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February 12, 2010 WEBMASTER MEETING

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Take Inventory

- The most important site we didn't know about.
- Official link: www.olemiss.edu/mwp
- Actual Location: www.outreach.olemiss.edu/events/faulkne www.olemiss.edu/depts/english/ms-writers

 Had to retrieve from backup files following calls from Tennessee and Colorado. Lesson: Keep track of what you have.

About This Site

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Book Info

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Presented by the Department of English at the University of Mississipp Quick find: Google" Curtom Search Search -- Articles New Available Mississippi Writer Headlines Faulkner manuscript donated to Southeast Missouri State University, (Aug. 1, 2007 ouncements, Conferences, Contests, & Calls for Papers The 36th annual Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha Conference will

The Internet Guide to **Mississippi Writers**

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focus on "Faulkner and Mystery" at the University of Mississippi in Oxford on July 19-23, 2009. For more information on topics, speakers, and registration, please visit the official web site

Today is January 12, 2010. On this date in Mississippi literary history

1929: Poet Turner Cassity was born in Jackson Mississippi.

Click here for more events that happened in January



A few Mississippi writers featured here:

John Grisham ... Nevada Barr ... Richard Ford Larry Brown ... Margaret Walker Alexander William Faulkner ... Jerry Clower ... Richard Wright ... Tennessee Williams ... Donna Tarti ... Eudora Welty ... Brad Watson ... Beth Henley ... Jimmy Buffett ... Ellen Douglas .. Walker Percy ... Lewis Nordan ... Frederick Barthelme ... Shelby Foote ... Greg Iles ... Thomas Harris ... Augustus Baldwin Longstree ... Willie Morris ... Anne Moody ... Elizabeth Spencer ... Barry Hannah ... Angela Jackson William Attaway ... Rick Bass ... and many



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IE Troubles

- IE6 vulnerability was exploited in a cyber attack against Google.
- Google signals end of IE 6 support. Blames Chinese government.
- France discourages
 IE6 usage.
- Germany discourages all IE usage.

German government warns against using MS Explorer

By Daniel Emery

Technology Reporter, BBC News

The German government has warned web users to find an alternative browser to Internet Explorer to protect security.

The warning from the Federal Office for Information Security comes after Microsoft admitted IE was the weak link in recent attacks on Google's systems.

Microsoft rejected the warning, saying that the risk to users was

low and that the browsers' increased security setting would prevent any serious risk.

However, German authorities say that even this would not make $\ensuremath{\mathsf{IE}}$ fully safe.

Thomas Baumgaertner, a spokesman for Microsoft in Germany, said that while they were aware of the warning, they did not agree with it, saying that the attacks on Google were by "highly motivated people with a very specific agenda".

"These were not attacks against general users or consumers," said Mr Baumgaertner.

"There is no threat to the general user, consequently we do not support this warning," he added.

Microsoft says the security hole can be shut by setting the browser's security zone to "high", although this limits functionality and blocks many websites.



The warning applies to versions 6, 7 and 8 of Internet Explorer

GOOGLE IN CHINA

- LATEST NEWS
- France in fresh Explorer warning

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- Germany issues Explorer warning
- Yahoo criticised for China stance
 US to protest to China on Google
- Google hack 'used IE weakness'
- China attack on Google 'routine'
- China responds to Google threat
- + Google 'may quit' China
- Google access disrupted in China
- · Google launches Chinese service



 Google Analytics for UM shows decreasing percentage of traffic from IE.

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3.	Firefox	264,992	21.39%	
4.	Chrome	35,239	2.84%	
5.	Mozilla	1,653	0.13%	
6.	Opera	1,273	0.10%	
7.	Mozilla Compatible Agent	970	0.08%	
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Tweets From Space

 Software upgrade allows ISS to interact directly with Web.

 First tweet: "Hello Twitterverse! We r now LIVE tweeting from the International Space Station -- the 1st live tweet from Space! :) More soon, send your ?s"



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The First Tweet From Space and Other Twitter Firsts

Jan 22, 2010 5:07 pm

Tweeting is no longer only an earthly phenomenon.

A NASA astronaut made Twitter history on Friday by sending the first tweet from outer space. Flight



Engineer T.J. Creamer broadcast the following message directly from the International Space Station:

"Hello Twitterverse! We r now LIVE tweeting from the International Space Station -- the 1st live tweet from Space! :) More soon, send your ?s"

Take that, Neil Armstrong.



"Is the pope... Web savvy?"

The Vatican reaches out to priests, asking them to embrace the Internet and Web 2.0 tools like blogging in order to reach followers around the world."

Pope Asks Priests to Embrace the Web, Blogs





There are 1 user comments on this Midmarket story.

Call it Pope 2.0: The Vatican reaches out to priests, asking them to embrace the Internet and Web 2.0 tools like blogging in order to reach followers around the world.



