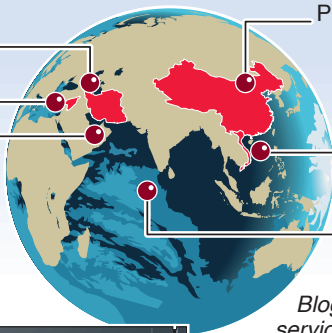


Bloggers unite to protest imprisonment

Days after online diarists – web loggers, or “bloggers” – called for a day of action in support of two jailed Iranians, another Iranian and a Bahraini webmaster have been imprisoned for allegedly writing anti-government propaganda. Over 70 other cyber-dissidents are in detention worldwide

BLOGGERS BEHIND BARS



Iran: 4

3 bloggers,
1 online journalist

Syria: 1

Journalism student

Bahrain: 1

Online forum
moderator arrested

China: 63

Pro-democracy activists,
journalists, technology
company executives,
Falun Gong members,
teachers, students

Vietnam: 3

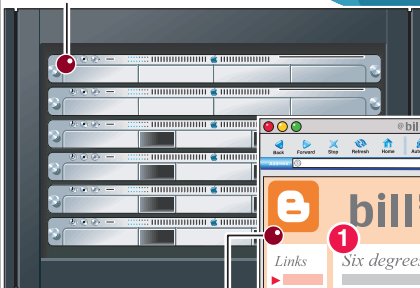
1 journalist,
2 bloggers

Maldives: 3

Online journalists

HOW BLOGS WORK

Web server: Running
blogging software e.g.
Blogger, LiveJournal



Blogs originally ran as free services. As users increased so did demand on processing power, forcing sites to cover costs of new servers and greater bandwidth

BLOG ESSENTIALS

1. Online journal

Author's date-stamped thoughts

2. Blogroll: Links to other blogs, provides context

3. Commenting: Feedback from regular readers, or “blog community”

Reader: View and add comments from within browser

An estimated 35% of all blogs are run on Google's **Blogger**

Author: Connects to webserver to create pages, add images and hyperlinks without knowledge of **html** – language behind web – from within web browser, by email or even cell phone

