Updated Version of CFXML_Blog 1.2

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Several friends have recently expressed an interest in starting their own blogs, so naturally I recommended **CFXML_Blog** as the blog software. CFXML_Blog maintains its data in XML files, so no database is required, and it has many themes, a configuration interface, is unicode compliant, and much more. In fact, TalkingTree.com uses an updated and customized version of CFXML_Blog v1.2.

While helping them out, I found that the latest CFXML_Blog 1.5 Beta 3 version remained sufficiently problematic, and even though I would have liked to have helped out with improvements to that version, I don't have the time to acquaint myself with the new (unfinished) features in it. So instead, I've made many new improvements to the CFXML_Blog 1.2 because I'm already quite familiar with the internals of that version.

The recent improvements include:

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- Easy editing and commenting with SOEditor
- A customizable "Welcome" blog entry to act as an introduction to the main blog page
- Now produces valid RSS 2.0
- Blog views by category
- RSS feeds by category, in both long and short modes
- Customizable settings for number of blogs to show in category view and number to show in RSS view
- Admin user security hole fixed
  The wish list for additional improvements to be made when I have more time includes adding a better xhtml compliant editor, perhaps **fck editor**, adding Google banners ready to accept your **Google Adsense ID**, and perhaps adding Cameron Childress' Amazon **BookKit CFC** to show Amazon recommendations.

If you'd like to try creating your own blog using this alternate version of CFXML_Blog 1.2, you can **download it here**.

In addition, I'd like to recommend the following software or services:

Snap Gallery

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