



"A **blog** is your easy-to-use web site, where you can quickly post thoughts, interact with people, and more. All for **FREE**."

t&l 5140 blog

WHERE TECHNOLOGY MEETS THE CLASSROOM

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Welcome to T & L 5140

This semester we will be using blogs to communicate about class readings and activities. If you don't have a blog yet, you can sign up for one through [Blogger](#). Some of you may be experienced bloggers, for others this will be a new experience. In the end, I hope all of you will find this a great way to share your thoughts about technology in education.

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There are a lot of blogging tools available, but we will be using Blogger because it is free and very easy to use.

1. Go to www.blogger.com





2. Select


1 CREATE ACCOUNT 2 NAME BLOG 3 CHOOSE TEMPLATE

2 Name your blog


Blog title Enter a title for your blog.

Blog address (URL) You and others will use this to read and link to your blog.
[Check Availability](#)
This blog address is available.

Word Verification



Type the characters you see in the picture.



OR

Advanced Setup Want to host your blog somewhere else? Try [Advanced Blog Setup](#). This will allow you to host your blog somewhere other than Blogspot.

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3. Go through the steps to create an account.

4. You will have to pick a title and url for your blog. Choose carefully.

5. Pick a template. You can always change this later, in fact after it gets created there will be a lot more choices.

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3 Choose a template

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.

Minima
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Minima Black
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Sample Blog
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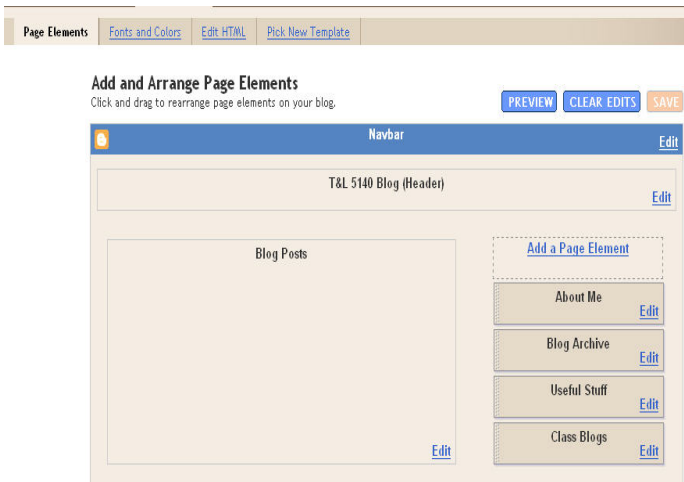


6. Make your first post. When you're finished typing, click publish post and you're a blogger!



Additional Setup

Customizing your Layout

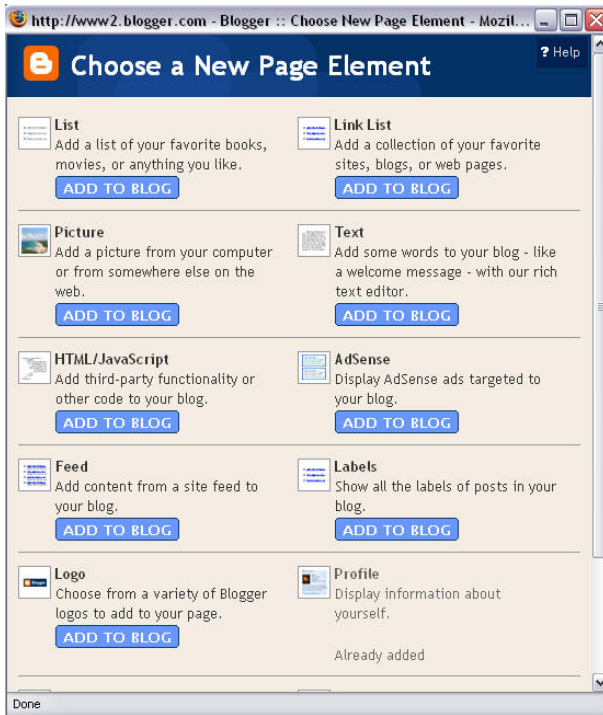


You can customize your layout and arrange the different elements by dragging and dropping them in order.

Change colors, fonts, or even the template from the layout tab.

Adding a Link List

1. Go to your dashboard and click on **layout**.
2. Click on the **Add a Page Element** link



3. Go to **Link List** and click the **add to blog** button.
4. In the link window you need to enter the name of the link and the url or address for the website.
5. Once you've finished editing the links, click **Save Template Changes**.

Adding your image to your blog

1. Using your myUEN page (or FlickrR account) upload a thumbnail size (small) picture of yourself. Once the file is uploaded, right click on the file and select **copy link location** or **copy image location** or **properties** – it depends on which browser you're using.



Identity		
Username	<input type="text" value="covili"/>	Required
Email Address	<input type="text" value="covili@gmail.com"/>	Required
Display Name	<input type="text" value="Jared"/>	Required: The name used to sign your blog posts.
First Name	<input type="text"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	
Photograph		
Photo URL	<input type="text" value="http://www.uen.org/development/images/p"/>	

2. Go back into the dashboard for your blog and click on Edit Profile.



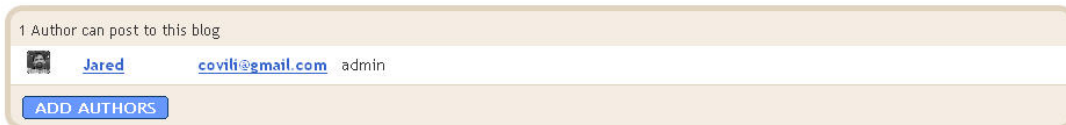
3. Paste the url of your image in the Photo URL window.

Determining who can post to your blog



1. Go to your dashboard and click on **Settings**.
2. In Settings, click on **Permissions**.
3. Under the heading, **Blog Readers**, you can select from three options: Anybody, Only people I choose, or Only blog authors.

Blog Authors



Blog Readers



The “Only People I Choose” option offers the greatest security since you determine who looks at your blog, though an email invitation. For this class, make your blog available to anybody.

Cool Stuff to Add to Your Blog

You can several different badges (things like quotes, images, videos, etc) to your blog. If you want them to be a part of the sidebar you'll need to Add A Page Element, specifically – you'll want to add the HTML/JavaScript element. Each of the websites listed below has some



type of HTML code that you can copy and paste into the page element window.

www.bloglines.com

www.youtube.com

www.flickr.com

www.poll daddy.com

www.clustrmaps.com

<http://del.icio.us>

<http://blip.tv>

<http://dna.imagini.net/friends/>