



COMPSCI 111/111G

Internet 03

Exercise Sheet

Exercise 1: Describe, in your own words, what a blog is.

Blog stands for 'web log'. It is a website containing posts in reverse chronological order. A blog can be on a range of topics, from personal matters to science and pop culture.

Exercise 2: What are some of the possible benefits of blogs?

Provides a platform to create content and share one's thoughts with the world.

Exercise 3: Should you trust the information on a blog? Why?

Generally, no. Blogs written by individuals are likely to be subjective and opinionated. However, a blog by an expert or a news blog may contain more factual, and thus more reliable, information.

Exercise 4: Should you trust the information on a wiki? Why?

Depends on the wiki. A wiki that can be edited by anyone (eg. Wikipedia) is may contain more errors because non-experts have made contributed or because it has been vandalised. However, wikis that are more controlled may be more reliable sources of information.

Exercise 5: What is the purpose of a discussion (talk) page on a wiki?

The discussion page allows members of the wiki to hold discussions about content on the wiki without modifying the pages that they are discussing.

Exercise 6: Should you sign the changes you make to an article in a wiki? Why?

No, because the wiki's log will note that you made the change.

Exercise 7: What is your user page in a wiki and who can edit it?

Your user page is a page about you on the wiki. Only you can edit it, although depending on the wiki, the administrator may also be able to edit it.

Exercise 8: Given that the content of a wiki can change frequently, how do you know what has changed?

You can view the edit log for the wiki page or you can look at the Recent Changes page.