

# Mini How-Tos for Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts (With a Little Help From RSS)

## 1) Compose from my personal blog and publish inside my Illinois Compass Course via RSS

*Technology:* **JavaScript to RSS** (<http://www.rss-to-javascript.com/>), **Feed to JavaScript** (<http://jade.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/feed/>) or similar service

*Technique:* Enter the URL for the RSS feed (follow the orange rss link on most blogs or podcasts for the URL) into one of the websites above to generate JavaScript code that can be added to the header or footer of an organizer page or added into an HTML page in your Compass site to embed the feed into Compass.

## 2) Compose from my email and publish to my blog

*Technology:* **Blogger Mail-to-Blogger**

*Technique:* For any blog in Blogger you have admin access to, log in, click the Settings tab, click the Email link and you will find a Mail-to-Blogger Address entry for you to customize with a "secret name" and once that's done you can post to your blog by sending emails to that address. Every administrator of the blog can have their own Mail-to-Blogger address.

## 3) Compose from Microsoft Word and publish to my blog

*Technology:* **Blogger for Word** (<http://buzz.blogger.com/bloggerforword.html>)

*Technique:* Download the Blogger for Word add-in for Microsoft Word and you will have a Word toolbar that lets you click a button and publish straight to your blog. Some formatting won't, of course, carry over. But if you are a heavy Word user, this is a very quick way to publish to the world. Teachers could combine this tip with #1 above and publish from Word, into their blog, and on into their Compass home page or other area, all in one step.

## 4) Receive an email copy of a blog posting or comment

*Technology:* **Blogger BlogSend Address**

*Technique:* For any blog in Blogger you have admin access to, log in, click the Settings tab, click the Email link and you will find a BlogSend address field. Enter an email address in that field and copies of all postings will be sent to that address. Note, however, that there is only one address available regardless of the number of administrators for the blog. Others can, of course, subscribe to the RSS feed for the blog OR you can set up a listserv and use that as the one BlogSend address you're allowed.

## 5) Include my blog on my home page without losing other important links and information

*Technology:* **iFrame**

*Code:* `<div align="center"><iframe src="http://yourblog.address" height="300" width="800" scrolling="auto"></iframe></div>`

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