

science blogs history + characteristics

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a fool's errand

early days

- links.net (1994) – “logging the web”
- Blogger (1999) – “web page updated frequently with chronologically sorted posts”
- blog is “word of the year” (2004)



The image shows a screenshot of the Blogger website interface. The background is blue. At the top left, the word "blogger" is written in a large, white, stylized font with a blue outline. To the right of the logo, there is a "Registered Users" section with the text "Please log in." Below this are two white input fields for "Username" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a small checkbox labeled "remember me". Below these fields is a white button labeled "enter".

Below the "Registered Users" section is a "New Users" section with the text "Please choose a username and password." Below this are three white input fields: one for "Username", one for "Password", and one for "Verify Password". Below these fields is a white button labeled "enter".

At the bottom right of the page, there is a link that says "Create a New Blog >>".

Below the "Registered Users" section, there are three sections of text:

- What is it?**
Blogger is an automated weblog publishing tool.
- What does it do?**
You make posts to your weblog (or your What's New page or any other web page you want to update frequently with chronologically sorted posts) by submitting a form on this web site, and the results immediately show up on *your* site, with *your* design.
- How does it work?**
Magic! Well, actually, you provide Blogger a template of your page (or use the default) that indicates where you want your posts to appear. When you make a new post, you'll get a "Save to Server" button that will automatically FTP your new page to your web server. No muss. No fuss. Total control.

At the bottom of the page, there is a section:

- Wow, where do I enter my credit card number?**
Blogger is free. Try it out.

early days (2)

- first science bloggers emerge from political blogs (~2000)
- teaching of intelligent design theory in American schools overturned with evidence from bloggers (2005)
- Cognitive Daily creates “researchblogging”: one paper, lay audience (2005)
- blogging awards (2007)



Canadian science blogs

RRResearch

Not your typical science blog, but an 'open science' research blog. Watch me fumbling my way towards understanding how and why bacteria take up DNA, and getting distracted by other cool questions.



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science blogs (v. news media)

Pre-publication

- no external: editing, fact-checking or peer review
- faster than traditional print
- no deadlines

Post-publication

- typically, no revenue
- Comments are review
- Ability to make corrections or insert updates



BLURRED LINES

- corporate agendas (sponsorship)
- editors
- blogging platforms adopted by large media (SciAm, NatGeo, NYT, National Post)
- payment
- science bloggers jumping mainstream
- coverage of stories



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Insiders' perspective on the world of stem cells and regenerative medicine



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CCRM

Centre for Commercialization of
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IPS cell banking: How to almost, but not quite, have patient matched stem cell therapies

Author: [Holly Wobma](#), 10/09/13

For anyone following the celebrity gossip of the stem cell field, you've probably come across one of our rising stars, the [induced pluripotent stem cell \(iPSC\)](#). Award winning and deemed to have loads of potential, each one of us can produce this type of cell. The buzz around iPSCs revolves around their ability to be generated from a patient's own adult cells (e.g. fibroblasts or skin cells). Thus, they are genetically matched to the patient and can go on to differentiate into a myriad of therapeutically relevant target cells that won't be rejected when



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- share lab data
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The OPEN Notebook
The story behind the best science stories

NOT EXACTLY ROCKET SCIENCE: 1 week ago

I've got your missing links right here (9 November 2013)

by Ed Yong

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“I’m throwing out slices of information and analysis, in the hopes that it will prompt responses which will coherently and intelligently fill in the gaps”

“the medium’s fundamental power is its interactivity”

– Razib Khan,
science blogger



Theresa Liao @TheresaLiao

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