

# Setting Up Your Blog/URL

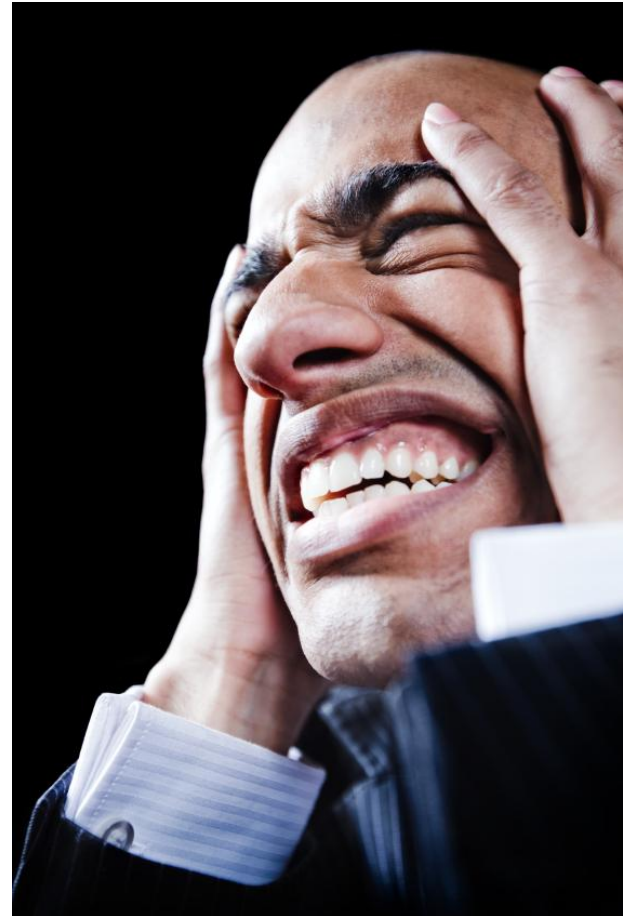
“Plus: Three Plugs-ins Your Site Needs”

# A Word of Caution

Almost



Disaster



# Setting Up Your Blog

- 3 Websites You'll Need
  - <http://min186.pbworks.com>: instructions
  - <http://www.wordpress.org>: blog software
  - <http://lamphost.net>: hosted server

## ☆ FrontPage

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### MIN 186: Introduction to Social Media

Hey y'all, this is the class wiki where we'll be keeping all the class i

#### Tutorial

##### Wiki Tutorials:

- [How to Use the Wiki](#) (video)

##### Technology Overview:

- [What is a Host, FTP, and Blog Software](#) (video)

##### Setting Up Your URL/Blog:

- [Register a Domain Name at Lamphost](#)
- [Downloading the WordPress Blog](#)
- [FTP WordPress to Lamphost](#)

##### Working With WordPress:

- [WordPress General Settings](#)
- [Creating WordPress Pages](#)
- [Writing WordPress Posts](#)
- [Creating a WordPress UPLOADS Folder](#)
- [Adding Media to Your WordPress Blog](#)
- [Changing Permalinks - Creating HTACCESS](#)

##### Working With Themes:

- [Working With WordPress Themes](#) (video)

##### Working With Plug-ins:

- [Working With WordPress Plugins](#) (video)

##### Working With Comments:

- [Introduction to Disqus](#) (video)

##### Working With Google Analytics:

- [Installing Google Analytics](#)
- [Analyzing Google Analytics](#)

