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Social Software web sites: Key resources.

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This section highlights sites introduced in Matt Lingard, Centre for Learning Technology, LSE presentation at the ALISS 2006 summer conference which was entitled Software: Blog it; Digg it; Poke it! .

Social Networking

In a nutshell: these sites can be defined as offering access to “personal profiles and communication”

Key example: Facebook <http://www.facebook.com>

Further examples:

- MySpace www.myspace.com
- Bebo <http://www.bebo.com/>
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Blogs

In a nutshell: these sites can be defined as offering access “journal-style personal websites with comments from visitors”

Key example: Information Literacy Blog
<http://information-literacy.blogspot.com/>

Further examples:

- BBC Blog Network <http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/>
- CLT Blog <http://elearning.lse.ac.uk/blogs/clt/>
- Blogs in Education Examples <http://elearning.lse.ac.uk/blogs/clt/?p=130>
- Technorati (Blog search site) <http://www.technorati.com/>

RSS, News Feeds & Aggregation

In a nutshell: these sites can be defined as offering access to “provides personalised pages of up-to-date content from news websites, blogs & other social software”

Key example: NetVibes <http://www.netvibes.com/>

Further examples:

- Bloglines <http://www.bloglines.com/>
- See also Google (Personalised Home) & My Yahoo!
- Protopage <http://www.protopage.com/>
- What are News Feeds? <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/help/3223484.stm>

Social Bookmarking

In a nutshell: these sites can be defined as offering “storing, organising and sharing of ‘tagged’ web links”

Key example: del.icio.us <http://del.icio.us/>

Further examples:

- Connotea <http://www.connotea.org/>
- CiteULike <http://www.citeulike.org/>
- H2O Playlist <http://h2obeta.law.harvard.edu/>
- Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/> (Photos)
- LibraryThing <http://www.librarything.com/> (Books)
- Digg <http://digg.com/>

Wikis

In a nutshell: “editable web pages allowing for collaborative writing”

Key example: Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Further examples:

- Wikis in Education Examples <http://elearning.lse.ac.uk/blogs/clt/?p=130> including Romantic Audience Project 2 & CLT Wiki

Take a look

All the links from the presentation can be found at
http://del.icio.us/mad_rattling/social/

Further Reading

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