

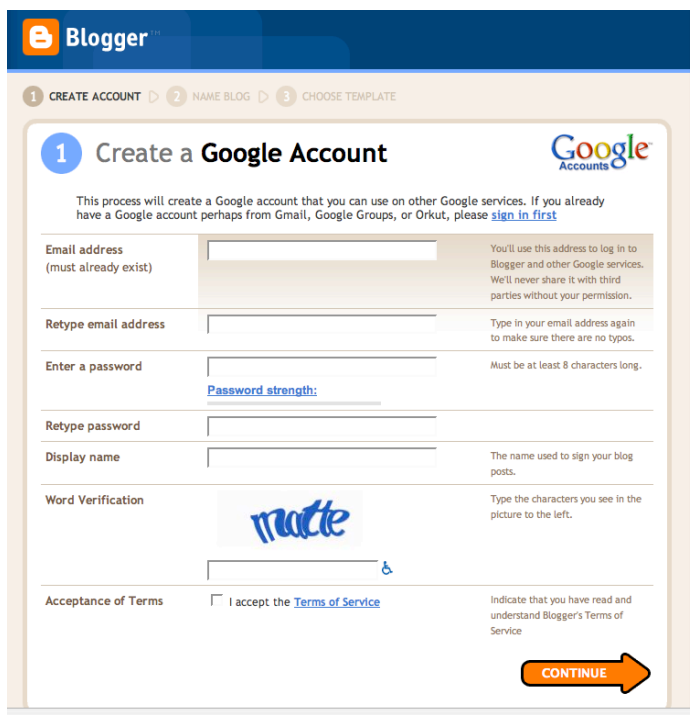
STARTING YOUR BLOG

I think Blogger is the easiest to use, so I'm giving you instructions on using that site. If you have another blogging site you'd rather use, great. However, I do ask that you have a blog dedicated to this class.

1. Go to: www.blogger.com and select "create your blog now."



2. Create a google account. If you already have gmail, you already have a google account and can log into that. On this page, "display name" is NOT the name of your blog, it is the name that will be used to sign your posts and comments you leave on other blogs.

The image shows the "Create a Google Account" form on Blogger. At the top, it says "1 CREATE ACCOUNT" and "2 NAME BLOG" and "3 CHOOSE TEMPLATE". The main heading is "1 Create a Google Account" with the Google Accounts logo. Below the heading, there's a note: "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](#)". The form has several fields: "Email address (must already exist)", "Retype email address", "Enter a password" (with a "Password strength:" indicator), "Retype password", "Display name", "Word Verification" (with a picture of the word "matte" and a text input field), and "Acceptance of Terms" (with a checkbox and a link to "Terms of Service"). A large orange arrow button labeled "CONTINUE" is at the bottom right.

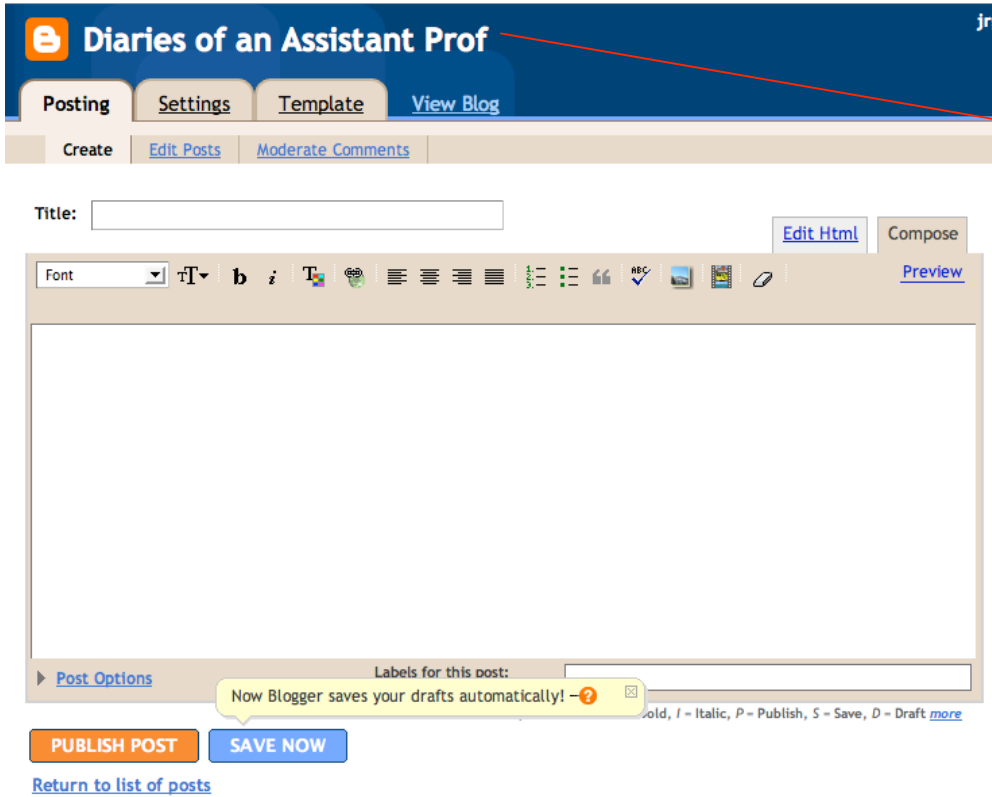
3. Name your blog and pick your web address (the URL). NOTE: the name (blog title) can be changed at any time. The blog address CANNOT be changed later; you'd have to start a new blog.

