

Wordpress ***Getting*** ***Started***

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Use This To Setup Wordpress *Fast*

If you have already have [website hosting](#) with a provider that has Fantastico (or Fantastico De Luxe), then you can have a Wordpress blog setup and ready to use in just a few minutes.

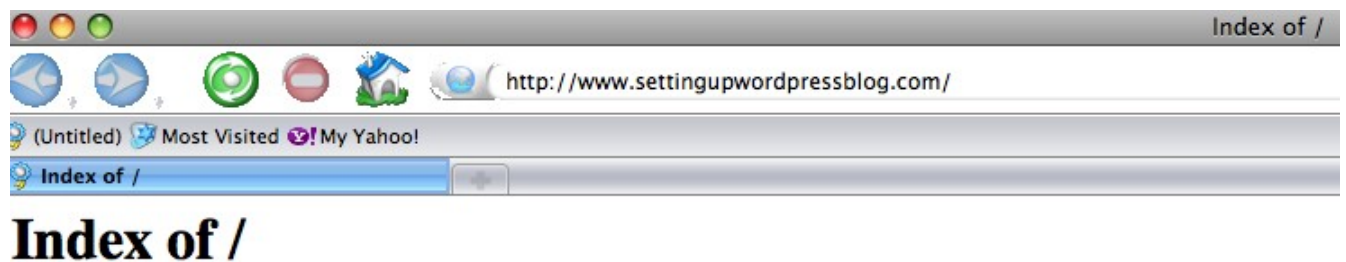


I'll show you the **exact** steps to take to setup and make your first post (that includes an image).

To Get Started ...

You really should have an empty website.

What do I mean by an empty website? If you visit your website, it should look something like this:



Apache/2.2.15 (Unix) mod_ssl/2.2.15 OpenSSL/0.9.8n DAV/2 mod_fcgid/2.3.5 mod_auth_passthrough/2.1 mod_bw

Nothing – just a plain website that has a message similar to this one ,“Index of”.

The [webhosting provider](#) might provide a placeholder type page there. But really, it should look like not much is going on.

If so, then you have everything you need to get started.

Ready, Set, GO!

Visit your sites login page. For most hosting providers (those that have Fantastico or Fantastico De Luxe available, you will go to this url:

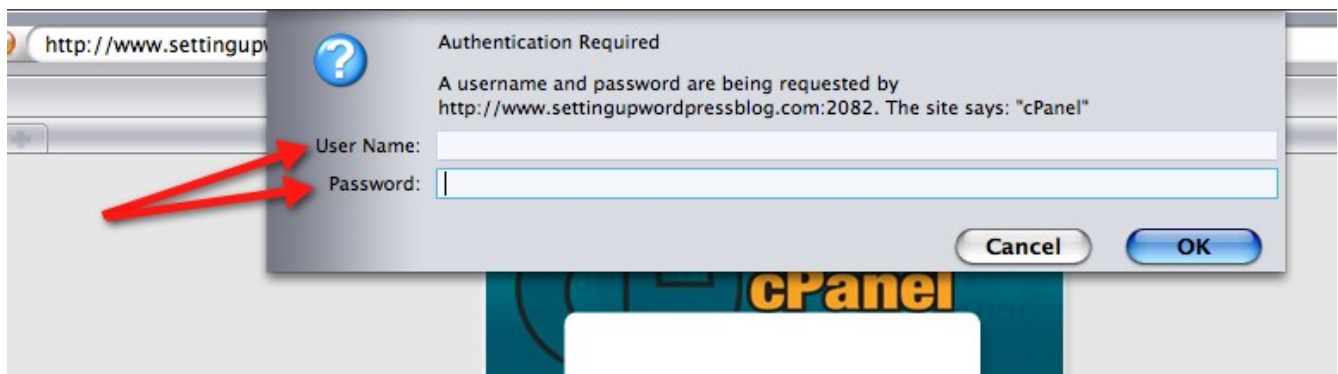
<http://www.example.com/cpanel>

OR

<http://www.example.com:2082>

Either one should work. Just replace “example.com” in with your domain.

You'll see something like this pop up asking you for your User Name and Password.



Hand it over gently and nobody will get harmed.

Seriously, what is being asking for is your cPanel username and password. When you signed up for web hosting you would have created a username / password or the hosting provider would have created one for you.

Hint: The username is no more than eight characters long and I **think** the password should start with a character.

Type those bad boys in the “Authentication Required” boxes and click the **OK** button.

Assuming no errors on your part, you should see a page that looks similar to this ...

