

# *Blogs, Wikis, and Online Groups*

AETA Symposium  
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Welcome!



## Workshop Overview

- What does the research say?
- Online groups
- Web-based collaborative writing
- Membership in online communities

Since 1995, research has shown...



David Hopper by x180. 17 October 2005. (<http://flickr.com/photos/x180/53300440/>) 23 September 2006.

In other words...

“The leader who expects to see technology used in the classroom but does not use it him/herself sends, at best, a mixed message.”



Slightly confusing signs by Dano. 11 September 2006. (<http://flickr.com/photos/mukuh/241256203/>) 23 September 2006.

## Online agenda



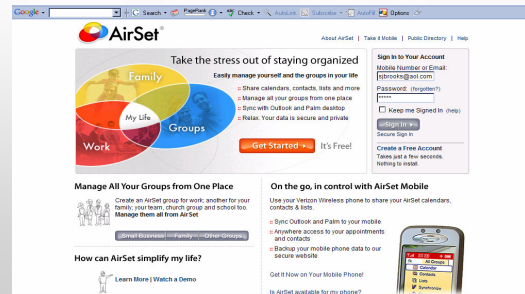
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## When do you use an online group?

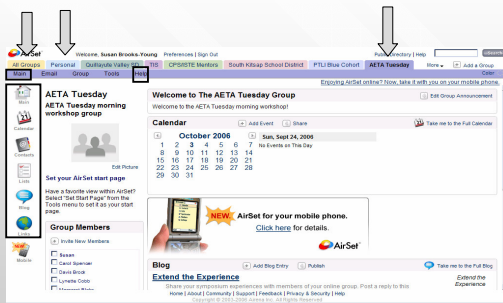
Any time you:

- Have specific information you need to 'push' out regularly
- Are working on a specific project that requires regular communication among team members

## AirSet



## Main page

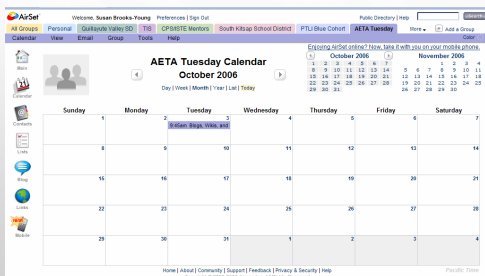


## AirSet Help

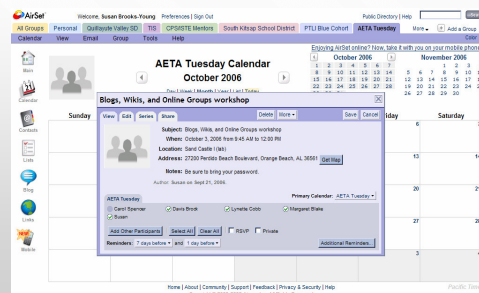


- You can access Help at any time by clicking on the link in the toolbar.
- Select Help Index in the drop-down menu.
- Click on AirSet Overview and Tutorial.
- Click on Main Page under AirSet Applications.
- Read about the Main Page.

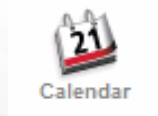
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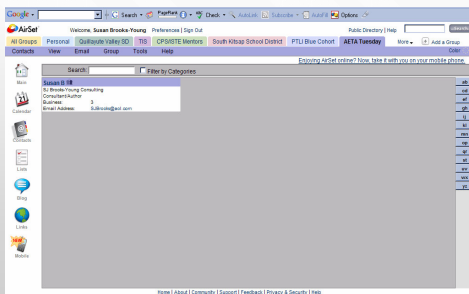
- Click on the Personal tab
- Select Help Index in the drop-down menu.
- Click on Calendar under AirSet Tools.

