

CIS2010 Spring 2010 Group Assignment: Blog Site

Due Date: April 30, 2010 Friday 12:00PM (Check ULearn)

Note: there are three parts of this assignment.

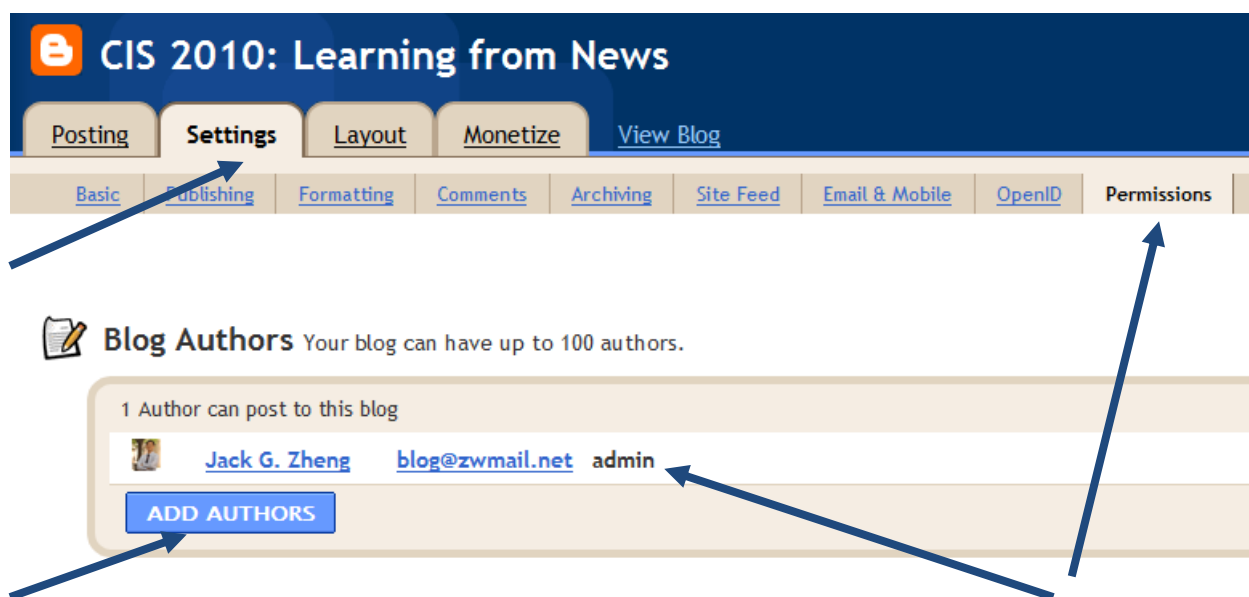
Instruction

In this assignment, your group will create a blog site similar to <http://cis2010.blogspot.com>, using the blogger.com system. You group should study the tutorials and try the blogger.com system to help you do that. Please use the myRobinson discussion board to discuss questions related to this assignment.

- Please visit <http://www.google.com/support/blogger/> for all kinds of help and support.

Part 1: create a group blog site

1. Follow the instructions in class or http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnploFsS_tY to create a blog site for your group. Come up with a good name for your blog site. The blog site will be related to your group *presentation topic*. Then submit your blog site link (web address) to myRobinson "Student Group Blog Sites" section of this course, before the due date. Only one submission for each group. Late submission will lose 2 points.
2. Invite your team member to the blog and give them the "admin" rights. See http://www.ehow.com/how_2072066_multiple-authors-post-blogger-blog.html, or follow the screenshot below. Once you login, go to "Dashboard" → "Settings" → "Permissions". Once everyone confirms the invitation, he/she will own the blog site, too. A "Contributors" section with every group member should be displayed on the website. See an example site from your classmates here: <http://cis2010-linux.blogspot.com/>



Part 2: write a blog and comment

Together you should write your first blog post, with meaningful, insightful and interesting content that is related to your presentation topic. Every member of the team should comment (meaningful, insightful and interesting comment) on this post. See an example post from your classmates here:

<http://whatsmystatusagain.blogspot.com/2010/02/now-you-know-me-or-do-you-really.html>

You are welcome to write more than one post. You are welcome to browse your classmates' blogs and make comments. Don't forget to tag/label your posts with keywords.

Part 3: develop your blog site with gadgets and embeddings

1. Follow the exercise in class, or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OVRIXn9mAs>, to add gadgets to your blog. You can also search tutorials on the web to learn how to add various gadgets to blogger.com sites. Your blog site should have the following required gadgets:
 - 1) Slideshow: show images used in your presentation or related to your topic.
 - 2) Poll: a simple poll related to your presentation topic.
 - 3) Blog List: show 3 favorite blogs (can select your classmate's group blog sites).
 - 4) Link List: at least 3 links to your favorite sites, including <http://cis2010.blogspot.com>
 - 5) Feed: get the feed from <http://cis2010.blogspot.com/feeds/posts/default>
 - 6) Feed: get the feed from any news RSS
 - 7) Profile (showing all authors)
 - 8) Subscription Links
2. Use the HTML/JavaScript gadget to embed Google content:
 - 1) Google YouTube: embed a YouTube playlist.
 - 2) Google Docs: embed your group presentation slides from Google Docs.
 - 3) Google Map: showing your favorite map.
 - 4) Google Calendar: showing your favorite events schedule.
 - 5) Google Charts: showing data in charts.

Other gadgets and embeddings: you are free to include or embed other interesting gadgets. Here are some nice resources:

- <http://mashable.com/2009/01/26/blogger-widgets/>
- <http://www.bloggadget.org/>
- <http://www.gadgetsforblogger.com/>

Learning resources:

- <http://www.google.com/support/blogger/>
- <http://www.bloggambuster.com/2008/04/complete-list-of-blogger-tutorials.html>
- <http://www.youtube.com/BloggerHelp>
- <http://www.blogspottutorial.com>