

# Set Up a Blog

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## A Beginners Tutorial:



<http://mail.google.com/mail/help/open.html>



[www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)

### What you need:

1. A free Gmail account
2. A Blog on Blogger


### What you do:

1. Go to Gmail and set up an email account. Once you do this you can use this one user name and password to access any of the Google applications.
2. After you set up an email account with a user name and password, you can create a blog on Blogger at the link above.




3. Follow the 3 steps: First, create the account - we already did this, so sign in.

# 1 Create a Google Account





This process will create a Google account that you can use on other Google services. If you already have a Google account perhaps from Gmail, Google Groups, or Orkut, please [sign in first](#)

Email address (must already exist)	<input type="text"/>	You'll use this address to log in to Blogger and other Google services. We'll never share it with third parties without your permission.
Retype email address	<input type="text"/>	Type in your email address again to make sure there are no typos.
Enter a password	<input type="text"/>	Must be at least 8 characters long.
	<a href="#">Password strength:</a>	
Retype password	<input type="text"/>	
Display name	<input type="text"/>	The name used to sign your blog posts.
Word Verification	 <input type="text"/>	Type the characters you see in the picture to the left.
Acceptance of Terms	<input type="checkbox"/> I accept the <a href="#">Terms of Service</a>	Indicate that you have read and understood Google's Terms of Service

4. Do Step 2 which is name the blog:

# 2 Name your blog

Blog title	<input type="text"/>	Your blog's title will appear on your published blog, on your dashboard and in your profile.
Blog address (URL)	http:// <input type="text"/> .blogspot.com <a href="#">Check Availability</a>	The URL you select will be used by visitors to access your blog. <a href="#">Learn more</a>
Word Verification	 <input type="text"/>	Type the characters you see in the picture.
<b>Advanced Options</b> (you can always set up advanced options later)		
Host your blog	Want to host your blog somewhere else? Try <a href="#">Advanced Blog Setup</a> . This will allow you to host your blog somewhere other than Blogspot.	

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The most difficult thing about naming the blog is finding a name that no one else has. You have to type the name the way you want it to appear in the banner and then you have to type it as a web address in the next line with all lower case letters and no spaces. After you type in a name, you check for availability. If it is available, you are set. Your web address name can be different than the banner/blog name.

## 5. Do step 3, which is Choose a Template:



Choose a template you like. You can always change it later if you decide you don't like it. Within the settings inside the blog you can change colors, font, etc.

Congratulations! You are now the owner of a blog!

