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As information management professional, and person that beside everyday work is involved into blogging, human-computer interaction, online communities, blogosphere, web activism, writing, art and many more, this is my short blogging story.

I started blogging, in its real sense, in 2003, using service <u>blogger.com</u>. It was blog on professional experience, travel notes, lifestyle and personal issues. Later on I moved to another blog service, at <u>wired.com</u>, where I started to use multimedia elements into my post (not only the photos, sounds, but self-made videos, before YouTube facilities).

Most of the content was referred to my work and 'here and there' my personal life, something that strikes me and should be read or seen. I had troubles with wired.com blogging service as entire blog of mine disappeared, or was deleted. However, I tried many times to make a contact with their support but everything was lost. Therefore, I found out for professional blog platform Wordpress.com, and I started in 2006 with using Wordpress. Also, I am the author and creator of science blog of Serbian electronic resources Consortia, as one of my research papers world wide was in relation with electronic publishing. I participate in few other group blogs that cover internet related issues, open source, science, art.

Blogging and blogosphere is interesting for me as great e-form phenomena including human-computer interaction. I am perceiving both as a part of broad online community that Internet brought to us. I also held lectures and write about blogs, science blogs, professional blogs and do the research from practical work. Some of the results, events, information I publish and interact, weather via blog or or wiki pages.

Why am I blogging? It is in my DNK code, as writing on paper: during mid 90's I switched to writing using computer, plain text. Not only because of great freedom of creative expression, but also because of the concept of hyperlinking with other professionals in my own pool and with others in blogosphere, communication, commenting, learning about new things (educational role), exchanging ideas, data,

helping each other. It is very surprising how people, colleagues from different areas of work, are into solidarity and expressing themselves not as virtual but real people, humans behind their screens, as they are in nature (I know many bloggers in person before blogging started).

Human factor and interaction is the most important, this is the line where cybernetics ends and where humans 'cyber'- navigate the space called blogosphere.

*Belgrade is the capital and the largest city in Serbia, Europe.