The screenshot shows the Blogger 'Name your blog' step. At the top, the Blogger logo and 'Push-Button Publishing' are visible. Below the logo, a progress bar shows three steps: 1. CREATE ACCOUNT, 2. NAME BLOG (selected), and 3. CHOOSE TEMPLATE. The main heading is '2 Name your blog'. There are two input fields: 'Blog title' with a question mark icon and a placeholder 'Enter a title for your blog.', and 'Blog address (URL)' with a question mark icon, a placeholder 'http://[] .blogspot.com', and a 'Check Availability' link. Below these fields is an 'OR' section and an 'Advanced Setup' section with a text box: 'Want to host your blog somewhere else? Try [Advanced Blog Setup](#). This will allow you to host your blog somewhere other than Blogspot.' At the bottom right is an orange arrow button labeled 'CONTINUE'. At the bottom of the page are links for Home, About, Buzz, Help, Discuss, Language, Developers, Gear, Terms of Service, Privacy, and Content Policy, along with a copyright notice for 1999-2008 Google.

4. Pick your template. You can change this later as many times as you like without losing any of your posts.

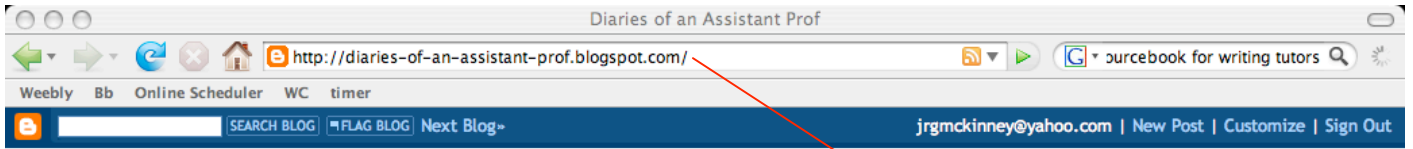
The screenshot shows the Blogger 'Choose a template' step. At the top, the Blogger logo and 'Push-Button Publishing' are visible. Below the logo, a progress bar shows two steps: 1. NAME BLOG and 2. CHOOSE TEMPLATE (selected). The main heading is '2 Choose a template'. There are four template preview cards: 'Minima' (light blue), 'Minima Black' (dark blue), 'Sample Blog' (light green), and 'Sample Blog' (dark green). Each card shows a sample blog layout and includes the text 'Created by: Douglas Bowman' and a 'preview template' link. To the right of the templates is a text box: 'Choose a custom look for your blog. You can easily **change the template later**, or even create your own custom template design once your blog is set up.' At the bottom right is an orange arrow button labeled 'CONTINUE'. At the bottom of the page are links for Home, About, Buzz, Help, Discuss, Language, Developers, Gear, Terms of Service, Privacy, and Content Policy, along with a copyright notice for 1999-2008 Google.

5. Make your first post by simply typing in the box provided. Blogger gives you a simple text editor and some advanced options like the ability to make links, post pictures, or post videos.



Your blog title will show up here.

6. After you have written your post, click "publish post." You then can "View Blog" and you will see your published blog.



DIARIES OF AN ASSISTANT PROF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008

First Post
Here's my first post!

POSTED BY JRGM AT 8:31 AM 0 COMMENTS 

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BLOG ARCHIVE

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ABOUT ME
JRGM

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If I need to edit my post, I click on the pencil underneath the post or go to my dashboard.

See my web address in the navigation bar.

I know if I'm logged in if my email shows up here.

7. You can go customize your blog by selecting “customize.” You can change the layout, add widgets, change the theme, change the number of posts displayed, how the comments work, and the blog is archived.

One thing you can do is decide who can read your blog. For this class, you need to have your blog open to your classmates and me. If you want to keep it public to others, that’s fine. (Frankly, there are so many blogs, even if someone was trying to find yours, it would be difficult without your URL.) At the end of the term, you can always delete your entire blog.

To change who can view your blog, you go to settings and select permissions.

The screenshot shows the Blogger dashboard for a blog titled "Diaries of an Assistant Prof". The user is logged in as "jrgmckinney@yahoo.com". The "Settings" tab is selected, and the "Permissions" sub-tab is active. Under "Blog Authors", one author is listed: "jrgm" with email "jrgmckinney@yahoo.com" and role "admin". There is an "ADD AUTHORS" button. Under "Blog Readers", the question "Who can view this blog?" is shown with three radio button options: "Anybody" (selected), "Only people I choose", and "Only blog authors". Below the options, text states: "Your blog is open to all readers by default. You can restrict your blog to only readers you choose. However, these readers will need to log in before reading your blog, adding an extra step."

If you make changes to the default settings, please:

Keep commenting on, so I can respond to your posts

--and--

Allow blog feeds should be set to FULL or SHORT

8. That’s it. Your blogger account is set up. You will return to blogger.com to sign in (or sign in using the link on your blog URL). To add additional posts, you select “new post.” If you select “new blog” it will create an entire second blog for you.

9. Once it is ready, send me (jrmckinney@bsu.edu) your blog URL. It should be <http://something.blogspot.com>. I’ll collect the addresses and give them to your classmates.