

# **BLOG WRITING**

**Semester 3 - Professional Communication Skills**

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# Topics to be Covered

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# Learning Objectives

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- Understand the concept and purpose of a blog.
- Identify key elements of effective blog writing.
- Learn the step-by-step process of writing a blog.
- Apply writing techniques to engage online readers.
- Use blogs for academic, personal, or professional expression.

# What is a Blog?

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- A **blog** is a regularly updated website or web page, written in an informal or conversational style.
- It can be personal, professional, or thematic (travel, food, tech, etc.).
  
- Blogs are used for:
  - Sharing opinions or expertise
  - Providing tutorials or guides
  - Promoting brands or services
  - Reflecting on personal experiences

# Types of Blogs

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- **Personal Blogs** – Diaries, reflections, life stories
- **Professional Blogs** – Industry updates, business trends
- **Niche Blogs** – Focused on specific topics like food, travel, tech
- **Educational Blogs** – Tutorials, study resources, academic topics
- **Guest Blogs** – Contributed content for other websites

# Anatomy of a Good Blog Post

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- **Catchy Title** – Hooks the reader
- **Introduction** – Sets context and promises value
- **Body Content** – Well-organized, scannable, and informative
- **Headings/Subheadings** – Structure the post
- **Visuals** – Images, videos, infographics
- **Conclusion** – Summarizes key takeaways
- **Call to Action (CTA)** – Encourages comments, shares, or subscriptions

# Blog Writing Process

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- **Choose a Topic** – Relevant, interesting, and target-specific.
- **Know Your Audience** – Understand their needs and interests.
- **Do Your Research** – Add credibility with facts, quotes, or data.
- **Create an Outline** – Plan sections and flow.
- **Write the Draft** – Use clear, conversational language.
- **Edit and Proofread** – Check grammar, tone, clarity.
- **Publish and Promote** – Share on platforms or social media.

# Tips for Effective Blog

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## Writing

- Write **for the reader**, not yourself.
- Use **short paragraphs and bullet points**.
- Include **internal and external links**.
- Maintain a **consistent tone** (friendly, informative, etc.).
- Use **SEO(Search Engine Optimisation)-friendly** titles and keywords.
- Add **personal anecdotes** or stories.
- Always include a **compelling CTA**.

# Tone and Style in Blogs

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- Informal, yet **respectful and clear**
- **Conversational language:** Use “you” and “I”
- Use **active voice** over passive
- Be **authentic**—let your personality show
- Use **examples and analogies** to explain complex ideas

# Common Mistakes in Blog Writing

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- Vague or misleading titles
- Overly long paragraphs without subheadings
- Lack of proofreading (grammar and spelling errors)
- No visuals or poor formatting
- Ignoring the audience's needs
- Being too promotional

# **Importance of Visuals**

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- Images break up text and increase engagement
- Infographics simplify complex data
- Videos/tutorials increase value
- Ensure visuals are:
  - Relevant
  - High-quality
  - Properly credited (if not original)

# **Blogging Platforms**

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- **Free Platforms:**
- WordPress.com
- Blogger
- Medium
- **Self-hosted Platforms:**
- WordPress.org (custom domain)
- **Others:**
- Wix
- Ghost
- Substack (for newsletters/blog hybrids)

# Academic & Professional Benefits of Blogging

- Improves writing and communication skills
- Enhances digital literacy
- Builds personal/professional brand
- Showcases expertise (good for resumes/portfolios)
- Great for networking and audience building

# **Activity Time!**

- Choose a topic of interest.
- Write a blog outline: Title + Introduction + 3 Subheadings + Conclusion.
- Optional: Share and get peer feedback.

# Summary

- Blogging is a creative and structured way to express and share ideas.
- A good blog post is clear, engaging, and visually appealing.
- Understand your audience, write with purpose, and edit thoroughly.
- Blogging can help you grow personally, academically, and professionally.
- Quote to End With:

“Don’t focus on having a great blog. Focus on producing a blog that’s great for your readers.” – Brian Clark

# Learning

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- **Outcomes**
  - Define what a blog is and explain its purpose.
  - Identify various types of blogs and their characteristics.
  - Understand the structure and essential elements of a good blog post.
  - Apply a step-by-step process to plan, write, and edit a blog.
  - Use appropriate tone, style, and formatting techniques for online readers.
  - Recognize common blogging mistakes and how to avoid them.
  - Explore blogging platforms and understand how blogs can enhance academic and professional profiles.

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**Thank You**