

Frequency

Thank you for downloading Frequency. Your feedback is valuable and very much appreciated! Please send all comments, bug reports, and suggestions to support@truetech.org.

Why Frequency?

I started getting into weblogging a couple of years ago. I enjoy writing, and I enjoy working with the web, plus it's a great way to keep in touch with people. While I really enjoyed blogging, I found most of the web-based editing systems cumbersome. I find that most of my weblog entries tend to be either very short pieces, in which case it's annoying to have log into the web interface to type just a few words, or rather lengthy pieces, in which case a browser makes a less than ideal editing environment. I wrote Frequency to overcome both problems. For quick, short posts, I can just launch Frequency, type what I want, and hit the "Post" button. Quick and easy. For longer posts, I have the advantage of writing in a desktop application rather than a text area on a web page. Frequency also provides style buttons and makes it very easy to link to other pages. HTML previewing is provided as well.

Setting up Frequency

The first time you launch Frequency, the Frequency Setup screen will appear. Enter your weblog account name and password, and enter the RPC host you wish to use (for Blogger, this is usually "new.blogger.com/api"; if you are using a Blogger-compatible weblog or MetaWeblog, you'll need to provide the correct RPC host information). Then press the "Refresh Blog List" button. This will retrieve a list of your weblogs. Your weblogs will appear in the listing below. Click on the weblog you wish to use with Frequency.

Blog ID	Blog Name	URL
5373723	CoolBlog	http://coolfrequency.blogspot.com
5373729	eTechBlog	http://etechblog.blogspot.com
5174575	Frequency Test Drive	http://frequencytest.blogspot.com

You will also need to select the API you wish to use. For most users, leave this at the default setting of Blogger. If you'll be using Frequency with Radio or Movable Type, change this to MetaWeblog. If you'll be using Movable Type, check the box next to "Use Movable Type API."

You may also enter custom title tags. For Radio, Movable Type, or any other MetaWeblog-based system, leave these fields blank. The settings shown below tell Blogger to make the title bold and place two line breaks after it.

Wrap title in custom tags (leave blank for Movable Type and Radio):

Opening Tag: Closing Tag:

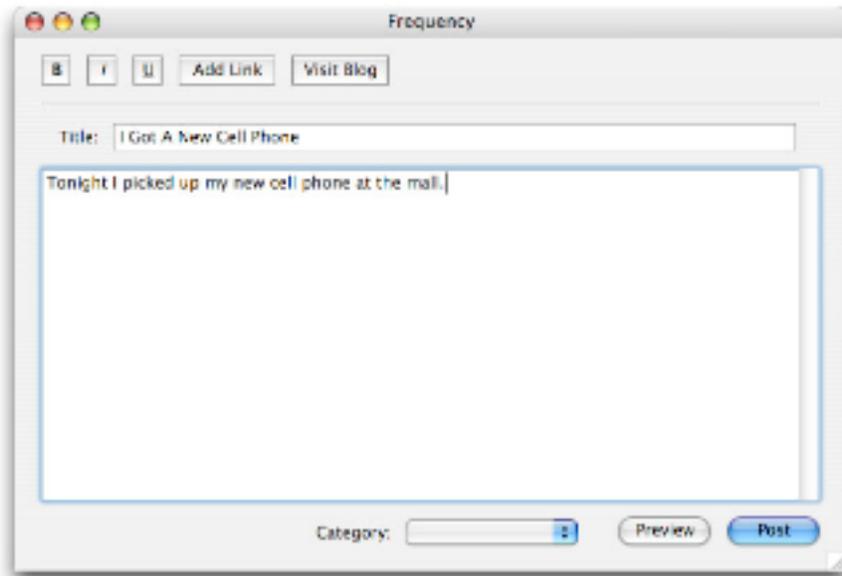
Some Blogger-compatible systems extend the Blogger API to support titles for posts. For examples, if you're using pMachine, enter "<title>" for the Opening Tag and "</title>" for the Closing Tag. NOTE: If you're using Blogger, Frequency does not support actual post titles. This is because Blogger doesn't allow third-party utilities to set the title of a post. By formatting your pseudo-title with the appropriate tags, you can simulate titles for your posts quite easily.

