

What is one thing you have learned about the internet, computers, or Web 2.0 that you wish you had known in the beginning? (i.e., What one piece of advice would you give to a new internet user?)

As a techie, I wish I knew more of the Internet tech (I am more of a tech / biz programmer than an Internet one).

New Internet User? Go to as many sites as you can and keep bookmarking those that look interesting - you'll find your enthusiasts sites faster that way.

There are alot of whackos out there.

You don't have to build it yourself. If you need something, it's probably already out there for you to use. No need to reinvent the wheel.

That liberals have a secret way to jack your computer info. I've been to many chat (lib/dem) and have get hit w/a virus

Don't underestimate how much of your time will be taken up when you jump in--especially if you jump in as a content provider.

keep your name private, don't cuss and ignore those that do

Blogging best practices

Have a reliable mentor and don't be afraid to ask.

Stop trying to make it so complicated. Nowadays, it really is almost as simple as it looks.

The importance of being involved in new social networks and 2.0 apps early in the game

Adding value is the way to have impact.

Learn your keyboard well, be a good typist. It saves time to know it.

It is all about the Network and numbers. Even a Spider Web only has a certain number of strands that support the whole, sometimes 5 or 7 or 9 or 11. Do this, pick 5 web 2.0 services and fully utilize them by creating the webs that are supported by the main strands emminating from the center. More can be added later. I suggest, Facebook, MyBloglog, GrizzlyGroundswell.com, GopHub, Technorati, Digg, and of course FHK!

Even though it looks simple, e-mail is king. You want as big a list as possible and the skills to effectively use it.

To someone new (to blogs): start out commenting at other blogs first, get to know something about how blogging works, see if you can write an occasional post for another blog BEFORE starting your own blog. There are a zillion blogs, most saying little different from the others. Group blogging works better, and it takes pressure off individuals. It shouldn't be a 24-7 job for anyone, but it usually is--at least, if you care to have an audience. Successful blogs require a HUGE amount of work.

Just how difficult it is to keep up with the constant changes. i still feel like I'm new or always just a bit behind the curve.

Learn one task at a time - don't overload yourself.

The importance of self hosting and networking.

Realize that to be effective, you cannot rely on canned software and preformatted website services for everything. Learn how to both use and abuse them. By abuse, I mean know how to change the coding. Learning a few html tricks helps. Also, remember that learning something new grows your ability to use your brain. Hopefully, you will remain right minded!

I wish I'd better understood the various formats available for hosting a blog. I chose blogger because it was free and easy, but wordpress seems to have more features that fit my needs as my blogging has expanded and grown.

Keep your identity a secret for as long as possible because there on crazy people on the left.

How to get in touch with others that have the same political views as me. It was easy after getting on facebook and also starting my blog.