

Getting Started

To create your blog, go to <http://edublogs.org>, which will bring you to the registration page. Scroll to the *Sign Up Here* button and click!

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When the next screen appears, you will be asked to choose a username. You will always log into your Edublog - including future Edublogs that you create - using this original username. Your username is just about the only thing about your Edublog that you cannot later change. Add your email address, enter the verification code, and click on the *Next* button.

Tip: Be sure you type in a correct email because if you make a mistake, the username you originally chose will no longer be available. If you're using a school email, check that your district does not block Edublogs.

Username:
(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)

Email Address:
(We'll send your password to this address, so triple-check it.)
NB: Please try not to use aol.com or school email addresses as filters can stop emails from us... please use [gmail](#), [hotmail](#), [yahoo](#) or other email accounts instead.

TOS:
Edublogs.org is a site specifically for teachers, students, librarians, researchers, professors, administrators, corporate trainers and anyone else involved in education, by ticking the box below you agree that you fall into one of these groups.

I Agree:

Verification:
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Gimme a blog!
 Just a username, please.

You can relax about choosing a *Blog Title* because, unlike your username, you can change the title of your blog whenever you wish. Enter your title, select your blog type (*teacher, student, other*) and click on the *Signup* button.

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Blog Domain:
(Your address will be domain.edublogs.org/.Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only. It cannot be changed so choose carefully)

Blog Title:

Privacy: I would like my blog to appear in public listings around this site. Yes No

Blog Type:

Language:

When the next screen appears with your URL (*i.e., edubloggerfan2.edublogs.org/Is Yours*), you are almost ready to start blogging!

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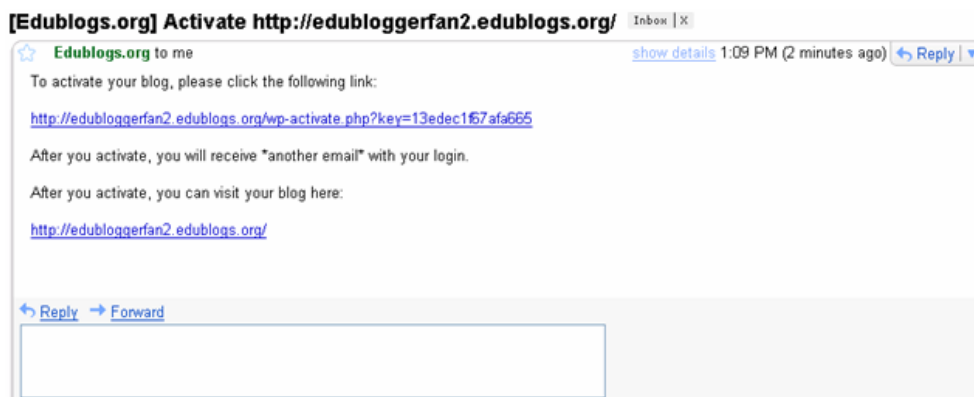
The blog edubloggerfan2.edublogs.org/ is yours

But, before you can start using your blog, **you must activate it.**

Check your inbox at gdesler2@gmail.com and click the link given.

If you do not activate your blog within two days, you will have to sign up again.

Check your email for a message from Edublogs with an activation link. Click on the activation link and head back to your email.



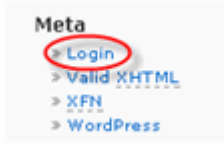
A second email should be heading into your box with your password – which you will want to change (instructions on page 6). Copy your password and click on *Login* [*View your site* shows you what your visitors will see. It's not your working area (dashboard)].

Your account is now active!

Username: edubloggerfan2 **Password:** 84b3b61d

Your account is now activate. [View your site](#) or [Login](#)

Enter your username and password.

	<p>Login to your blog with the exact user name and password listed in your Edublog email. Click on the Log in button.</p> <p>If you're using a shared computer, it's always a good idea to deselect the <i>Remember Me</i> box.</p> <p>Each time you visit your blog, you'll need to login. From your home page, locate the <i>Meta</i> section of the navigation bar. Click on <i>Login</i>.</p>  <p>Note: If you're already logged in, instead of <i>Login</i>, you will see <i>Site Admin</i>.</p>
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Viewing Your Blog

There are two views in an Edublog: the *Dashboard*, which is your working area and the *Visit Site*, which is what visitors to your blog will see. Each time you login, you will initially enter the *Dashboard*. From this page, you can see any recent activity on your site and any recent announcements for Edublogs. In the *Latest Activity* box, you'll be able to see at a glance if anyone has made new comments to any of your posts, or if there are comments that need moderation.

The blue tabs on the left (*Write, Manage, Design, Comment, Upgrades*) will take you to the features you will use most often. On the right, are the tabs you will probably use less frequently (*Settings, Plugins, Users*). The orange bar is set to take you to *Write a New Page* (Page 6) or *Write a Post* (Page 10). But first thing you'll want to do is change your password.

Note to EB Veterans: Design = Presentation.

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for a user named 'edubloggerfan3'. The top navigation bar includes 'Write', 'Manage', 'Design', 'Comments', and 'Upgrades'. Below this, there are several announcement boxes. The main dashboard area is titled 'Right Now' and shows statistics: '1 post, 1 page, 1 category, and 0 tags'. It also indicates the user is using the 'Edublogs Default' theme with '0 widgets'. There are two sidebars: 'Getting Started with Edublogs' with a list of tasks like 'Create blogs for all your students...' and 'Your Blog' with similar statistics and 'Storage Space' information (100MB total, 0MB used).

Changing Your Password

To change your password, click on the *Users* tab.

This screenshot shows the same dashboard as above, but with the 'Users' tab in the top right navigation bar highlighted with a red arrow. Below the main navigation, the 'Your Profile' link is circled in red.

Scroll down to the *New Password* section and enter your new password. Don't forget to click on the *Update Profile* button (bottom left-hand corner) in order to save your new password.

The form is titled 'New Password:' and contains two input fields. The first field is followed by the text 'If you would like to change the password type a new one. Otherwise leave this blank.' The second field is followed by 'Type your new password again.' Below these fields is a 'Password Strength:' section with a progress bar that is currently at 'Too short' and a hint: 'Hint: Use upper and lower case characters, numbers and symbols like !?5%^&() in your password.' At the bottom left of the form is an 'Update Profile' button.