The Catholic Church is looking to bring ancient scripture and the World Wide Web together, according to Pope Benedict XVI's

message for the 44th World <u>Communications</u> Day. In remarks published by the Holy See, the Pope encouraged priests to take advantage of the rich "menu of options" multimedia communications offers for spreading the Gospel. The title of this year's message, "The Priest and Pastoral Ministry in a Digital World: New Media at the Service of the Word", reflects the aim of the Church to motivate priests to join the Web. This year's World Communications Day will be held on May 16.

Resource Library:	"Using new <u>communication</u> technologies,				
The Competitive Edge of Unified Communications: Why Smart Businesses Aren't Slow	priests can introduce people to the life of the Church priests can rightly be expected to be present in the world of digital communications as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, exercising their proper role as leaders of communities which increasingly				
The Top 10 Strategies for Managing Mobile Workers	express themselves with the different 'voices' provided by the digital marketplace," the Pope's message reads. This will not only				
An Easier Way for Small and Mid-Sized Companies to Run Their Business: IBM Smart Business	enliven their pastoral outreach, but also will give a 'soul' to the fabric of communications that makes up the 'Web'".				
Unified Communications and Process Automation Combine to Maximize ROI	The message goes on to explain digital communications represent a resource for humanity and for individuals, and encourages outreach and respect for those of different backgrounds and beliefs, as well as non-believers. "To priests in particular the				

new media offer ever new and far-reaching pastoral possibilities, encouraging them to embody the universality of the Church's mission, to build a vast and real fellowship," the message explains. "The development of the new technologies and the larger digital world represents a great resource for humanity as a whole and for every individual, and it can act as a stimulus to encounter and dialogue."

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Latitude:	34.345016						
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Population:	30027						
Density:	70.41						
(people per	square land mile)						
Housing Units	: 13613						
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High school graduate:	20.5%	Separated:	1.8%	\$25,000-\$34,999	11.5%	Sales/Office	26.4%
Some college:	19.8%	Widowed:	5.3%	\$35,000-\$49,999	12.4%	Farm/Fishing/Forestry	0.5%
Associate degree:	5.1%	Divorced:	8.1%	\$50,000-\$74,999	15.7%	Construction/Extraction/Maint	t. 6.8%
Bachelors degree:	18%	Stability/Newcomer A	ppeal:	\$75,000-\$99,999	7.4%	Production/Transportation	12.1%
Graduate/Professional:	16.5%	Same home 5+ years:	45.2%	\$100,000-\$149,999	4%	Unemployment/Pover	ty
High school or higher:	79.9%	Social and economic ind	licators	\$150,000-\$199,999	1.1%	Unemployed	3.4%
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Red bkg. = Above U.S. Avg Green bkg. = Below U.S. Avg

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		Median Ages	: 2	6.4 yrs.	3	80.5 yrs.	28.3 yrs.	



- Justice Department brought in on cases of mandating Kindles for vision-impaired students.
- Text-to-speech functionality is present, but the menus themselves aren't accessible... yet.

January 13, 2010 4:22 PM PST DOJ, schools settle over Kindle's blind access

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Updated 4:50 p.m. PST with response from Amazon.

Three universities will refrain from using Amazon's Kindle DX in the classroom under terms of deals announced Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In separate pacts, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Pace University in New York City, and Reed College in Portland, Ore., agreed that they "will not purchase, recommend, or promote use of the Kindle DX, or any other dedicated electronic book reader, unless the devices are fully accessible to students who are blind and have low vision."

The Justice Department's civil rights division has been exploring whether Kindles and other e-readers violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. Last year, two organizations representing the blind—the **National Federation of the Blind** in Baltimore and the **American Council of the Blind** in Arlington, Va.—sued another school, Arizona State University, after it and other universities announced pilot projects to use the handheld device in classrooms.



The federation has said that while it appreciates the Kindle's text-to-speech feature, the "menus of the device are not accessible to the blind...making it impossible for a blind user to purchase books from Amazon's Kindle store, select a book to read, activate the text-to-speech feature, and use the advanced reading functions available on the Kindle DX."

Per the settlements, according to the Justice Department, the universities agree that if they do use dedicated electronic book readers, they will "ensure that students with vision disabilities are able to access and acquire the same materials and information, engage in the same interactions,

(Credit: Amazon)

and enjoy the same services as sighted students with substantially equivalent ease of use."

"Advancing technology is systematically changing the way universities approach education, but we must be sure that emerging technologies offer individuals with disabilities the same opportunities as other students," Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez said in a statement. "These agreements underscore the importance of full and equal educational opportunities for everyone."

