

# Blogs

## What is a Blog?

A blog (web-log) is a website where you can post news items or diary entries. You can also add photos and audio. It can be used as a learning journal or diary to reflect on your learning, collaborate with your classmates or document your next holiday! Check out this video for a plain english explanation of blogs: <http://www.commoncraft.com/blogs>

## How will this help me with my learning?

- Personalised online communication tool to suit a variety of learning styles
- Potentially inspiring, engaging learning and assessment tool
- Anytime access to and publishing of media, text, video, photos
- Anytime, anywhere access to information, posts and comments
- Create and record learning diary or journal entries for reflection and assessment

## What resources do I need?

- Computer with internet access and browser
- An account on a Blog website (see links below)
- Images, media, files (optional)

## Where can I find out more?

This resource will take you through the basic steps to get your own blog up and running on blogger. The other blog sites have help information.

## How do I set up an account?

Watch this screen recorded demonstration on [How to Set Up a Blogger Account](#) by DigitalDigs on YouTube.

- Open your web browser and go to: <http://www.blogger.com>
- Click on 'Take a quick tour' and read about blogs.
- Time to create your own blog, click 'Create your blog'
- Enter your existing email address
- Enter your preferred password
- Complete the rest of the page and click REGISTER
- Select a name for your blog – make it short and relevant to the topic or you
- Select a template. Don't worry too much about which one you use – you can change it later if you want.
- Your blog has been created, why not post something, click 'start posting', add a title and something about yourself in the message and hit 'Publish'
- Your blog has been published successfully, have a look by clicking 'View blog'.
- You now have yourveryown.blogspot.com address to publish to the internet.
- Log-out of your blogger Account by choosing 'Sign Out'



## Add another post ...

- Go back to <http://blogger.com> and log in, using your login name and password. This takes you to the 'dashboard' of your blog. Click '+ New Post'
- Go back and see what your yourveryown.blogspot.com web page looks like now

## Comment on Blog Posts

- There is a comment link at the bottom of each blog post. Go back into your blog and find the *Comment* link, click on it and enter a comment.

## Blog Site Options

<http://www.blogger.com>

<http://www.wordpress.com>