If Frequency doesn't retrieve your weblog information correctly, you may enter the information manually. You will need to enter the username, password, and RPC Host at the top of the screen, and the Blog Name, Blog ID, and Blog URL in the middle of the screen.

Blog Name:	<input type="text" value="CoolBlog"/>	Blog ID:	<input type="text" value="5373723"/>
Blog URL:	<input type="text" value="http://coolfrequency.blogspot.com"/>		

Using Frequency

You are now ready to enter a post into Frequency. To do so, simply enter your content in the New Post window.



Use the formatting buttons at the top of the window to change the style of your text.



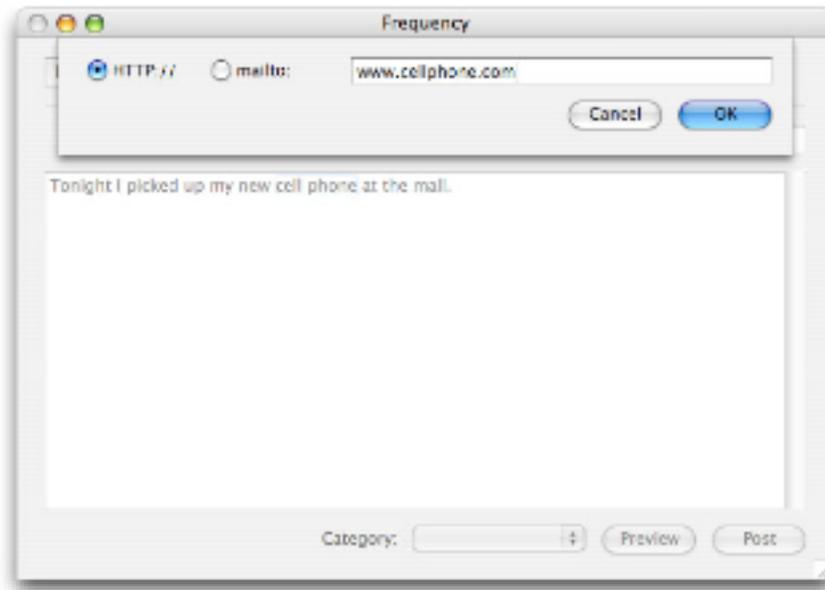
Note that the New Post window isn't a WYSIWYG editor, so when you style the text, you'll see the actual HTML code in the post editing window. Use the "Preview" button for a rendered preview of your post. You may enter any valid HTML into the New Post window; you are not limited to using the formatting buttons.



To add a link in your post, highlight the text you wish to be linked, and click the "Add Link" button at the top of the window.



Enter the URL you wish to link to, and click the appropriate button for the type of link it is (http:// for a web site, mailto: for an email address).



If you're using a MetaWeblog system, such as Radio or Movable Type, you may optionally use categories if you've set them up on your weblog. Just use the Category menu at the bottom of the window. If your weblog doesn't support categories, this menu will be disabled.



When you are ready to send your post to Blogger, use the "Post" button. A status message will appear in the lower left hand corner of the window: "Connected to RPC Host..." When your post has been successfully transferred to Blogger, the message will change to "Weblog entry posted!"

On occasion, Frequency will encounter errors. In this case, another window will appear with more information about the error. The two most common errors are invalid HTML and Blogger template errors.

