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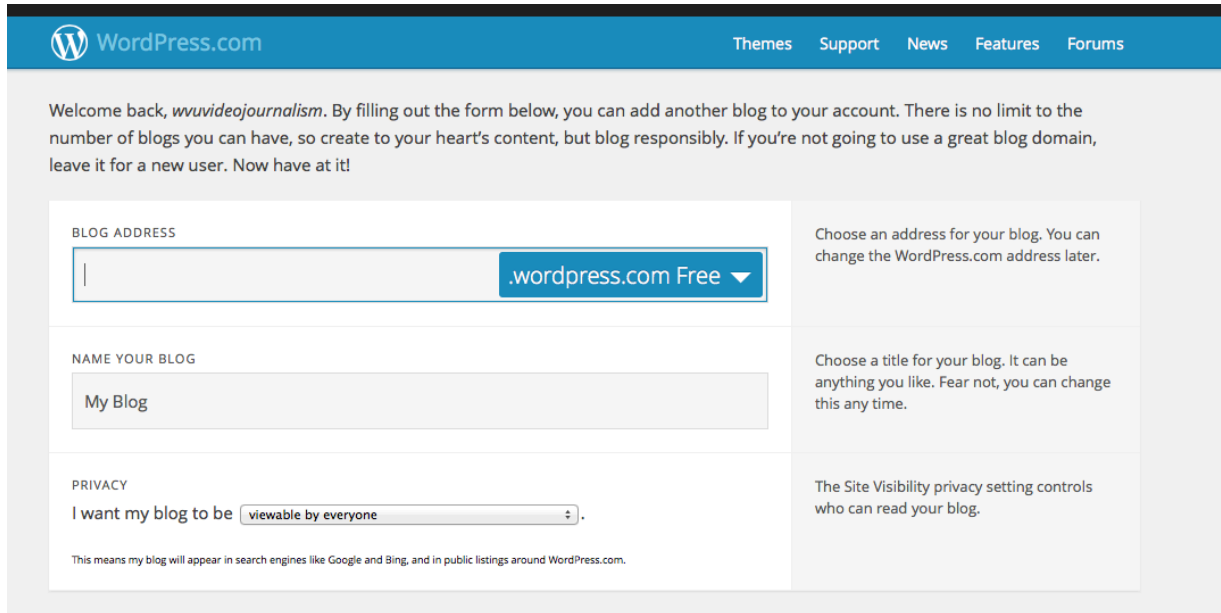
All About Wordpress & Why You Should Have One!

1) Wordpress is a platform used by many bloggers. It's a way to have a free online presence and present your hard work to future employers. In this guide, you will learn how to sign-up for Wordpress and basic instructions on navigating and building your Wordpress site.


2) You'll want to sign up at http://wordpress.com/. Here you will be able to create your free site. It's best to use your real name as your Wordpress address. This prevents any confusion should your future employer stumble upon your site.

