
Your dashboard is where you can work with your existing blogs, manage your profile information, or create a new blog. The first time you log in, you will want to select “New Blog” in the upper left-hand section of the window.

It is time to make some decisions for your blog...

1. **Title your blog** - make it something distinct but easy to remember
2. **Choose a blog address (url)** - you can choose whatever you would like for your url...certain characters are not allowed and you will have to check for availability of the address
3. **Choose a Template** - you will have the ability to change your mind later...it is not set in stone.
4. **Click Create Blog**

From the dashboard you can...
- Create a new blog
- Access an existing blog’s overview
- Write a post
- View a list of previous posts
- Access more options (discussed next)
- View your blog

From the overview, some major options are:
- View and create new posts
- View and create static pages
- View comments to your blog
- Access statistics to your blog
- Look into ways to earn money with your blog
- View and edit the layout of your blog pages
- View and edit/change the template you have chosen
- Access more settings to your blog