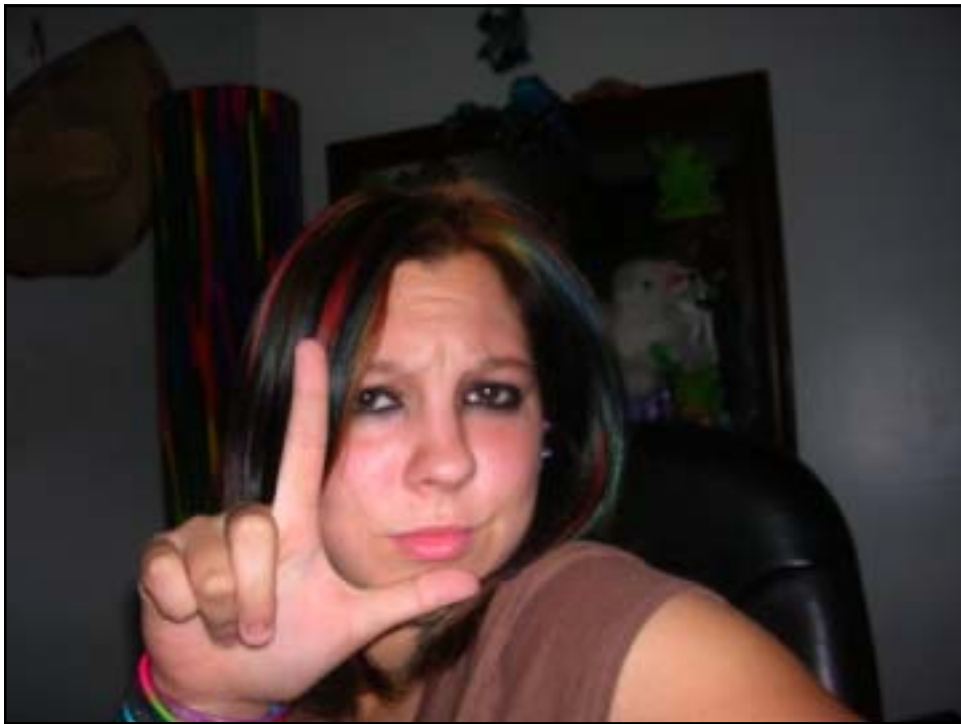


Mystery Topic



Staying Informed

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My Personal Requirements

- Has to be “push”
- Can't require a live connection
- Can't be extra work or process

Staying Informed—How I Do It

- Browser environment
- RSS feeds, eLists
- Web/news alerts
- Conferences
- Publications

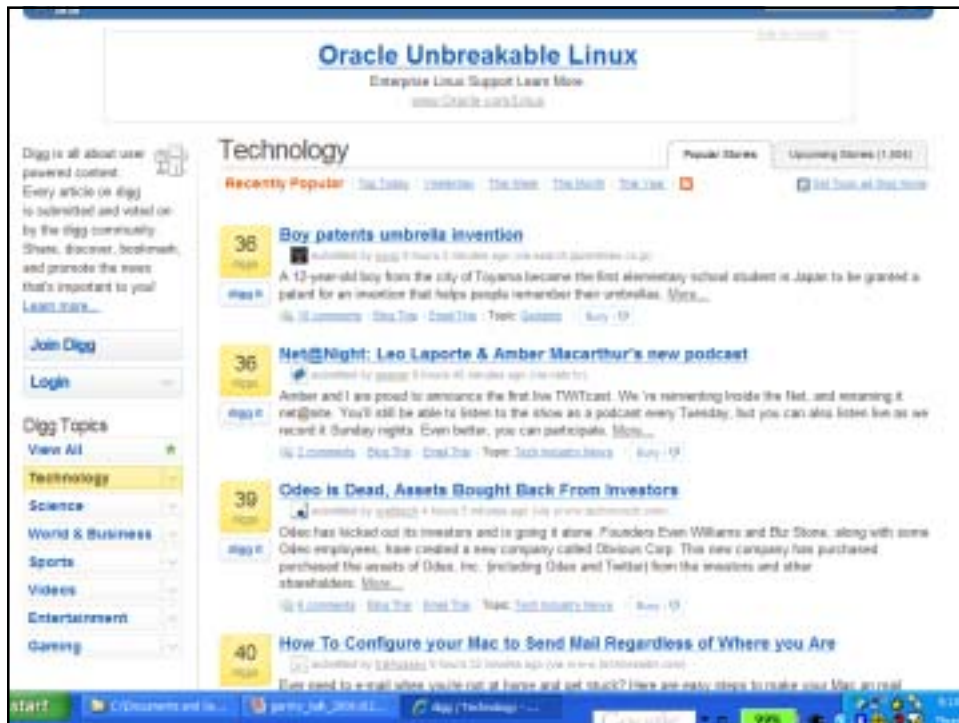
My Browser Environment

Tabbed browser

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Multiple home pages





RSS

- Really Simple Syndication?
- Rich Site Summary?
- RDF Site Summary? (RDF = Resource Description Framework)

Who Cares!

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rss>
- <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~newscenter/ncrss.shtml>

What Does It Do?

- “Pushes” changes in web pages, including blogs
- Information about changes read via
 - “Readers”
 - Browsers
 - Email



NewsGator

- <http://www.newsgator.com/Home.aspx>
- Both a reader and push-to-email
- I get 221 feeds and > 2,000 posts/day
- Posts → POP3 email client → filtered and categorized

Recommended Feeds

- Slashdot
- Digg (CmdrTaco)
- Ray Kurzweil: <http://www.kurzweilai.net/>
- Peter Scott:
<http://xrefer.blogspot.com/peter.html>
- Reuters
- Search Engine Watch:
<http://blog.searchenginewatch.com/>

Recommended Feeds, cont'd

- Meredith Farkas: <http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php>
- <http://wired.com/>
- <http://www.cnet.com/>: anything from CNet, including
 - <http://crave.cnet.com/>
 - David Coursey
- Tim O'Reilly: <http://radar.oreilly.com/>

Recommended Feeds, cont'd

- <http://www.techweb.com/>
- Librarians' Internet Index: <http://lii.org/>
- <http://techessence.info/>

Web/News Alerts

The screenshot shows the Google Alerts (BETA) homepage. At the top left is the Google logo and 'Alerts' text. To the right is the text 'Google Alerts (BETA)' and a 'Sign In' link. Below the header, there is a 'Welcome to Google Alerts' section with a brief description of the service and a list of use cases. On the right side, there is a 'Create a Google Alert' form with fields for 'Search terms', 'Type' (set to 'News & Web'), 'How often' (set to 'once a day'), and 'Your email', followed by a 'Create Alert' button. At the bottom, there is a footer with copyright information and links to 'Google Home', 'Google Alerts Help', 'Terms of Use', and 'Privacy Policy'.

Conferences

- Access (Canada)
- Code4Lib
- LITA
- Computers in Libraries
- Internet Librarian

Publications

- NYT; David Pogue on Thursdays (<http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/>)
- WSJ; Walt Mossberg on Thursdays
- Wired Magazine
- PC Magazine
- MIT's Technology Review
- Business 2.0
- Fast Company