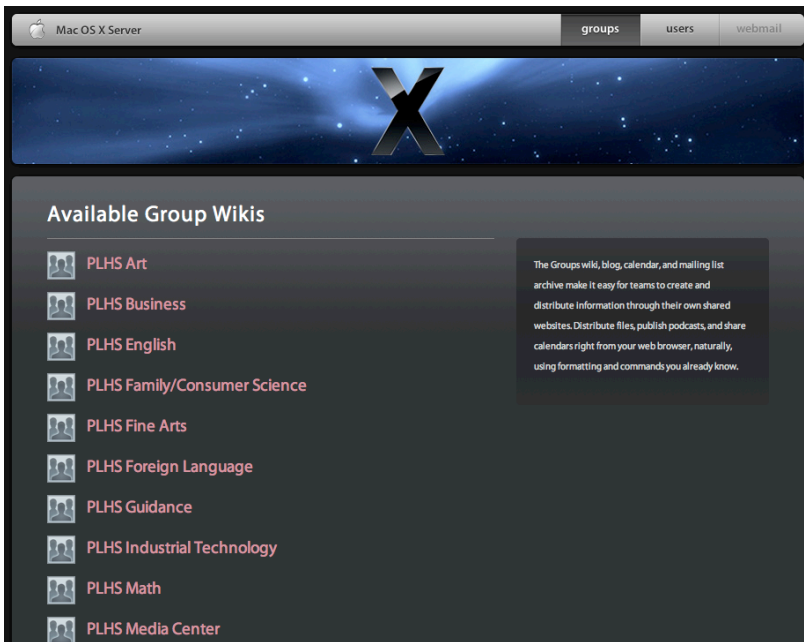


Wikis, Blogs, and Podcasting

This short guide will help you understand what these things are and what you have available to use in your classroom. This guide is not a technical manual for using these tools, that will come out of our staff development process and with the help of your TAT facilitator.

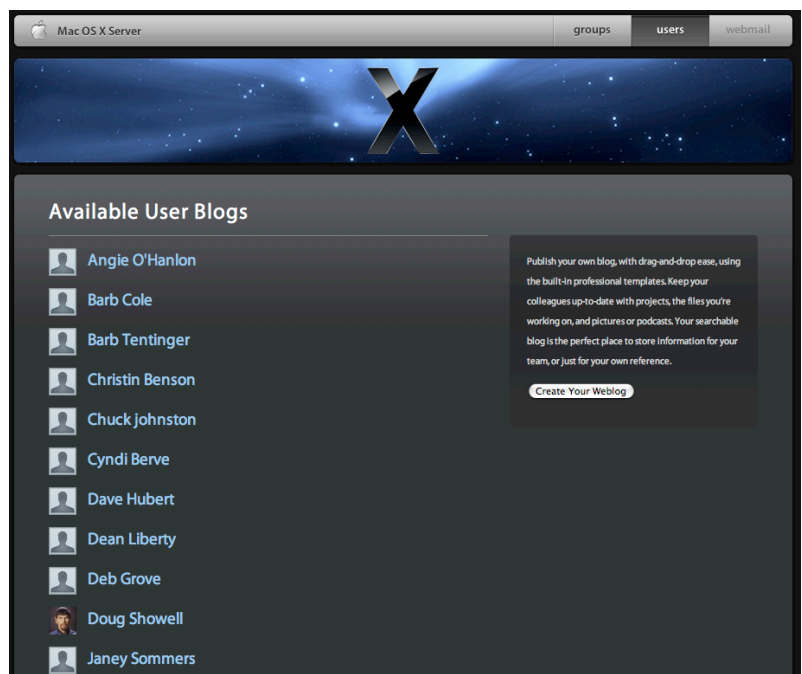
Group Wikis/Blogs

Wikis are for collaboration among dept. members. A wiki is a document that can be edited by any member of the group and is used to give members input on a project. A blog is like a newspaper, users can make posts to share info, ideas, internet links, etc. Only group members can view/edit this information. Go to <http://www.plhs.esu3.org/groups> to find your department's wiki/blog



User Blogs

User blogs are simple websites for teachers who want a easy way to communicate with students or parents. Anyone can view the blog and post comments, but only the owner can edit the blog entries. Go to <http://www.plhs.esu3.org/users> to find your personal blog (if you are not on the list, click on “Create Your Weblog” and login. As soon as you add content to your blog, your name will appear on the list.





Advanced Webpace

<http://www.plhs.esu3.org/~yourusername> is webpace reserved for you if you would like to design a more advanced webpage with iWeb, RapidWeaver or another html editor. Replace "yourusername" in the URL above with your username (tberve, jpieper, etc) to see your place on the web.

Podcast Producer

On a Mac, go to Applications> Utilities> Podcast Producer and drag the icon to your dock. When you open it, you will have the choice of creating a video podcast from an external or built-in camera, screen capture (SmartBoard or PowerPoint), or an audio podcast from an external or built-in mic. You can also create a podcast with another program like the Windows programs MovieMaker or Audacity, and submit them from Podcast Producer to be hosted on your blog.

