Bloglines Research

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a. What is the title of the application? Who developed it?

The title of the application is Bloglines. It was created and developed by Mark Fletcher, who was a former CEO of a company called ONElist. Fletcher also worked for ask.com.

b. What is the purpose of the application (that is, what does it do)?

Bloglines has many different purposes. It can be used to get the latest news feeds from all around the world. You can use it to blog with other people about a variety of topics. You can access podcasts and other forms of audio files. Bloglines can also write software which can read feeds. You can search its data base for many different topics. It just realized its beta version which is available for the public to use. There is also a new iphone application where you check and search bloglines right on your iphone. It has won award such as Time Magazine's top 50 websites for 2004. I used the web site below as a source:

http://www.bloglines.com/help/faq#how

Bloglines is a "news aggregator." Many online information sources, including web sites, weblogs and news services, now broadcast their content to the web in so-called "syndicated feeds" or "news feeds" with new technologies like Really Simple Syndication (RSS) and ATOM. News aggregator software and services collect those syndicated feeds and present them to end users in a variety of ways. Bloglines is a server-based aggregation system. This means that we run and manage all of the software and technologies necessary to collect the syndicated feeds from tens of millions of online information sources on our own computer servers and databases, and deliver that amazing content to you as a free, easy-to-use online service. After you join Bloglines, you simply search for the content that you are interested in and identify the feeds you want to track. Once you "subscribe" to those feeds (a single-click maneuver in most cases), Bloglines will constantly check those feeds for changes or additions and direct new information onto your Bloglines personal page. Signing up to Bloglines is free and easy. Go to Bloglines.com. Only an email address and password are required. Registering with Bloglines allows you to subscribe to and read your favorite news feeds. Once you register with Bloglines, a validation email is sent to you. Reply to that and your account will be validated. http://www.bloglines.com/help/faq#how

d. How is it related to other applications (that is, can it be used in conjunction with other applications)?

It's basically just like the internet and works with many software companies, like Microsoft, and it also works with Ask.com.

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e. What are some unique ways of using this application?

Here are some comments on the ways to use Bloglines.

Comments from those who selected Bloglines as one of their Top 10 Tools in 2008

- "My RSS reader of choice - I learn through reading and participating in the blogosphere. Bloglines makes accessing my blogs easy, from anywhere!" - Debora Gallo
- "Bloglines continues to be an important tool for me to keep up to date with what is happening in the e-learning world. It is open on my desk all day so I can see the news as it happens!" - Jane Hart
- "Bloglines helps me sort through the mass of information I try to keep up with." - John Schaffer
- "At least once a day I open this channel" - Jochen Robes
- "An aggregator to receive notifications and alerts via RSS or ATOM from heterogenous sources." - Jose Carlos del Arco
- "This allows me to follow many educational blogs and learn about WYSIWYG applications that might be useful for my own learning or for my teaching. My Bloglines account is under the name, "SemioticExplorer" and my blogroll is on this blog of mine, -webtoolsforlearners.blogspot.com/" - Joan Vinall-Cox
- "Powerful RSS reader, the new beta version is excellent. Simple and easy to use." - Phil Bradley
- "For personal research and productivity." - Rebecca Jones
- "I've got back into using Bloglines, and find it an invaluable tool to keep you close to the news." - Don Taylor
- "My first RSS aggregator was Bloglines and I still use it today. I like how I can create folders for all of the ed tech blogs I read. Here are my folders: personal, ed tech bloggers, under consideration and last chance. When I stumble across a blog I might be interested in I add the feed in the under consideration folder. Then I find that I enjoy the blog and read it often it moved up in rank to the ed tech bloggers folder while some of those are demoted to last chance before I decide to do away with the feed." - Colette Cassinelli
- "My trusty Feed Reader - where would I be without it? The original and still with me after all this time, making it a favourite still" - Judy O’Connell
- "I use Bloglines to aggregate and read the hundreds of different blogs and news feeds that I go through every day to keep up with what is happening in the learning technologies world. I have the notifier running on my desktop so I can easily see when and how many new postings have arrived. I find it indispensable in my work." - Jane Hart
- "subscribe to your favorite blogs and this sits in the taskbar, ready to notify you when a blog has been updated. Easily categorise and manage blogs." - Wendy Phillips
- "I like it a little better than Google Reader, but that may be because I'm just too lazy to change" - Larry Ferlazzo
- "It just brings everything that people are saying together very neatly" - Patrick Dunn
- "My other window onto the web, this time for tracking blogs and news mainly. Read a huge volume via this" - David Wilson
- "This is the first aggregator I ever tried and, to be honest, I've stuck with them due to lethargy; if it ain't broke... This is how I keep up to date with the 40-odd feeds I read each day. I try to keep the number of feeds manageable, or I find it becomes meaningless." - Karyn Romeis
"I use Google Reader for my learning blogs and Bloglines for my non-learning blog. This way when I am devoting time to see what topics my peers are addressing I'm not lured to a non-learning blog" Dennis Coxe

http://www.c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/bloglines.html

f. How could the application be used within an educational/learningsituation?

1) elementary
Teachers can get up to date information for the most accuracy possible on lesson plans.

2) secondary
In High school, Bloglines could be used for students to get news resources or even create their own blogs over a subject or activity.

3) post secondary
College students can stay up to date with their latest blogs while also checking the news feed.

4) business/industry
Many business’ could use Bloglines to get information about a current deal, or see what the latest blogs have to say.

g. What are some examples (e.g., web sites) of it being used to illustrate its current educational value or potential value?

h. For those teams with international partners, how is the application used in their countries? Are there unique features of the application that may be more relevant to those outside of the US?