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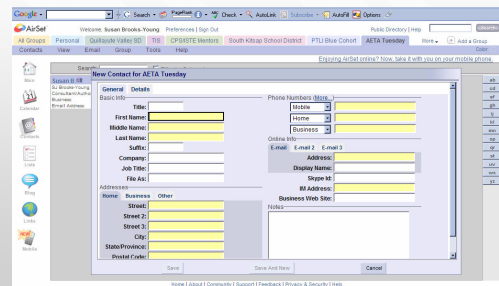


- Read about the Calendar.
- Add one event to your personal calendar.
- Set reminder(s).

## Contacts



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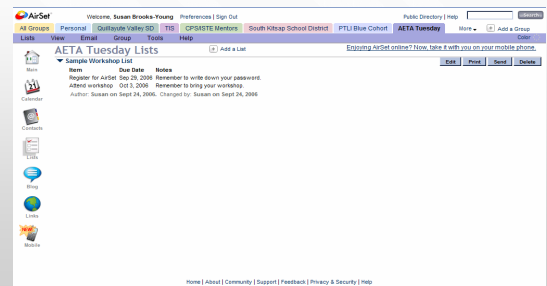


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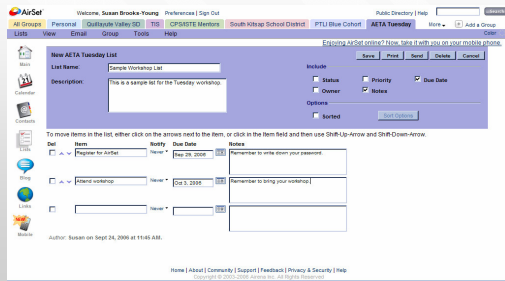


- Click on the AETA Tuesday tab
- Select Help Index in the drop-down menu.
- Click on Contacts under AirSet Tools.
- After reading about Contacts, add yourself to the Contacts list

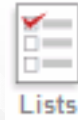
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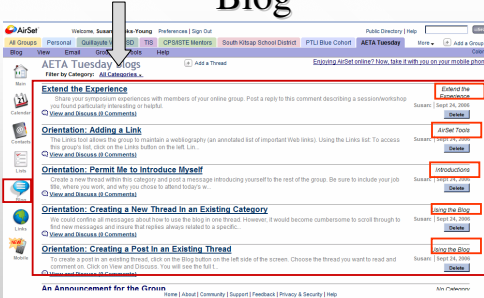


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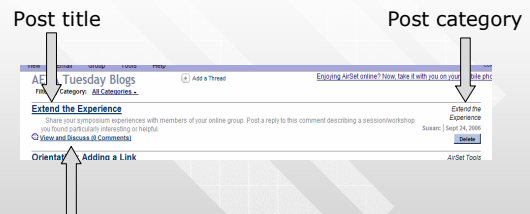
- What do you need to do when you return home from the symposium?
- Click on the Personal tab.
- Select Help Index and click on To-Do Lists.
- Make a personal list for tasks you need to do when you get home, using at least one Lists option (e.g., Priority, Notes).

## Blog



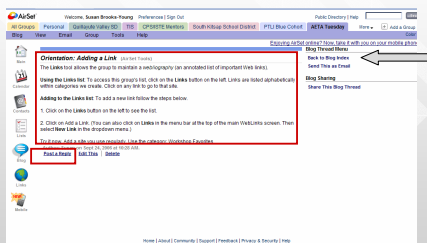
How many threads in the 'AirSet Tools' category?  
How many threads in the 'Using the Blog' category?

## Anatomy of a Comment

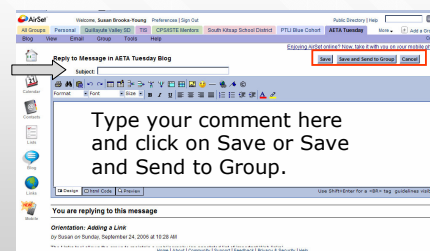


Click here to view entire post and to write a comment.

