

## How to create WordPress



### Question: What is WordPress?

**Answer:** WordPress started in 2003 with a single bit of code to enhance the typography of everyday writing and with fewer users than you can count on your fingers and toes. Since then it has grown to be the largest self-hosted blogging tool in the world, used on millions of sites and seen by tens of millions of people every day.

Everything you see here, from the documentation to the code itself, was created **by and for the community**. WordPress is an [Open Source](#) project, which means there are hundreds of people all over the world working on it. (More than most commercial platforms.) It also means you are free to use it for anything from your [cat's home page](#) to a [Fortune 500 web site](#) without paying anyone a license fee [and a number of other important freedoms](#).

### About WordPress.org

On this site you can download and install a software script called WordPress. To do this you need a [web host](#) who meets the [minimum requirements](#) and a little time. WordPress is [completely customizable](#) and can be used for almost anything. There is also a **service** called [WordPress.com](#) which lets you get started with a new and free WordPress-based blog in seconds, but varies in several ways and is less flexible than the WordPress you download and install yourself.

### What You Can Use WordPress For

WordPress started as just a blogging system, but has evolved to be used as full content management system and so much more through the [thousands of plugins, widgets, and themes](#), WordPress is limited only by your imagination. (And tech chops.)

### Connect with the Community

In addition to online resources like [the forums](#) and [mailing lists](#) a great way to get involved with WordPress is to [attend or volunteer at a WordCamp](#), which are free or low-cost events that happen all around the world to gather and educate WordPress users, organized by WordPress users. [Check out the website](#), there might be a WordCamp near you.

### A Little History

WordPress was born out of a desire for an elegant, well-architected personal publishing system built on [PHP](#) and [MySQL](#) and licensed under the [GPLv2](#) (or later). It is the official successor of b2/cafelog. WordPress is fresh software, but its roots and development go back to 2001. It is a mature and stable product. We hope by focusing on user experience and [web standards](#) we can create a tool different from anything else out there.

For a bit more about WordPress' history [check out the WordPress Wikipedia page](#) or [this page on our own Codex](#).

Reference: <http://wordpress.org/about/>

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1. Double click on
2. On your address bar type in the following: <http://wordpress.com/>

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3. Click on:
4. The following will appear:



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Get started with WordPress.com by filling out this simple form:

<p>E-mail Address</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>We'll send you an email to activate your account, so please triple-check that you've typed it correctly.</p>
<p>Username</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Your username should be a minimum of four characters and can only include lowercase letters and numbers.</p>
<p>Password</p> <input type="password"/>	<p>Great passwords use upper and lower case characters, numbers and symbols like !"#\$%^&amp;().</p> <p>Password Strength</p>
<p>Blog Address</p> <input type="text" value=""/> <a href="#">.wordpress.com</a> \$0 <input type="button" value="v"/>	

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5. Fill in all your correct details and make sure to write them down in a safe place:

Please make sure all fields are completed correctly before submitting the form

6. Click on
7. The following will appear:



## Now Check Your E-mail to Complete Registration

An e-mail has been sent to [sampleemail@gmail.com](mailto:sampleemail@gmail.com) to activate your account. Check your inbox and click the link in the message. It should arrive within 30 minutes. If you do not activate your account within two days, you will have to sign up again.

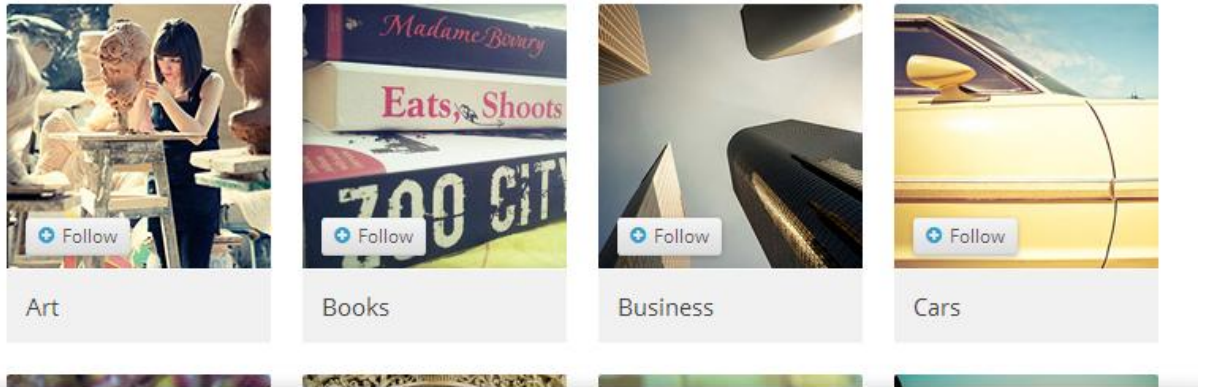
8. Log into your email address and click on the following:

Thank you for signing up with WordPress.com. Click the button below to activate your new blog.

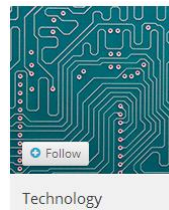
- The following will appear:  
**Welcome to WordPress.com!** In a few steps we'll help you customize your blog and find some great stuff to add to your Reader.

STEP 1

Follow some interesting topics



- Click to select who you would like to follow e.g.

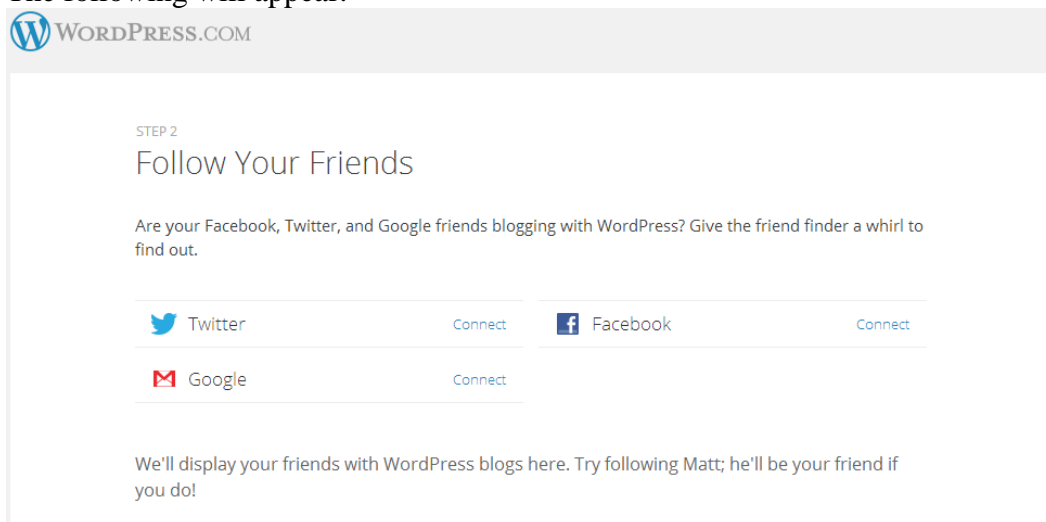


- When you click on Follow:



- Click on [Next Step ->](#)

- The following will appear:



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- Click to select the social networks that you would like to follow (connect) and click on next or don't select any and click on next.
- The following will appear:

STEP 3

### Set up your blog

Blog Title

Tagline (optional)   
*In a few words, explain what your blog is about.*

Language    
*Which language will you be blogging in?*

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- Fill in your details of what you want your Blog to be about e.g Blog Title
- Fill in your Tagline, this is optional, select the language you require and click on next step.
- Choose a theme and click on next step:

STEP 4

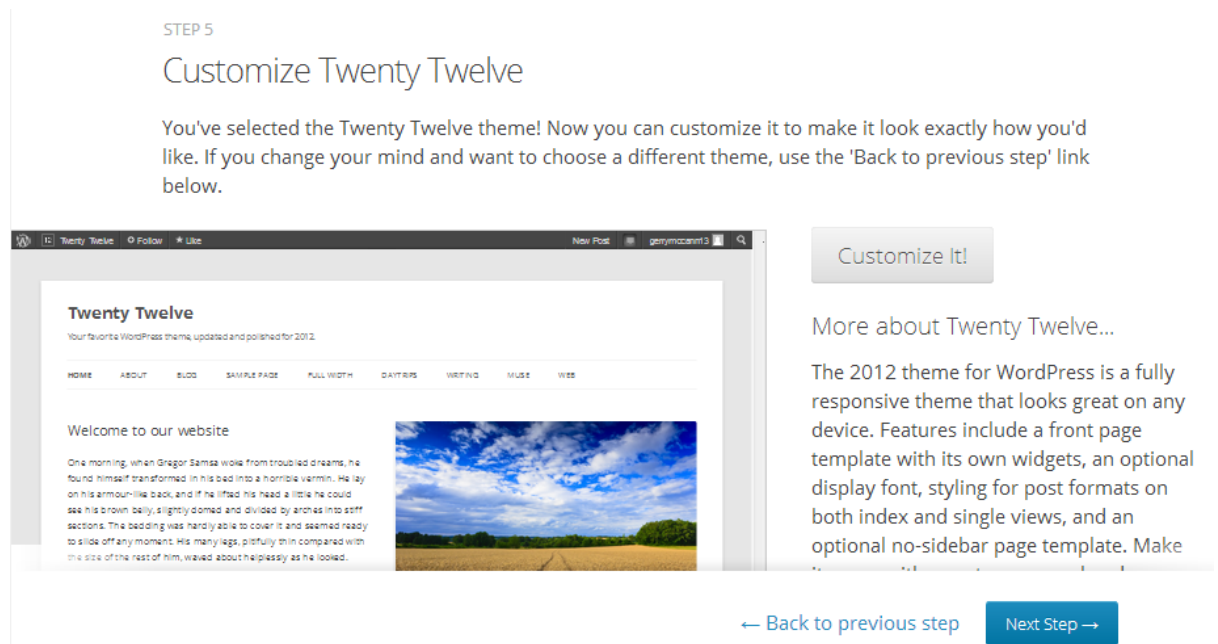
### Choose a theme

Click on a thumbnail to choose a theme for your blog. No need to over think it; you can always switch to a different theme later.

The screenshot shows three theme thumbnails:

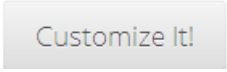
- Titan**: A dark-themed theme with a blue footer. Price: Free.
- Chalk**: A theme with a yellow and blue color scheme. Price: \$68.
- Minimum**: A minimalist theme with a white background and a large image. Price: \$75.

Navigation buttons: [← Back to previous step](#)

