



The Handbook

Codex

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Weblog Client

A Weblog Client is software you run on your local machine (desktop) that lets you post to your blog via [XML-RPC](#). In some cases, the Weblog Client can even manage your weblog entries. You might think of Weblog Clients as the equivalent of email clients such as Outlook Express, [Thunderbird](#) (<http://www.mozilla.org/products/thunderbird/>), and Eudora Mail. Essentially, the Weblog Client allows you to write a post even if you are off-line; then, the next time you connect to the Internet, you can publish that post.

For information on blogging by email, see [Blog by Email](#).

Advantages

The advantages of using a weblog client include:

1. The ability to write posts without having to go on-line
2. The ability to save drafts
3. A nicer interface
4. Fancy formatting features
5. Features like cross-posting to multiple blogs
6. Fasier uploading and addition of photos

List of Client Software:

Windows:

- [BlogJet](#) (<http://www.blogjet.com>)
- [Ecto](#) (<http://ecto.kung-foo.tv/>)
- [w.bloggar](#) (<http://www.wbloggar.com/>)

Mac (OS X):

- [Ecto](#) (<http://ecto.kung-foo.tv/>)
- [MarsEdit](#) (<http://ranchero.com/marsedit/>)

Mac OS X Dashboard Widgets

- [DashBlog](#) (<http://dashblog.theonelab.com/>) - detailed wordpress instructions: [here](http://wordpress.org/support/topic/34382#post-197102) (<http://wordpress.org/support/topic/34382#post-197102>)
- [RapidMetaBlog](#) (http://staff.cofa.unsw.edu.au/blojsom/blog/nigelkersten/scripts/2005/05/01/RapidMetaBlog_Dashboard_Widget.html)
- [WordPressDash](#) (<http://www.paniris.com/wordpressdash/>)

Linux:

- [BloGTK](#) (<http://blogtk.sourceforge.net/>)
- [Drivel](#) (<http://www.dropline.net/drivel/>)
- [Gnome Blog](#) (<http://www.gnome.org/~seth/gnome-blog/>)

Develop Your Own

You can always [develop your own](http://www.dentedreality.com.au/bloggerapi/) (<http://www.dentedreality.com.au/bloggerapi/>). [Many scripts](http://www.xmlrpc.com/directory/1568/services/pyraLabsblogger/scriptingGlue) (<http://www.xmlrpc.com/directory/1568/services/pyraLabsblogger/scriptingGlue>) in Perl, Python, PHP, Applescript and Java have already been written and are ripe for the picking (and tweaking). If you are planning on developing a Mac OS X Dashboard Widget, start with Apple's [very detailed documentation](http://developer.apple.com/macosx/dashboard.html) (<http://developer.apple.com/macosx/dashboard.html>).

Your XML-RPC server/path are as described here:

- If you login to WordPress on `http://example.com/wordpress/wp-login.php`, then you have:
 - Server: `http://example.com/` (some tools will just want the 'example.com' hostname part)
 - Path: `/wordpress/xmlrpc.php`
 - complete URL (just in case):
`http://example.com/wordpress/xmlrpc.php`