## Read and reply to a post



## Writing a Reply



## Blog activities



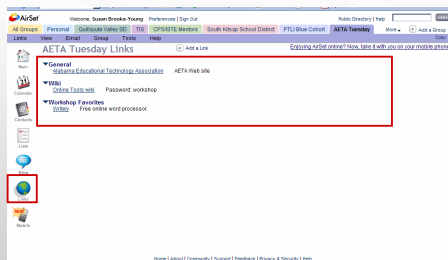
- Click on the AETA Tuesday tab.
- Select Help Index and click on Blog.
- Read about the blog tool.

## Blog activities



- Filter by Category to view the posts about Using the Blog.
- Complete the activity Creating a Post in an Existing Thread.
- Complete the activity Creating a New Thread in an Existing Category.

## Links



## Links



- Select Help Index and click on WebLinks.
- Read about WebLinks.
- Click on the Blog button
- Filter by Category to view the comment about AirSet Tools.
- Read the posted directions and add a link on the WebLinks page.

## What's a wiki?

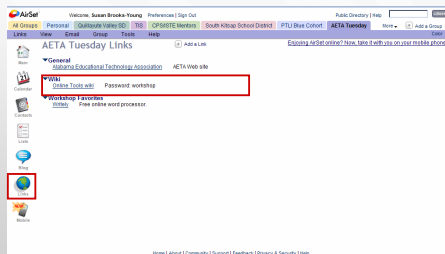


## When can you use a wiki?

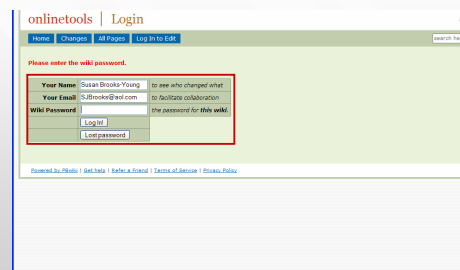
Any time you need to collaborate on a written project such as:

- A school plan
- District competencies
- Peer-reviewed projects

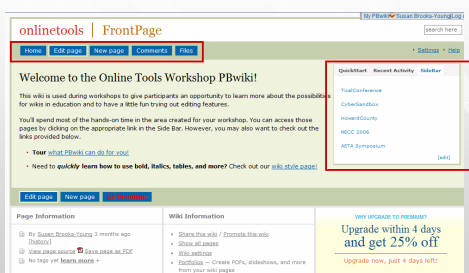
## Where's the Online Tools wiki?



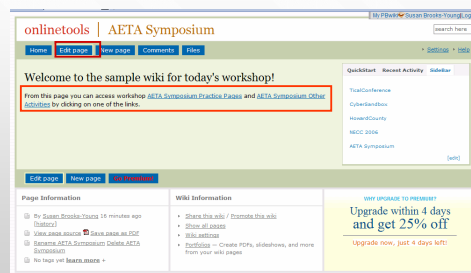
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- Click on AETA Symposium in the SideBar
- Click on AETA Symposium Practice Pages
- Find the link for your name and click
- Use this page to practice entering and formatting text
- Click on the Style Help link to see how to format
- Click on Save when you finish

## Using the wiki

- Form teams (5 members)
- Click on AETA Symposium in the SideBar
- Click on AETA Symposium Other Activities
- Find the link for your team and click
- Brainstorm ideas for how you could use a wiki at work
- Click on Save when you finish

## Extend the experience

- Use the AirSet blog to post a comment about at least one session you attend during the symposium. Do this by posting a reply to the thread in the Extend the Experience category.
- Post a comment on the AETA Symposium Wiki Challenge page. Access this by clicking on AETA Symposium Other Activities and then on AETA Symposium Wiki Challenge.

## Building online communities

There's more to it than just logging on...

- Access to computer and Internet
- Access to software
- Internet navigation skills
- E-mail skills
- Software application skills

## Building online communities

Wait! There's more...

- Group must have a specific purpose
- Scaffold activities
- Time management
- Online etiquette

## Thank you!

Questions?

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