

# Characteristics of Weblogs

## Number of Bloggers

### Single Blogger

### Truthful

#### Creator blogs

- Academic Weblogs
- Blawgs
- Journalism Weblogs
- Medical Weblogs
- Technical Weblogs

#### Knowledge Weblogs

- eLearning Weblogs
- Enterprise Weblogs 
- Library Weblogs
- Filter Weblogs
- Political Weblogs

#### Personal Diaries

- Travel blogs
- Experiential Diaries
- Mommy/Daddy Diaries 
- Pregnancy Diaries
- Illness Diaries
- Chronicles

### Fictional

### Two Bloggers

### Three through n Bloggers

### (n + 1) to infinity Bloggers

## Creator Blogs

An interesting category that bridges diaries/chronicles and filters/knowledge blogs. "In this chapter, as in the others, I will suggest the waterfront more than cover it, as we look at the private books of some poets and novelists, as well as scattered representatives of paintings, photography, architecture, dance, science, and philosophy. This particular shoreline is especially slippery, not just cast, because the books in question so often hesitate and shift between the personal and the professional. In some of them notes for projects are crowded by reports on romance and the weather; in others, more sober ones, the subject matter is more strictly, if never quite hermetically, the creative business at hand. Just as the distinction between journal and diary eludes clarification, the point at which a diary becomes a notebook, and vice versa, is difficult to locate" (Mallon, pp 119-120).

## Knowledge Weblogs

External focus, may be publicly available or may be firewalled.

## Personal Diaries

"The idea of the diary as a carrier of the private, the everyday, the intriguing, the sordid, the sublime, the boring - in short, a chronicle of everything - seems to have occurred accidentally, and not much before Samuel Pepys began what may still be the best-known diary of all." Mallon pg. 1

## Enterprise Weblogs

Enterprise weblogs are most likely to be behind firewalls. Rather than being hybrids between personal journals and k-logs, they are much more purely knowledge archives. I do expect that most of this type of weblog will have multiple bloggers and so will not be part of this genre configuration, though without research to backup that thought, I have left the structure here for now.

## Mommy/Daddy Dairies

Assuming the tale is told from a single point of view...aka Mom or Dad.

\*\*Tie into babybooks, etc.

## Reference List

**Mallon, Thomas (1984). *A Book of One's Own: People and Their Diaries*. New York: Ticknor & Fields.**