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## **Blog: Blogosphere**

- A blog is short for weblog.
- Weblog is a personal online journal that is updated and for general public.
- Generally contents are in reverse-chronological order in a same page.
- Represents the personality of the author and the purpose of the website that host Blog.
- © Common topic of blog is according to the interest of the author, social issues, commentary on the internet, philosophical musings etc.
- Blog lack gatekeeper, so they are without edited, honest, opinionated and pinch an emotional chord. Sometimes they are not credible as they do not have gatekeeper.
- Blog is an example where information flows from many to many.
- Blogs are challenge to professional journalism as these are led by amateur passionate peoples.
- Blogs are easy to start but hard to keep it going.
- Owner of blog can use his blog to make money by putting advertisement and persuasive writing for client.
- Blog is a global space where anyone can read it using the internet.
- Blogs are important source of citizen journalism which is real time reporting about events and condition in local area that big news organization do not/cannot cover.
- Prevailing laws and regulation regarding publication are also applicable for blogs for a country.

## Advantage of blogs:

- o Creative freedom
- o Instantaneity
- Interactivity
- No marketing constraints