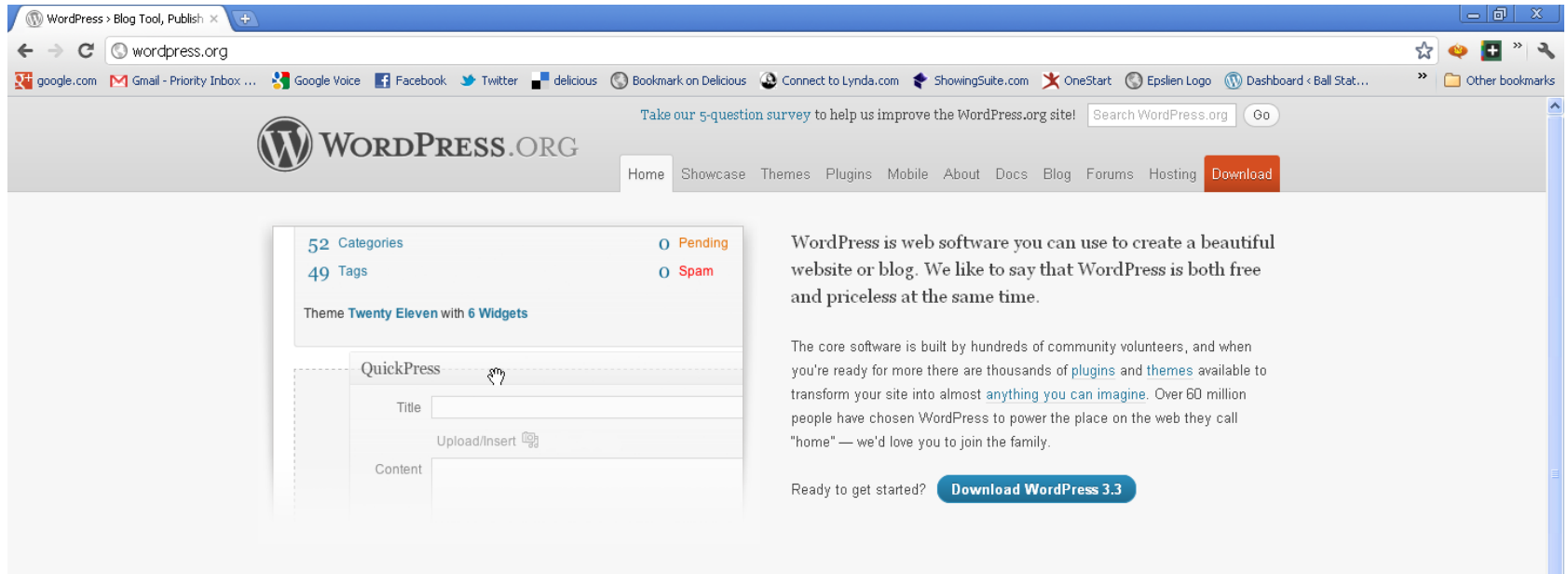
At <http://min186.pbworks.com>, you'll see there are several sets of instructions meant to help you out:

**Technology Overview:** describes the basics of host servers, FTP, and blog software

**Setting Up Your URL:** explains how to launch your blog

**Working With WordPress:** helps you get started with the blog. (Please do *each* step)

**Themes, Plug-ins, Comments, and Google Analytics:** these will get your functioning with advanced elements of Wordpress



At <http://www.wordpress.org> (not to be mistaken with <http://www.wordpress.com>, which is not the type of blog we'll be using).

This is the upper portion of the Wordpress.org website. You will see on the right side a large, blue button that says “Download Wordpress” (with a version number).

Do that.



## Web Presence

[Order Now!](#)

An economical hosting package with the power and security to get you started.

We recommend this hosting plan if:

Your site will use less than 1000 MB of disk space.

You expect initial traffic flow to be low (family, friends, clients.)

You DO NOT NEED to send or receive encrypted information (credit cards or private user information.)

This plan best suits Non-commercial sites. (No complex database. No video.)

Until the site has been promoted on a large-scale, you probably won't need to consider traffic/bandwidth issues.

Web Presence Features	
Storage	1000 MB
Bandwidth	10 GB
Mailboxes	10
Lists	1
Databases	1

Web Presence Pricing	
Setup	\$0.00
1 Month	\$9.95 (1 × \$9.95)
3 Months	\$26.85 (3 × \$8.95)
12 Months	\$95.40 (12 × \$7.95)

At

<http://www.lamphost.net>,

you will need to get a SHARED HOSTING plan called “Web Presence” for your site.

The pro-rated cost will be \$9.95 per month, or \$26.85 for the semester.

This is where you will upload the Wordpress.org blog software.

Make sure you follow the instructions...exactly!

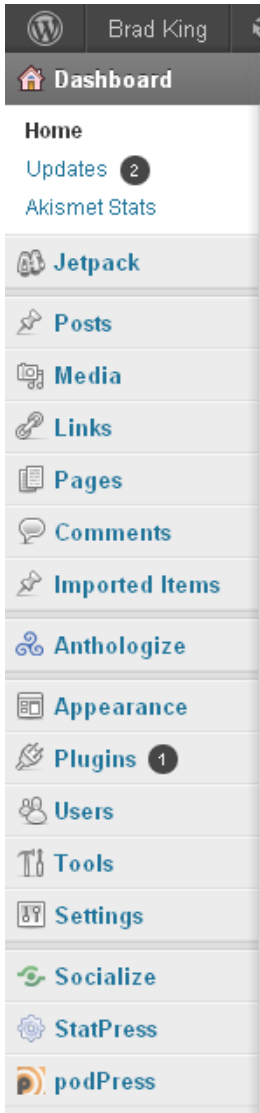
# 3 Plug-ins

Once you log in to your website, you'll see this Dashboard along the left side.