3) Once you've signed up, you'll need to choose a theme. This can be done under **Appearances > Themes** in your **Dashboard**.
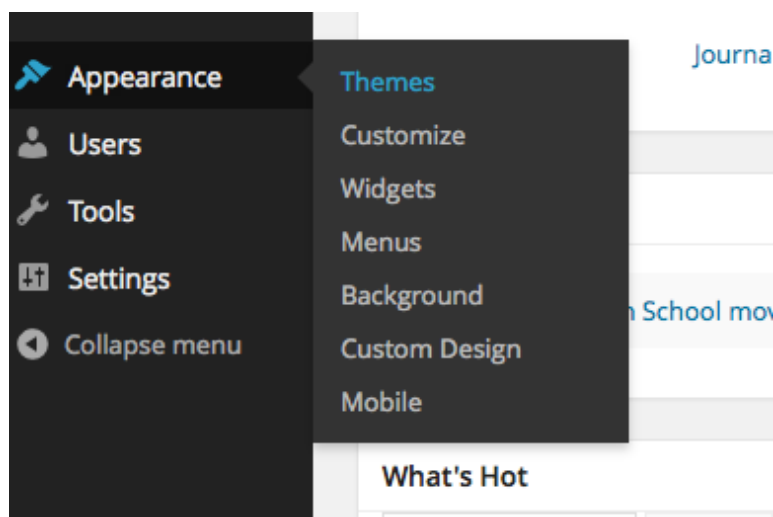
4) This part is up to you. There are dozens of free themes to choose from.
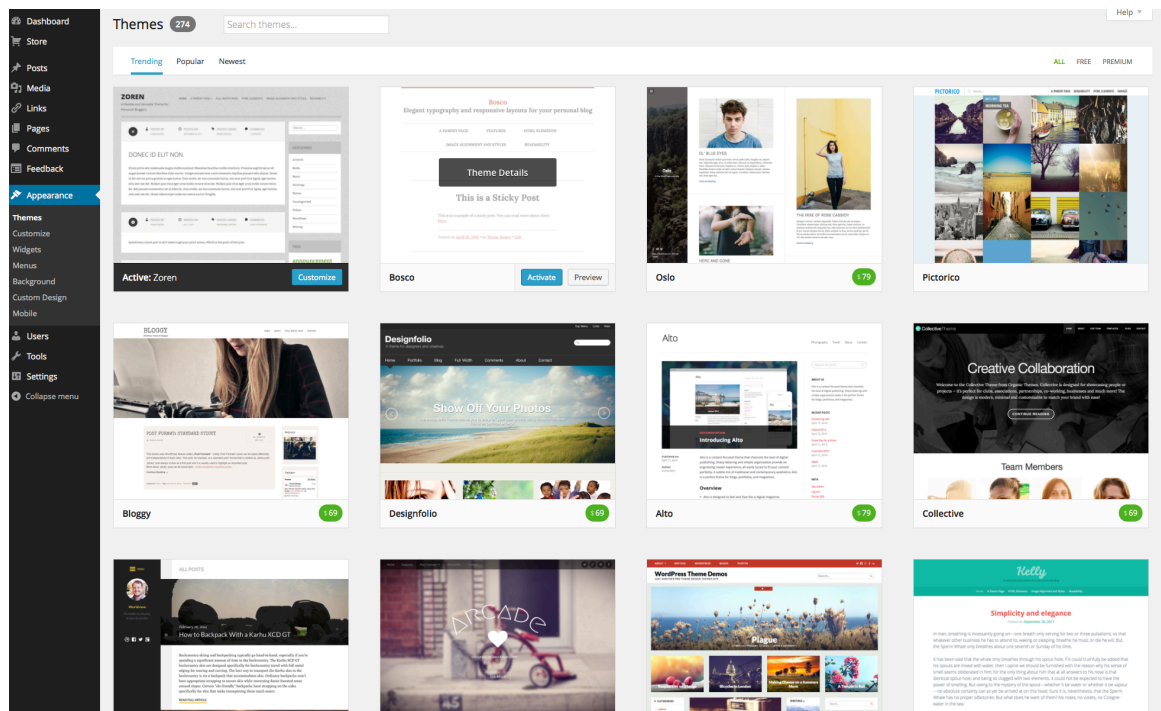
5) After choosing your theme, it's time to get started adding content to your site. To add a page to your Wordpress site, go to **Pages** and **Add New**. This will allow you to create a new page.
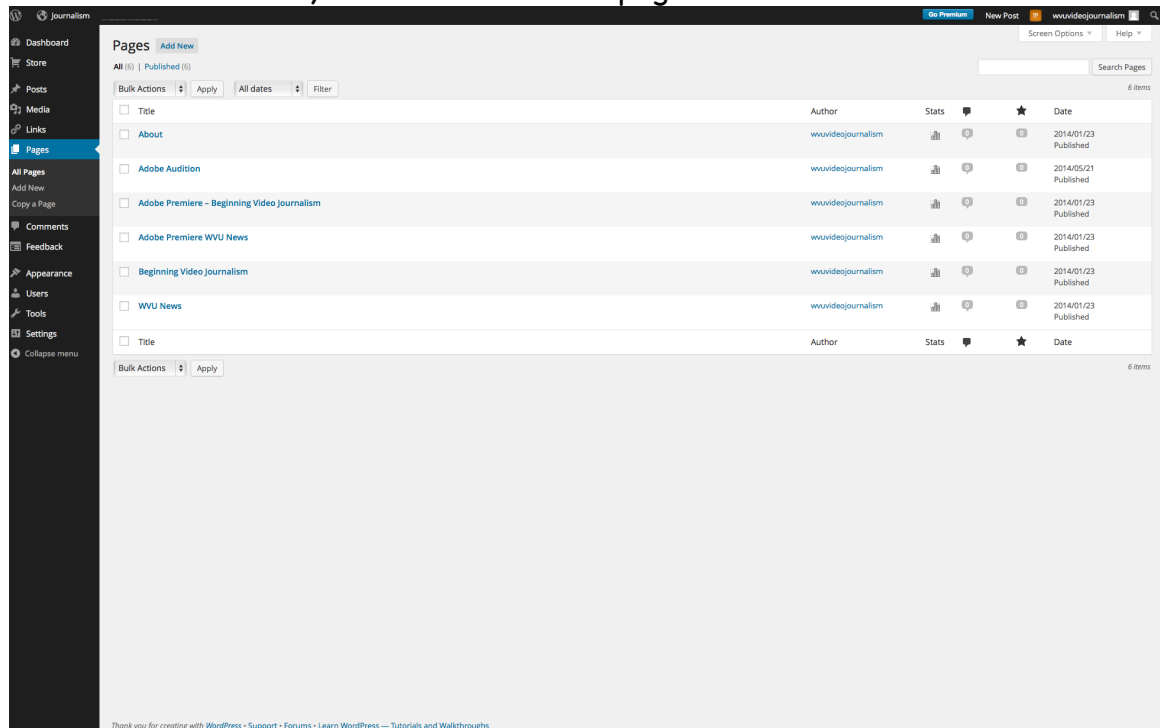
6) To customize your Menu, head over to **Menus** and adjust your Menu Structure. You may need to set this as your **Primary Menu** as shown at the bottom of this screenshot.

