



# WSS 3.0 – Blogs

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# Agenda

- WSS 3.0 Blog Site
- Posts and comments
- Permissions
- RSS Feeds & Readers
- Tips & Tricks



# Blog Site Lists

- Posts List
  - Standard List View
  - Calendar View
  - Permalinks
- Comments List
- Categories List
- Other Blogs List
- Links List
- Photos Picture Library



# Create a Post

- Web Browser
  - Rich text Web part
  - ActiveX control
- Blog Creation tools or programs
  - Microsoft Office Word 2007
- Email message



# Post from Word

- Register an account
  - Choose your blog provider (SharePoint)
  - Enter blog URL
    - [http://portal.co.roanoke.va.us/IT/EntServ/Test Blog](http://portal.co.roanoke.va.us/IT/EntServ/TestBlog)
- Manage Multiple Accounts
  - Switch between accounts
  - Add new accounts
  - Set default account



# Require Approval

- Full Control required to approve
- List Versioning Settings
  - Content Approval Section: Require Content approval for submitted items?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Draft Item Security Section: Who should see draft items in this list?
    - Any user who can read items
    - Only users who can edit items
    - Only users who can approve items (and author)



# Images

- Images reside in Photos Picture Library
- Web browser: Rich text Web Part
  - Add images prior to post
- Microsoft Word Blog template
  - Images are added to the library when the post is saved



# Comments List

- **Setup**
  - Set Permissions for user/group
  - Set List Settings
- **Create a comment**
  - Input area at bottom of a post
- **View a comment**
  - Single Post
  - All Posts
  - My comments



# Permissions

- **Blog Site**
  - Owner – Full Control
  - Reader/Commenter- Read
- **Posts List**
  - Owner – Full Control
  - Reader/Commenter - Read
- **Comments List**
  - Owner – Full Control
  - Commenter – Contribute
  - Reader – Read
  - Advanced Settings
    - Read Access – All items
    - Edit Access - Only their own



# Built-in features

- Attachments
- Search
  - This Site
  - This List
- Workflow
  - Draft
  - Publish
- Mobile View
  - <http://MyTestPortal/MyTestBlog/m>



# RSS Feeds

- RSS 2.0
- Settings
  - Web Application
  - Site Collection
  - Site Setting
  - List Setting
    - Columns, Description etc



# RSS Readers

- RSS Reader is NOT included in WSS 3.0
- Free Web Parts are available
  - Phil Wickland on CodePlex
    - RSS Reader Web Part
  - Smiling Goat
    - Feed Reader



# Notes

- Blog site uses a “freeform” list view part for posts, comments, categories
  - Cannot save a blog site as a template
  - Do not delete these Web parts
- Quick Launch Bar is not used
- Admin Links List
  - Cannot be modified in the browser
  - Visible only to owner (Full Control)



# More Notes

- Deleting a post does not delete associated comments
- Firefox experience is different
  - Functional, not flashy
- ASP.NET 2.0 WebParts are used



# Possible Modifications

- Edit page and add Web parts
  - Image Web part
  - Comments (view of most recent)
  - CAUTION: Modifications to page layout may create left-to-right scrolling
    - And it may not show immediately
- Add versioning to lists
- Allow multiple categories for a post
  - List Settings – Category column



# Tips

- Use relative URLs
  - Images: /
  - /sites
- Keep a post at top of blog
  - Future date the post



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