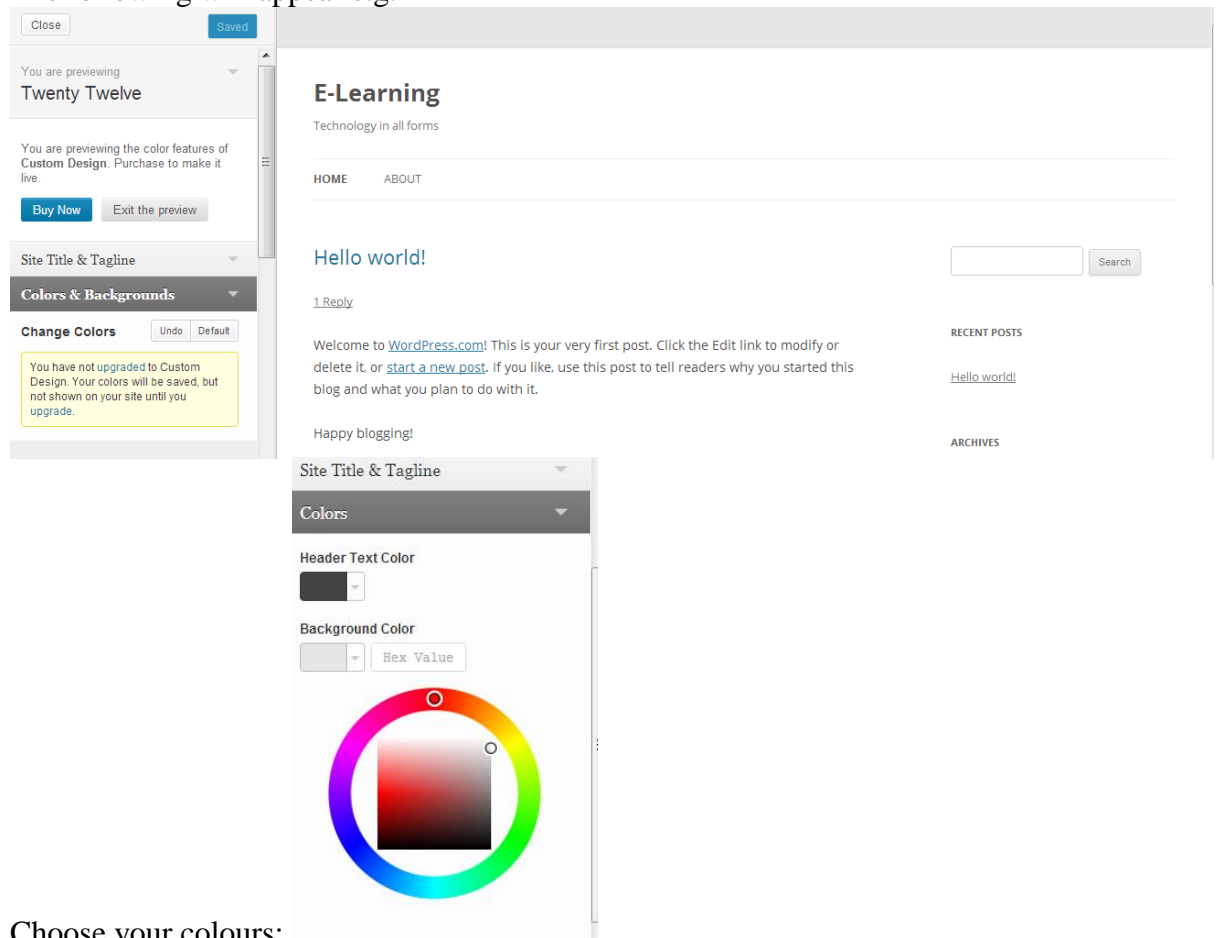


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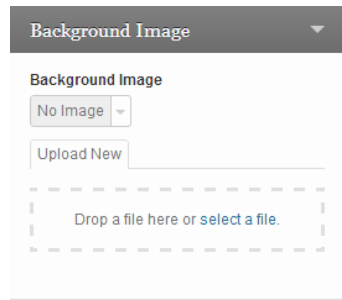
20. Click on



21. The following will appear e.g.



22. Choose your colours:



23. Choose your background image by clicking on select a file, note make sure you have your image already pre saved to your documents.