7) **CONTINUE READING IF YOU WISH TO MAKE/HOST YOUR OWN WORDPRESS WITHOUT ADS:** You may have seen the option early on when you signed u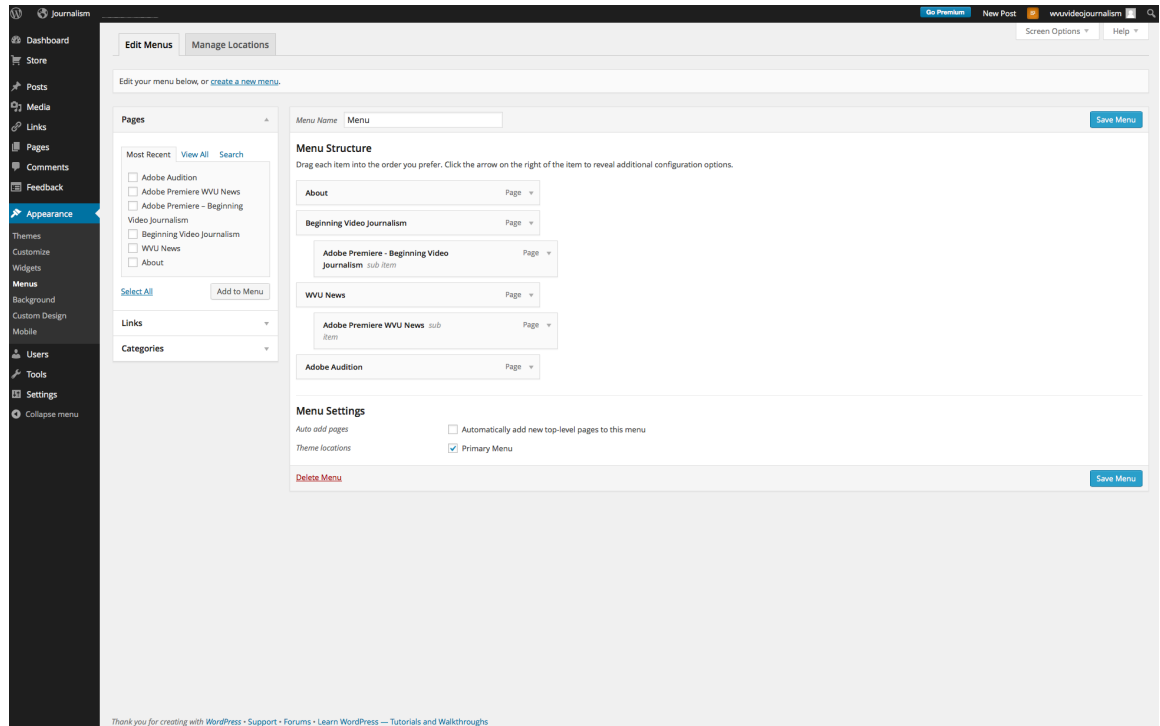p to have your own professional .COM name. This is very helpful if you plan on branding yourself on the web. It will also look professional to your future employers. Wordpress has an option to sign-up for $99/yr, BUT you can do that yourself for much cheaper. All you need is a domain and web hosting.