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The iPad



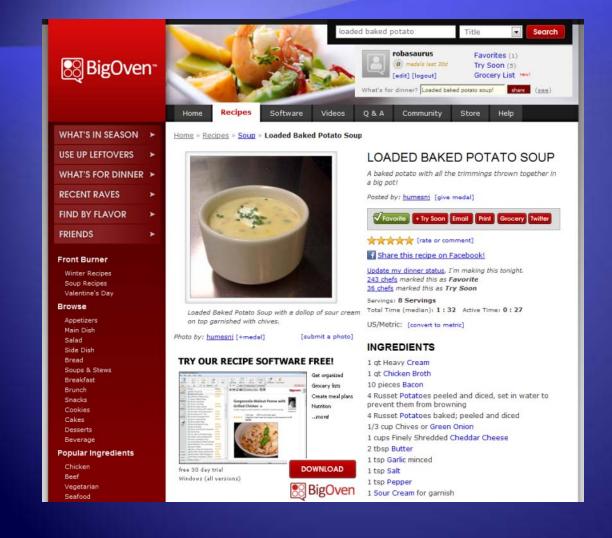




- Sometimes the app for a Web site is better than the Web site itself. (LinkedIn, Facebook)
- Mobile sites (Flickr, Youtube) are often friendlier, simpler, on-point, and plenty functional.
- A cleaner, friendlier, intimate UI opens computer use to children and elderly. Finger controls allow toddlers to play games with the same device a grandmother uses to check e-mail.

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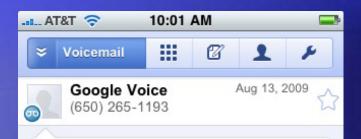




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No iPhone Flash?

- Steve Jobs' iPad demonstration showed a blue box in place of an Adobe Flash element.
- Other comments have suggested lack of interest in support for Flash.
- HTML 5 may negate the need for Flash... in a few years.

February 10th, 2010

Adobe's Flash flap: Are concerns overblown?

Posted by Larry Dignan @ 5:57 am

Categories: Adobe, Apple, General, Google, Software Infrastructure... Tags: Revenue, Adobe Systems Inc., Flash, HTML5, Flash Ecosystem...



Adobe's well-publicized battle with Apple over Flash's future on the iPhone and iPad may have cast some doubt on the ubiquitous software, but the flap is way overblown, according to an analyst who is putting his money (or at least his buy rating) where his mouth is.

Jefferies analyst Ross MacMillan upgraded Adobe to a "buy" because the flap over Flash has drawn attention away from a more critical component: The Creative Suite 5 (CS5) buying cycle.

In a research note, MacMillan writes:

We continue to believe that the CS5 product cycle will be decent, driven by attractive features, some new product additions, a healthier end-market, some pent-up demand and perhaps a little tailwind from Windows 7 upgrades. If total cycle revenues with CS5 resemble total cycle CS3 revenues, as we believe, there is money to be made here. If we are wrong, we like the fact that the company's late CY09 cost reduction provides EPS support. We also think concerns over the future of Flash are overblown. While we don't think Flash will be the only rich media container for the web, neither do we think it will disappear. More importantly, Flash has almost zero bearing on revenues for Adobe over the next 18 months.

Also: Adobe's creative legacy & the proprietary aspirations of Apple & Google

It's hard to argue with MacMillan on the Flash point. The big argument is that HTML5 is going to make Flash irrelevant. And HTML5 just might—years from now. This HTML5 vs. Flash debate, which according to early adopters you'd think was already decided, played out on the Enterprise Irregular email list recently. Among the key points:

- Flash is a runtime. HTML5 is a specification. Today, they aren't all that comparable.
- Enterprises and most of the content companies that build around Flash aren't going to suddenly drop support.
- Flash is more than videos—it's about rich clients on thin computing devices.
- The Flash ecosystem is rich and that attracts developers.
- It will take a decade for HTML5 to eradicate Flash if everything goes just perfectly (it won't). Keep in mind Web standards are messy and take time to develop.

Regarding that final point, MacMillan writes:

HTML₅?

- The World Wide Web consortium (W₃C) approves the standards that browser programmers are supposed to follow.
- These standards define the set of markup tags to be used and the rules about how they will be interpreted/rendered.
- Example: When we put a in our page's code, the browser should have a rule explaining what to do with it.



- We currently code under the HTML4.01 and XHTML1.0 specifications.
- HTML5 and XHTML5 are the next set of specifications still in development.
- Although it will take years for the specifications to reach final recommendation status (like, 2022!), parts of HTML5 are going to be finished and implemented in browsers before then.



HTML₅?

- Drop old tags that are replaced by CSS (, <center>)
- Add semantic tags to replace generic ones (<nav>, <article>, <footer>)
- New functionality through standardized interface (<audio>, <video>)
- Adoption of the Canvas element (for building graphs, animations, etc.), ability to use inline MathML, drag-and-drop features, and more.



Updates Still Upcoming

Coming to Secure5 and Cedar:
Apache Server 2.2.11
MySQL 5.0.67 & 5.1

PHP 5.2.9

Tests are still underway...



Webmaster Seminars

- Offering Basic and Advanced Web design next week.
- Both courses booked up the day the schedule was announced.
- Overflow available if you want to bring a laptop with Dreamweaver already installed and sit on the side.



Webmaster Camp

 Plans in development: half or full day seminars, one day a week for six weeks, offered twice.

Topics

- HTML & CSS (to catch everyone up)
- Using the new templates
- Mobile site considerations
- Using Flash video
- jQuery
- Any suggestions?

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