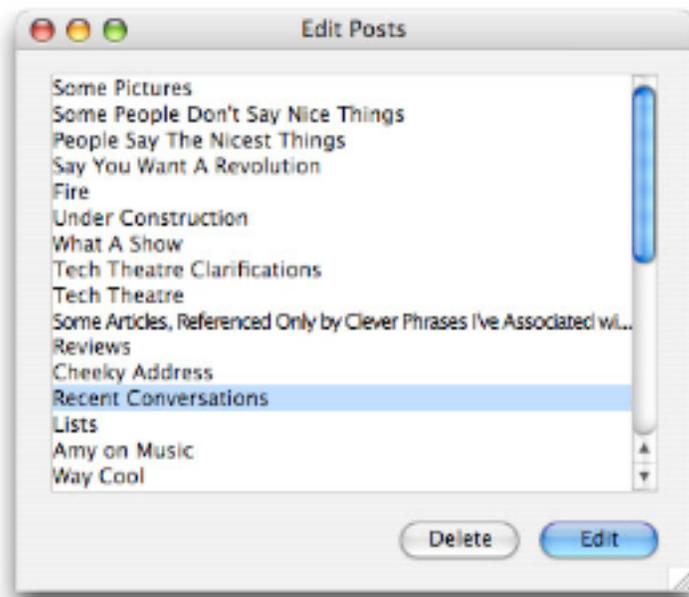
Invalid HTML errors are caused by HTML code that can't be represented correctly inside XML (Frequency uses XML-RPC to communicate with weblog systems; see <http://www.xmlrpc.com> for more information). Check your post for invalid characters.

Blogger template errors are caused by errors in Blogger itself. The message returned will be something like, "Post succeeded but failed to publish." In this case, Blogger has lost track of your template. The easiest solution is to log into

Blogger, make a minor change to your template, save the changes, change your template back, and save it again. This problem has become far less frequency since Blogger moved to new servers earlier this year.

Editing Posts

To edit a recent post, choose “Edit Post...” from the Posts Menu. A list of the twenty most recent weblog entries will appear. You may edit any of these posts by double clicking them or by selecting them and pressing the “Edit” button. You may delete any of these posts by selecting them and pressing the “Delete” button.



NOTE: There is a known issue when editing posts with Blogger, pMachine, GeekLog, and EraBlog.NET. When the post is retrieved for editing, the title is embedded in the body of the post. This doesn't affect the content or the title when you repost your entry. Radio and Movable Type return the title correctly.

Requirements

Mac OS X: This version of Frequency requires Mac OS X 10.1 or higher. Mac OS X 10.1.5, 10.2.8, or 10.3.1 are recommended. If your computer meets the system requirements for Mac OS X, it meets the system requirements for Frequency.

Mac OS 9: This version of Frequency has been tested with Mac OS 9.2.2. While it may work with any version of Mac OS 9, 9.2.2 is recommended. If your computer meets the system requirements for Mac OS 9, it meets the system requirements for Frequency.

Windows: This version of Frequency of has been tested with Windows 2000 and Windows XP. While it may work with other versions of Windows, Windows 2000 (Service Pack 3 or higher) or Windows XP (Service Pack 1 or higher) is recommended. If your computer meets the system requirements for Windows 2000 or Windows XP, it meets the system requirements for Frequency.

If you're using Radio, you must have Radio set up to allow posting from other applications. Please see the Radio documentation for more information.

If you're using Blogger, your Blogger account must have your FTP or BlogSpot publishing information saved (i.e., your user name and password).

Tips and Tricks

It's easy to use Frequency to manage multiple weblogs without visiting the Frequency Setup screen regularly.

Mac OS X: Set up Frequency with the information for your weblog and then make a copy of the Frequency application. Move the FrequencyPrefs file from `/Users/your_user_name/Library/Preferences` into the same folder as the new copy of Frequency. This copy of Frequency will only use the preferences in its own folder, while another copy will use the main preferences file in the `Library/Preferences` folder.

Windows: Set up Frequency with the information for your weblog and then make a copy of the Frequency application. Move the FrequencyPrefs file from `\Documents and Settings\username\Application Data\` into the same folder as the new copy of Frequency. This copy of Frequency will only use the preferences in its own folder, while another copy will use the main preferences file in `\Documents and Settings\username\Application Data\`.

Mac OS 9: Set up Frequency with the information for your weblog and then make a copy of the Frequency application. Move the FrequencyPrefs file from `System Folder:Preferences` into the same folder as the new copy of Frequency. This copy of Frequency will only use the preferences in its own folder, while another copy will use the main preferences file in the `System Folder:Preferences` folder.

A mailing list for Frequency discussion and support is available at http://truetech.org/mailman/listinfo/frequency_truetech.org

Known Issues

- Frequency has only been tested against Blogger, Movable Type, Radio, pMachine, GeekLog (with the Blogger plugin), and EraBlog.NET.

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