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Posting on the Web

Do you have a website? How would you like to be able to post your photos on the Internet? That's what this paper is about. We will look at several different ways to post pictures and text. While the main way to post is to have your own website through an ISP, that normally costs a monthly fee. You will see ways to do it in this write-up that are free.

Blogging

One easy way to get online is through blogging, sometimes known as a web log. There are several free blogs out there, and I think Blogger is one of the best. It is sponsored by Google, and can be reached by going to <http://www.blogger.com>. The sign up is a three step process.

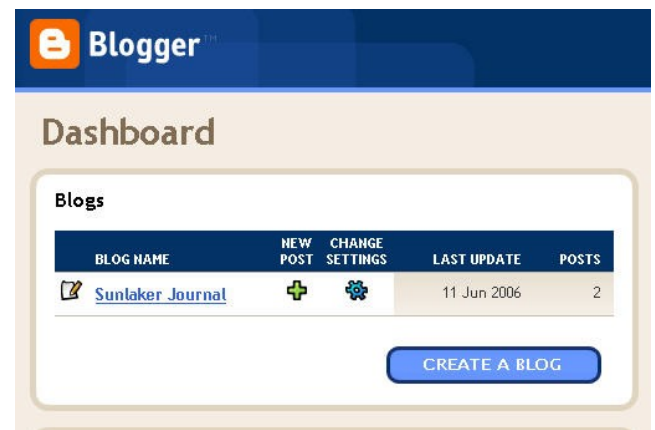
1. Create an account
2. Name your blog
3. Choose a template

To create an account, you need to choose a user name for yourself and a password. Pick a display name that will be used to sign your blog, and give them an email address. This address does NOT get released to the public unless you ask for it. The next step is to give them a name for your blog, like "Sunlaker Journal". This name will appear as the title of the blog. Then pick a word that will be used in the blog's URL, such as sunlaker, and then your blog's URL will be <http://sunlaker.blogspot.com>.

The last step is to choose a template for how you want your blog to look online. You have a

large number of choices, and the good thing is you can change the way it looks later if you like. You might start out with the first template, which is the default template. That's easiest. After you choose the template, you can go ahead and write your first blog and post it. To see what a blog looks like, take a look at mine, <http://sunlaker.blogspot.com>.

Anytime you want to go back and post more things on your Blog, you can go to your Blogger Dashboard at <http://www.blogger.com/home>, where you will log in with your username and password.



To add material, click on the plus sign where it says New Post. You will go to your entry area, which will have four tabs.



Title:

Enter a title for your blog posting that you are doing right now, and then type in the text in the field below. If you also want to add an image, just click on the Add Image icon.



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This opens into another screen where you can add an image by browsing on your own computer. Pick a jpeg image and you can upload it to the website and to be included on your blog.

This is the result of what I just uploaded -

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Demo for Photoshop Elements



I am working on my write up for the Photoshop Elements session next

Wednesday. This is part of the example on how to use the Dashboard for posting information. The picture shown here is a example of the kind of graphics that can be uploaded as images.

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Using a Photo-sharing Site

There are many photo-sharing sites on the Internet that you can use. Some are free and others cost a nominal amount per year.

One of the best photo-sharing sites out there is Smugmug, <http://www.smugmug.com>. This site costs under \$40 per year and will allow an unlimited number of photos without any advertising. I have a Smugmug demo that I developed that shows how it works, and is located at <http://sunlaker.smugmug.com>. I also have a tutorial for setting up a Smugmug account which you can see in full at <http://www.sunlaker.com/smugpost/index.html>.

One of the photo-sharing sites that is free is Flickr, sponsored by Yahoo. It is located at <http://www.flickr.com/>. You will need to get a Yahoo ID and set up a free Yahoo account. There will be some advertising, but your photos will be available to everyone.

Another website that offers free photo-sharing is Webshots, and it is located at <http://www.webshots.com/>. I opened an account with Webshots a couple of years ago, and have been pleased with its stability. My Webshots photos are located at <http://community.webshots.com/user/jcdurr10530>. Take a look at my photos and you can see the level of advertising you will get.

It is important to recognize that Flickr and Webshots (and other free sites) make their money in two basic ways. They sell ads, and they try to sell you prints of photos. If you want to avoid those ads, use Smugmug.

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