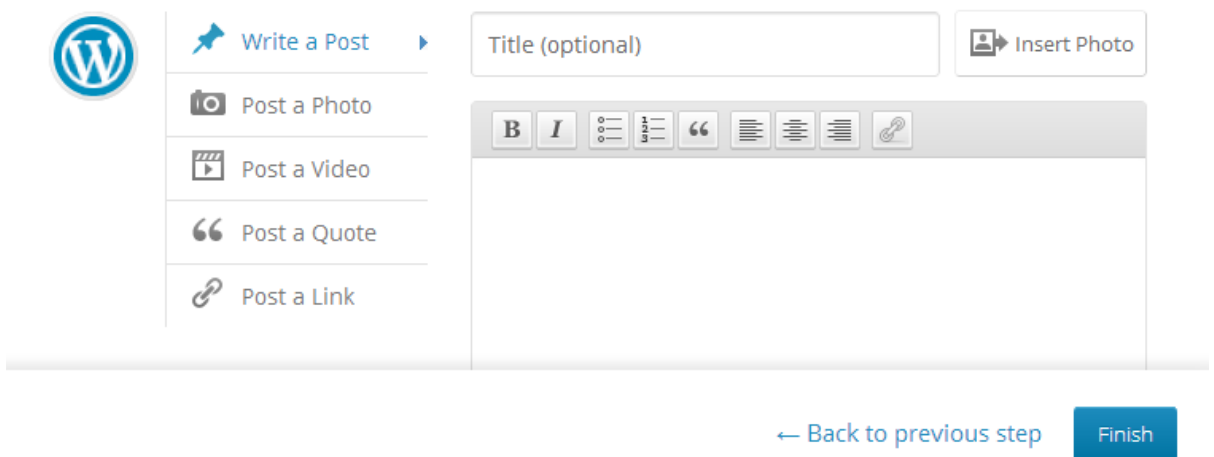
24. Click on **Save & Publish**

25. Create your first post:

STEP 6

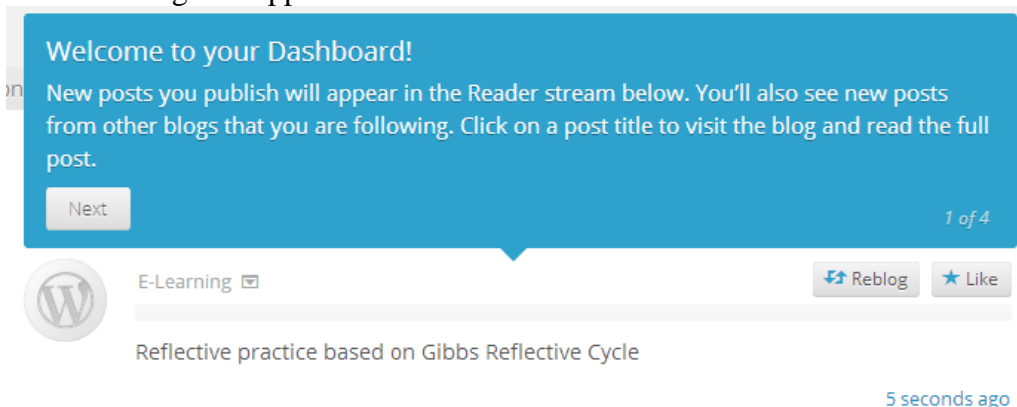
## Create your first post

Let's create the first post on your blog. Not feeling inspired yet? Try posting a photo instead.



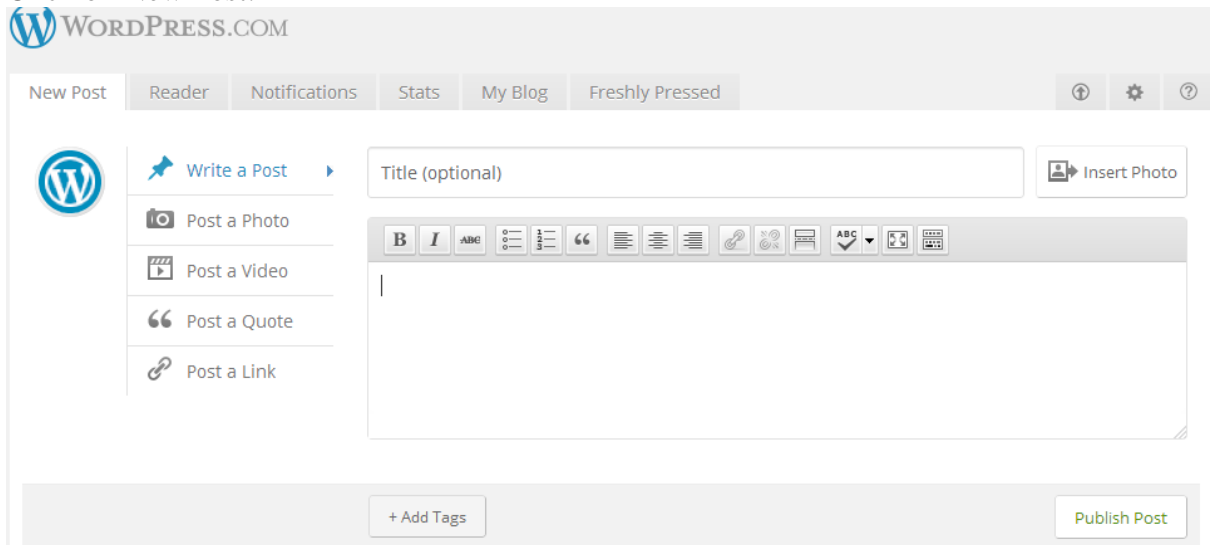
26. Edit all the details of Write a Post, Post a Photo, Post a Video, Post a Quote, Post a Link and click on **Finish**.

