

# Your Opinions Online

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Anyone with a computer can become their own publisher on the internet.

You can create your very own diary online and share personal thoughts or political opinions on anything.

Its known as blogging, and it's simple to use and you can do it for free.

A blog is like your own personal soapbox. There are no rules. And you can use your blog to share thoughts, pictures, even video clips with friends and family thousands of miles away.

Blogging has turned the internet into a personal, yet public place to create your own custom journal. Surf the web these days and you're likely to come across somebody's personal blog page.

Blogging has become a place to voice your opinion on politics, share your favorite recipes or tell the the world about your travel experiences.

Even celebrities, like Barbra Streisand, have blogs to communicate with their fans.

Chris Holland of Hermosa Beach set up his personal blog page about a year ago. He posts articles that interest him, exchanges computer and technology tips with other bloggers, and shares his personal photographs.

It's easy to become a blogger. There are many websites that will sign you up instantly.. Some charge a small monthly fee. Others like blogger.com, owned by Google are free.

Chris showed me just how easy it is to set up my own personal blog. It only took about a minute to create my account.

Then he, showed me how to put a face to my new blog, taking out his digital camera.

Once you connect your camera to your PC, you then download your pictures to your computer's hardrive then upload them to your blogsite. This whole process can be done in a few minutes, even less, if you have a fast processor and a high-speed internet connection.

To show you how quick the internet works& I didn't tell anyone about my new blogsite. but, within a few hours after Chris set up my account, three web surfers found it, and posted a note on my blog, welcoming me to the exploding blog community.