My instructions on the Wiki explain how you can use your FTP to install themes, plug-ins, and media on your site.

The latest version of Wordpress gives you a different, simpler option.

(I can't make you use FTP software, but trust me when I tell you that you'll want to know how this file transfer protocol works. Still: once you get a handle on it, using the Dashboard to change your blog is *infinitely* easier)



WordPress dashboard header: Brad King, 2 comments, + New

Left sidebar menu:

- Dashboard
- Jetpack
- Posts
- Media
- Links
- Pages
- Comments
- Imported Items
- Anthologize
- Appearance
- Plugins 1**
- Installed Plugins
- Add New
- Editor
- Akismet Configuration

Main content area: Install Plugins

Search | Upload | Featured | Popular | Newest | Recent

Plugins extend and expand the functionality of WordPress. Y

Search

Search for plugins by keyword, author, or tag.

Term  Search Plugins

Popular tags

You may also browse based on the most popular tags in the

admin AJAX buddypress category comment CC  
links media page pages photo photos p  
widget widgets wordpress

Simply click on the Plug-ins link, which opens a menu.

Click on “Add New” and you’ll see a search menu come up.

Look for:

- Jetpack
- Google Analytics
- Disqus

Then you’ll install each of them using FTP *through* your Wordpress blog.

It will look like...

Brad King 2 + New

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Add New  
Editor  
Akismet Configuration  
Users  
Tools  
Settings  
Socialize  
StatPress  
podPress  
Collapse menu

## Install Plugins

Search | **Search Results** | Upload | Featured | Popular | Newest | Recently Updated

Tag

Name	Version	Rating	Description
<b>Simple Access Control</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.1	★★★★★	This plugin allows authors to restrict the users's a status. Features for Authors You can lock pages and posts while editing by use You can set the message displayed when a visitor menu The locked status ... By <a href="#">Peter Wooster</a> .
<b>Add Link to Facebook</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.127	★★★★★	Automatically add links to posts or pages that are l and forget. The way links appear on Facebook can The link title will be the post title. The link descripti It is possible to configure a link image (WordPress
<b>WP Tabular - HTML Table Generator for WordPress</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.0.0	★★★★★	WordPress Tabular Plugin is a very easy to Table l creating and sorting rows and columns without wr where you can select any template to show a table use the js ... By <a href="#">Shaon</a> .
<b>FPW Post Instructions</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.2.2	★★★★★	This plugin makes meta boxes on admin editing s and custom post types with instructions for editors boxes can be entered/modified on plugin's setting are available - plain text (HTML codes allowed) an
<b>leenk.me</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.3.11	★★★★☆	leenk.me automatically publishes a tweet to your T share on your LinkedIn profile, and an entry on you website. What can you do with leenk.me? Publish automatically to your social networks when Works with... By <a href="#">Lew Ayotte @leenk.me</a> .
<b>ISearch</b> <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Install Now</a>	1.0	☆☆☆☆	About ISearch ? ISearch is a wordpress post and page search plug the preferred results like a site tour. View ISearch Demo <a href="http://www.innovativephp.com/search">http://www.innovativephp.com/search</a> What can you do with ISearch Allow users to find the content very quickly. View the pages you want like a site tour. Increase blog page views and user e... By <a href="#">Rakhit</a>

Click “Install Now” by the Plug-in that you’d like to add.

This will take you the FTP screen, which looks like...

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### Connection Information

To perform the requested action, WordPress needs to access your web server. Please

Hostname	<input type="text" value="ftp.thebradking.com"/>
FTP Username	<input type="text" value="me@thebradking.com"/>
FTP Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>
Connection Type	<input checked="" type="radio"/> FTP <input type="radio"/> FTPS (SSL)

At this point, you'll need the FTP information you originally created when you registered your blog through Lamphost.

(Remember when you set up your FTP account.)

After that, Wordpress installs the plug-ins for you.

(Same for Themes and Content.)