

Why Blog

- Too easy to repeat mistakes.
- Software construction is a process.
- We need to look back after constructing a program and reflect on what we did.
- Will allow us to produce better code and do it faster.
- Reflection clarifies and reinforces lessons we learn.
- Improve your time management - e.g. how much time to allow for testing & debugging!

How to Blog

- `http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1511/`
- Login with your zpass/zid (top right of page)
- Click on the "bubble" icon near your name on the bottom right of the page.
- Click on "Create Post"

What to Blog

- You must create at least one Blog Post every week.
- You can create one big blog post, or multiple small blog posts.
- There will be a weekly theme announced Monday every week on the course home page.
- The week 4 theme: **Five Pieces of Advice for a student starting COMP1511 next year**
- In addition to blogging about the theme you should blog about your COMP1511 week.

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- There will be a **Blogging Topic of the Week** announced Monday every week on the course home page.
- For week 4 it is: **Five Pieces of Advice for a student starting COMP1511 next year**
- In addition to the weekly topic, every week you should blog what you do.
- Assignment will specify blogging topics too.

What to Blog About Every Week

- Time: how you spent the hours working on COMP1511
- Split hours into categories e.g.: lectures, reading, design, debugging, coding, testing
- Important things you learnt.
- Mistakes you made (and how to avoid them)

Blogging Hints

- Don't leave blogging to the end of the week.
Every you work on COMP1511 update your blog.
- Be specific - put in concrete details of what happened
You can include code snippets
- And reflect - talk about what you learnt and its importance,
or what you decided, or what you felt
- Don't panic if English is your second language.
Your tutors knows this.
Blogging good opportunity to improve your English

Bloggng Assessment

- 5% of overall mark allocated to blog.
- If assignment blogging requirements large, may shift a few % from assignments to blog
- Tutors will mark your blog when they mark assignment 1 in week 9.
- Tutors will mark remainder of blog in week 13
- Keep your blog up to date.