27. The following will appear:

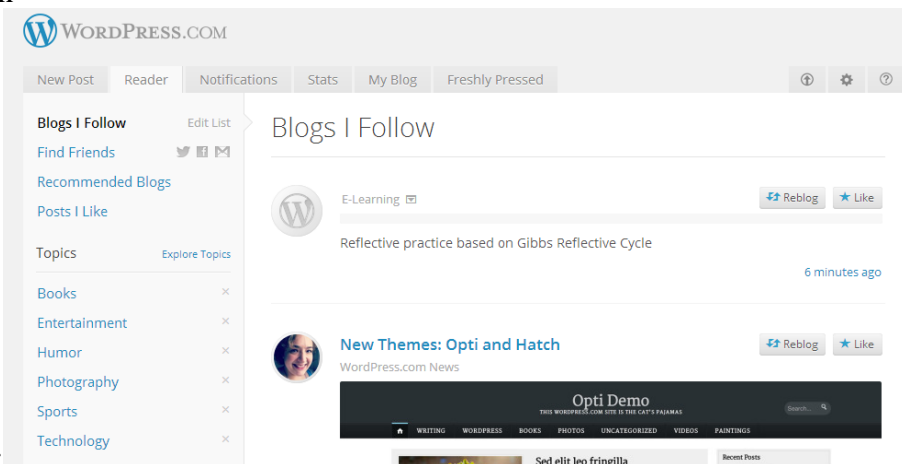


28. Click on Next and read the 4 steps.

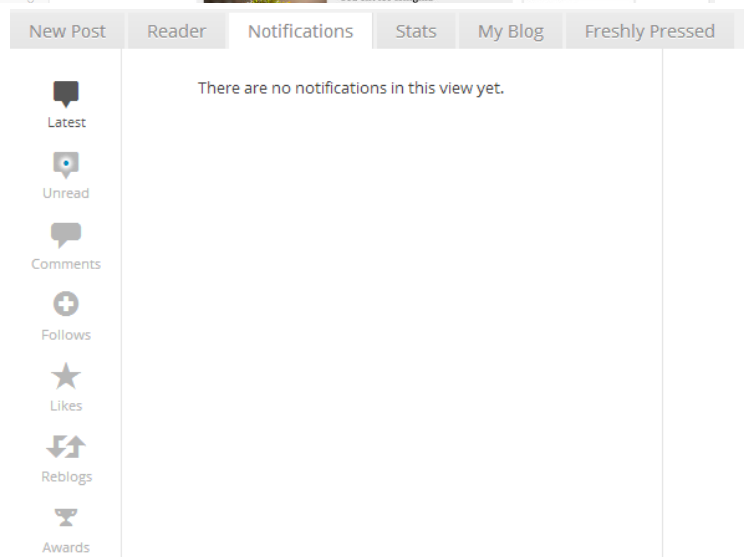
29. Click on New Post:



30. Click on



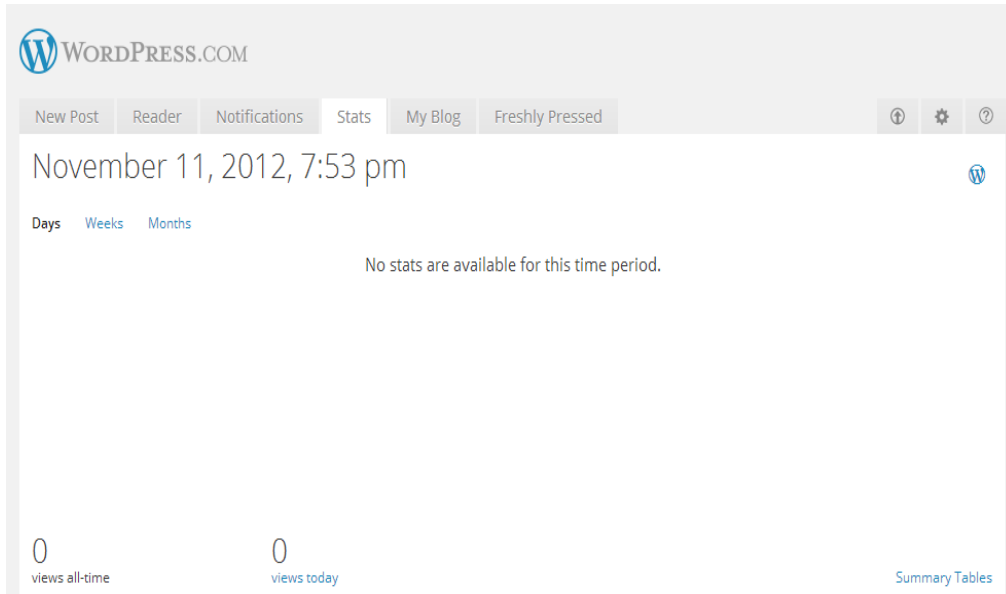
Reader:



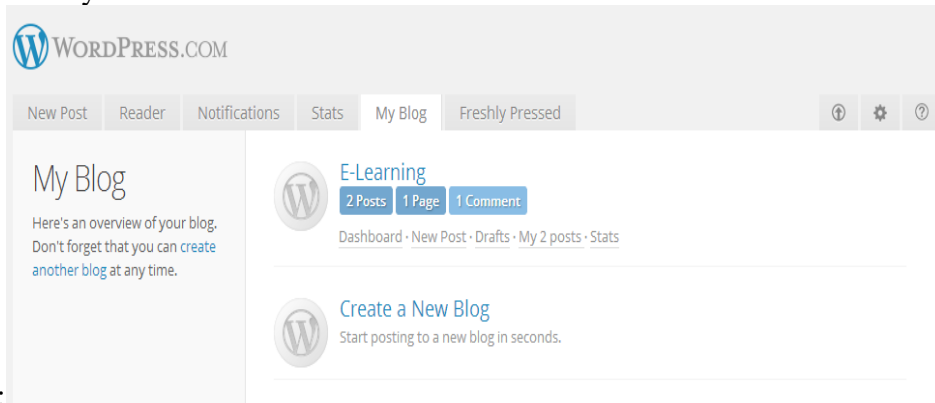
31. Click on Notifications:



32. Click on Stats:

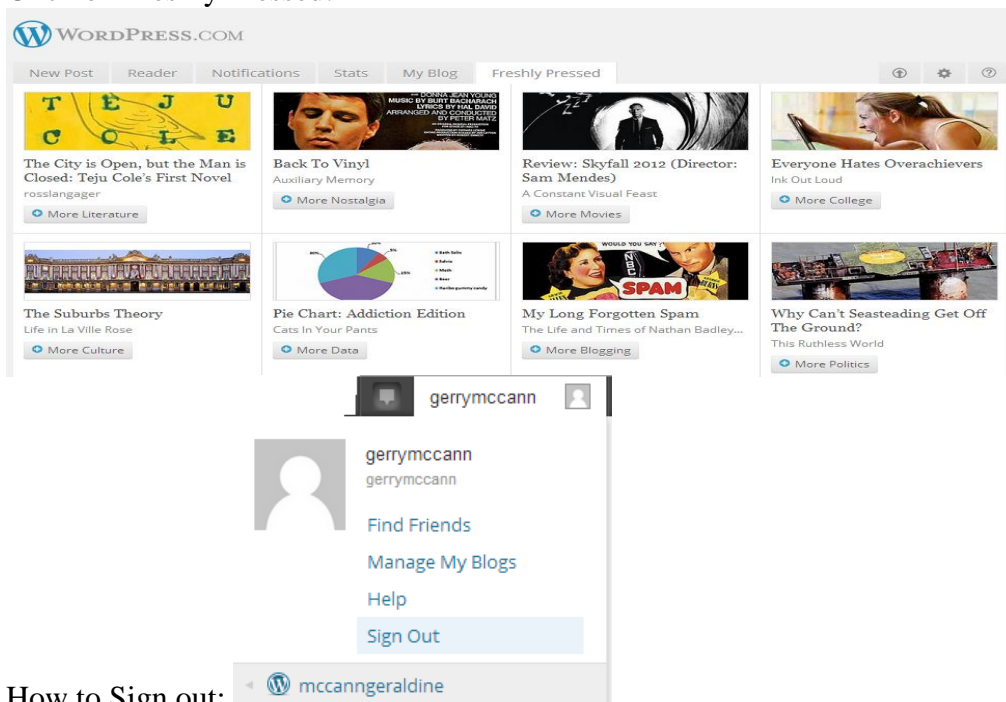


33. Click on My



Blog:

34. Click on Freshly Pressed:



35. How to Sign out: