

Blogging Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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Question # 1

What are your opinions and thoughts on the psychology of webloggers? For example, what motivates people to link to another web page? What is the benefit? How do people feel about their weblogs?

Answer:-

People blog for many reasons. Some do it for the attention... others do it as an intellectual outlet. Some pour their creativity into the blog design... others into their prose. In some rare cases, the pure act of blogging is an act of catharsis. But for most people, the psychology of blogging is based on the feedback.

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Question # 2

What are the most common blogging mistakes? What should webloggers do to prevent making these mistakes? Are there any "best practices" for weblogging?

Answer:-

I'm sure there are best practices for bloggers... I don't really claim to know them. My only thought here is, find a style that works for you. For example, a big driver of traffic is how frequently you update your site. A lot of the high-traffic sites consist of links + comment, a format that works well for many updates a day. Sometimes I try to link to more stuff, and it just doesn't work for me. I like to write out longer blog posts and long-form essays. Links just aren't my style, and I'm ok with that. So I guess that's my best practice - do what comes naturally, and don't sweat it if you lose traffic.

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Question # 3

What is the best way to sell a blog? For example, how can a new weblog get recognized and how can old weblogs keep pulling people in? Is it just about having good content?

Answer:-

I think the key is to blog about your passions. If you're really passionate about something, it shows. I think every blogger goes through a phase where they lose focus on their passions and start worrying about "pulling people in" - sort of a mid-life crisis in the life of your blog. That's generally a good time to take some time off.

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Question # 4

Why is blog diversity good? Furthermore, do you think Voyeur Web tools (e.g., Blogdex and Daypop) decrease weblog diversity? Linking diversity?

Answer:-

I think that's a good thing, since it means that information is spreading faster as the blogosphere gets more efficient. There's been a huge spike in blog diversity in just the past year, as more bloggers have entered the fray. It used to be that most bloggers were kept by web designers, programmers, and usability experts. I love those blogs, but it's been an interesting change to see more blogs by non-techies.

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Question # 5

Why are links so important in weblogs? Do they do more than just connect web sites together?

Answer:-

Links are the glue of the blogosphere. First, links make up a weblog's blogroll: the list of links (generally on the side of a blogger's page) that show which blogs they read regularly. These blogrolls are the key to tying together individual blogs into a community. Links also provide a convenient way for bloggers to link to content outside of the blogging universe: cool sites, interesting articles, and the like. And on the flip side, those same links provide a convenient way for blog indices like Blogdex and Daypop to keep score of what's hot or not.

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Question # 6

It seems to me that weblogs tend to point to the coolest news, or the most emotional news, versus the best news with fact checking and good sources. Do you think that is true?



Answer:-

Even if it's true, blogs do a pretty good job of fact checking the news. That's a useful antidote to a problem universal to all news: the need to compete for mindshare from an audience with a short attention span.

But I think you're referring mostly to personal blogs? Sites like Romenesko's MediaNews or Corante on Blogging provide useful links to relevant articles in their respective industries (media and blogging). I like that media companies like Corante are starting to use the weblog format in such innovative ways, creating a hybrid model that's half-blog, half-media.

I eat that sort of stuff up: it's largely for that reason that I publish Microcontent News under the Corante umbrella.

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Question # 7

Do you think that weblogs are just a big popularity contest? Does not it seem that people just follow the pack?

Answer:-

Personally, I prefer to think of the Blogosphere as a democracy. I guess popularity and democracy aren't so different. Popularity is based on populus, which is Latin for people. Democracy is based on demos, which is Greek for people.

Either way, it's the same idea: every day people vote with their links for their favorite sites. It's the same principle that Google is based on. Democracy isn't perfect, but it's the best system we've got.

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Question # 8

What do you think about weblogs that do not focus on news? I have seen weblogs with just photos, weblogs about playing games, and weblogs about sexual escapades. How do these weblogs contribute to the blogosphere and journalism and so forth?

Answer:-

I don't think any single blogger has any real responsibility to contribute to the blogosphere.

I'm a little reluctant to dismiss a weblog with "just photos". Noah Grey takes some unbelievable photos that make me feel embarrassed about my own blog. Zannah (usr/bin/girl) writes great blogs about video games every day. And Heather Hamilton (aka dooce.com) writes (or wrote) hilarious stuff about sexual escapades.

Anyway, someone's gotta come up with interesting stuff to link to, right?

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Question # 9

Weblogs have increased the speed of reporting news. Has the quality of news increased, decreased, or remained about the same? Why?

Answer:-

My personal take is that weblogs have two roles here:

- * They help break stories with their own grassroots reporting
- * They help fact check and filter stories that have come out

Any individual blog post may have factual errors. But the Blogosphere as a whole is actually quite robust. I trust the Blogosphere to keep Journalists honest... and to give me a range of opinions on any given article. So in terms of my experience, I'd say that the quality of my news experience has increased.

I think the quality of news in general though, has stayed about the same. No further comment there.

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Question # 10

Are there good times and bad times to post a story so that it enters the blogosphere rapidly? Are there good days and bad days too?

Answer:-

It depends on what your goal is, I guess.

If you want to hit #1 on Blogdex or Daypop, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are good days to post something. Weekends tend to be very low traffic. If you publish on a Saturday night, your post gets linked to on Sunday and you'll be #1 on Monday, which can be a high traffic day.

That's probably not the healthiest reason to be blogging. And as of right now, Blogdex doesn't really drive a lot of traffic. Just post whenever you want. I like to finish my articles over the weekends and publish on a Sunday. It's probably not the best day to publish (lots of stuff comes out on Sunday night), but if you worry about your ratings too much you'll get sucked into the crazy world of web traffic counters and server logs.

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Question # 11

What is dangerous about the blogosphere? What should people worry about?

Answer:-

Blogging can be like pouring gasoline on the fire of someone's ego.

That's bad enough, but then take a couple people like that and let them cross-blog across the Blogosphere... it can get ugly.

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Question # 12

The blogosphere is a dimension of the media. What do you think about the people behind the scenes? What types of people are driven to run weblogs? What is the payoff and what does that mean for the health of the blogosphere?

Answer:-

Who are the people behind the scenes... the bloggers? the blog tool creators?

As someone who falls into both categories, I guess I have a soft spot for people who are passionate. Providing tools that let people express that passion... well as an atheist, that's as close to God's work as I can come.

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Question # 13



Can you imagine a time when weblogs have too much influence or too much power? Will this be any different than having five or six companies controlling the media, like we have today?

Answer:-

Web blogs having too much influence or too much power? Hmm... that's a tough one - you're talking to a guy who drinks blogging Kool-aid for breakfast. I think blogs provide a healthy balance to the recent consolidation in the media industry. All that consolidation has caused an enormous drop in the diversity of voices in the media. But with the rise of personal publishing, I don't think it's fair to say that "five or six companies [control] the media" anymore... at least, if you broaden the definition of media to include blogs.

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