblog.blogspot.com/
- Media blogs http://blankphoto14620.blogspot.com/
- Hobby blogs http://www.techtipsblog.com/
- Splog (spam blog) http://www.judyslbs.com/us/

# Free Blogging Websites

- Wordpress
- Blogger
- LiveJournal

Lets make a blog

# **Social Networking**

 A social network service focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and/or activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others. Most social network services are web based and provide a variety of ways for users to interact, such as e-mail and instant messaging services.

# **Social Networking**

- Flickr
- MySpace
- Facebook
- Twitter (microblogging)
- Ravelry
- YouTube

## **Utilizing Social Networking**

- Personal uses
  - Friends
  - Family
  - Social Organizations
  - Awareness of Movements
  - Tabs on people on "friends" lists
- Corporate Uses
  - Xerox Facebook page
  - AT&T union using Twitter "Tweets"

## **Social Networking Demo**

- Sign up for Facebook/Twitter
- Uses for Facebook
  - Events
  - Internal Email
  - Internal Instant Messaging
  - Games
  - "Poking"
  - Community Events
  - Groups

#### A little of both...

- Vlogs
- Podcasts