8) There are thousands of providers for domains and web hosting, but I highly recommend **NameCheap**. They have very competitive rates and are easy to use.

9) Head over to http://namecheap.com/. Here you'll be able to sign-up for a domain (.COM name) and web hosting (a must have if you want a place to store your sites content to broadcast to the world).

10) There are several offers for hosting. Since you are only looking to host 1 domain name, the $3.98/mo **Shared Hosting** plan will be suitable.

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Feature-rich hosting for everything from blogs to business

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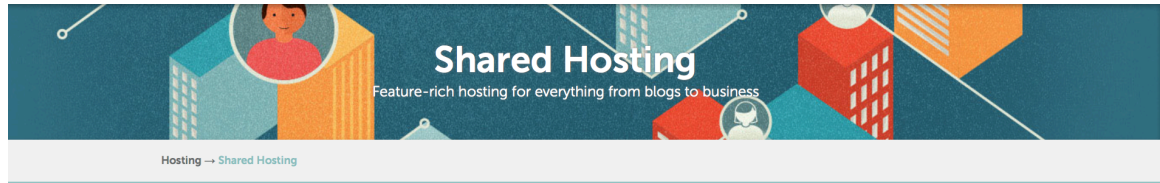
Namecheap shared hosting is secure, fast and reliable. We know your website needs to be fast-loading and always accessible, and we work hard to provide a place where your site can flourish.

	Value	**Most Popular** **Professional**	**Ultimate**	**Business SSD**
Price	$3.98 /mo	$7.48 /mo	$13.98 /mo	$19.98 /mo
Term	1 year	1 month	1 month	1 month
Datacenter	US Datacenter	US Datacenter	US Datacenter	US Datacenter
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Description	Namecheap's value hosting plan provides secure and reliable hosting for up to 5 websites.	Our most popular hosting plan lets you host up to 26 websites with unlimited bandwidth.	Hosting with no limits. Unlimited RAID protected storage, bandwidth, and websites.	Designed for busy, resource-heavy websites and e-commerce needing PCI-compliant hosting.
Storage	25 GB RAID protected	100 GB RAID protected	Unlimited GB RAID protected	20 GB SSD RAID protected
Bandwidth	Unlimited bandwidth	Unlimited bandwidth	Unlimited bandwidth	5000 GB bandwidth
Websites	Up to 5 websites	Up to 26 websites	Unlimited websites	Unlimited websites

11) Make sure you use the domain you just purchased through Namecheap to set-up your web hosting account.

Domain Name

Choose the domain name you wish to associate to this product

○ I want to purchase a new domain

○ I want to transfer my existing domain to Namecheap

◉ I want to use a domain I own through Namecheap

Please sign in to your account to select your domain name.

Sign In

○ I want to use a domain I own through another registrar

12) From here you will be sent an email with instructions on how to login to your web hosting account.

13) Most web hosts use a control panel called cPanel. cPanel is an easy to use control panel that will help you set-up Wordpress, Email Accounts, and various other scripts. This is cPanel:

Server Name	colts
cPanel Version	11.42.1 (build 16)
Theme	x3
Apache version	2.2.24
PHP version	5.3.23
MySQL version	5.1.73-cll
Architecture	x86_64
Operating system	linux
Shared IP Address	162.219.251.117
Path to sendmail	/usr/sbin/sendmail
Path to Perl	/usr/bin/perl
Perl version	5.10.1
Kernel version	2.6.32-042stab085.20
cPanel Pro	1.0 (RC1)
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Databases

MySQL® Databases MySQL® Database Wizard phpMyAdmin Remote MySQL

Software/Services

CloudFlare CGI Center Site Software Perl Modules PHP PEAR Packages PHP Configuration Optimize Website

RVSiteBuilder Softaculous

Advanced

Apache Handlers Image Manager Index Manager Error pages Cron jobs Network Tools FrontPage® Extensions

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14) This is the bottom half of cPanel. I've scrolled down to show you the Wordpress script installer. This is what you will click on to install your own Wordpress script for your domain.

15) Click the **Install** tab to install Wordpress.

16) From here you'll set-up your Wordpress. Make sure you have the protocol set to http://www. The database name is up to you. No one will see that name. Leave the Table Prefix as is. When you're finished continue with the installation.

17) To login to Wordpress go to http://www.yourdomain.com**/wp-admin/**. Your Wordpress will now function like the free Wordpress platform without the ads.