

WordPress

wordpress.com

Start a Blog

what is it?

WordPress.com is a service that provides users with blogging tools utilizing the WordPress blog platform. After a quick registration process, one can be sending their thoughts to the world on a full-featured blog in minutes.

educational use?

WordPress, like Posterous or any blog, has a number of educational uses ranging from an easy way to self publish all the way to having your own class website. Checkout the 2009 CU Online Handbook for other educational uses of blogs:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/CUOnline/FacultyResources/additionalResources/Handbook/Documents/Chapter_6.pdf

pros & cons?

With more than 70 themes and several “widgets” for connecting things like Twitter, Flickr, and Delicious, WordPress.com makes it easy for users to create and customize their blog. Its features are limited compared to the massive customizability of a self-hosted version of WordPress.

what's it cost?

The basic service is free. WordPress.com offers additional features such as video, custom CSS, and ad removal are available for a fee.

alternatives?

Popular alternatives to are Blogger (<http://www.blogger.com>), Live Journal (<http://www.livejournal.com>), and Tumblr (<http://www.tumblr.com>).

resources?

WordPress.com Support

<http://en.support.wordpress.com>

User Forum

<http://en.forums.wordpress.com>