

## **Oracle Scene Issue 18 - And finally column**

### **Ever heard of “blogging?”**

Recently I was introduced to a phenomenon on the Internet known as “blogging” – thanks to Mark Rittman one of our regular contributor’s (<http://www.rittman.net>). According to webopedia.com a blog can be defined as “short for Web log, a blog is a Web page that serves as a publicly accessible personal journal for an individual. Typically updated daily, blogs often reflect the personality of the author.” Although this type of activity has been taking place on the Internet for quite some time, it seems that I missed the boat or wasn’t even aware that the boat existed!

The popularity of blogging is rising as a result of consistently improving software applications and packages that provide users with a host of options for authoring and publishing their thoughts. One of the main benefits of blogging is that it provides your site with regularly changing content. This translates to more hits from search engines and repeat visits from interested readers.

In highlighting blogging concepts it is my intention to point readers to some useful Oracle blogging sites as well as encourage more experienced and adventurous users to start their own blogs. A variety of IT related blogs as well as a very active Oracle forum can be found at <http://www.ittoolbox.com>. For a comprehensive listing of Oracle specific blogs check out this link on the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) site <http://otn.oracle.com/syndication/index.html>. Quite soon after learning about blogging I searched high and low for a web log related to Oracle Applications only to discover that most of the existing blogs were more technically orientated (as you will find out when visiting the OTN link mentioned). Hence I’ve taken the plunge and started up my own site dedicated to recording what Oracle Apps Consultants are learning on a daily basis. Interested parties are invited to participate at <http://www.oracleappsblog.com>

### **Download Apps Documentation**

In closing, I thought it would be useful to highlight that you can now download the documentation CD’s for 11.5.9 and prior releases (back to version 11) from the Oracle Appsnet site. If you are fortunate enough to have an Internet connection that can manage voluminous downloads then check out <http://www.oracle.com/appsnet/products/documentation/content.html> - happy downloading!!

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