Fancy, huh? What do you think of that?

Moving along now ...



Your job, should you choose to accept, is to find the Fantastico or Fantastico De Luxe image on the page and click on it.

Either search for “Fantastico” or look for an image that looks like a happy face :)



Stay Focused

Yes, I know, there is a whole bunch of stuff on this page. The only one we are interested in is the link that says “WordPress”.

You know the drill, click on the “Wordpress” link.



Notice that it says you need 9.56 MB of Disk space (or thereabouts). If your website is presently “empty”, then this should not be an issue.

On the other hand, if you have stuff (files, images, etc.) already on your website this might present a problem.

Now click on “New Installation”.

New Installation (2.9.2)

Disk space required: 9.56 MB

Disk space available: 999995.5 MB

Next, you will come to the first of three screens. You will want to provide information requested. For the setup I am showing, I chose “blog” for “Install in directory” (not showing it though). This means Wordpress will be installed in a directory. If you leave the “Install in directory” empty, then Wordpress is installed in your root directory, i.e. - your home page. Click on “Install Wordpress”.

WordPress

Install WordPress (1/3)

Installation location

Install on domain

Install in directory

Leave empty to install in the root directory of the domain (access example: <http://domain/>).

Enter only the directory name to install in a directory (for **<http://domain/name/>** enter **name** only). This directory SHOULD NOT exist, it will be automatically created!

Admin access data

Administrator-username (you need this to enter the protected admin area)

Password (you need this to enter the protected admin area)

Base configuration

Admin nickname

Admin e-mail (your email address)

Site name

Description

Next screen is just to verify what you want to do.

Click “Finish installation”.

Install WordPress (2/3)

The MySQL database and MySQL user **settingu_wrdp1** will be created and used for this installation.

- You chose to install in the domain **settingupwordpressblog.com**, in a subdirectory called **blog**.
- The access URL will be: **<http://settingupwordpressblog.com/blog>**.

Click on **Finish Installation** to continue.

Finish installation

Done

Setup of your Wordpress blog is complete.

The last page tells you what was done, reminds you of your username and password and gives you a link to click on to login to your newly created blog, in this case, <http://settingupwordpressblog.com/blog/wp-admin>.

Optionally, you can email the results to yourself so you have a reminder of your username and password.

Install WordPress (3/3)

`/home/settingu/public_html/blog/wp-config.php` configured
`/home/settingu/public_html/blog/data.sql` configured

Please notice:

We only offer auto-Installation and auto-configuration of **WordPress** but do not offer any kind of support.

You need a username and a password to enter the admin area. Your username is **admin**. Your password is **password** The full URL to the admin area (**Bookmark this!**): <http://settingupwordpressblog.com/blog/wp-admin/>

[Back to WordPress overview](#)

Email the details of this installation to:

[Send E-mail](#)

Login to Wordpress

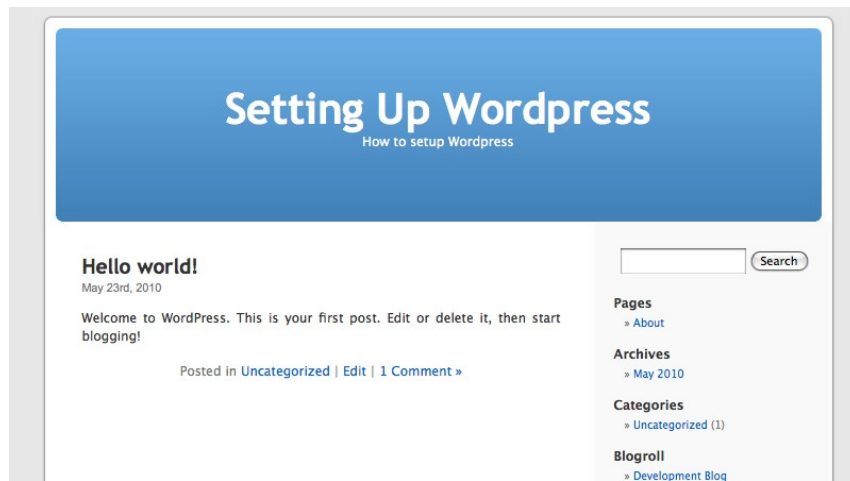
Click on the Wordpress admin link, <http://settingupwordpress.com/blog/wp-admin> and provide your username and password and click “Log In”.



The first thing I suggest you do is right click and open in a new tab or window on the “Visit Site” link near the top so you can see what your blog looks like.



Your new blog should look something like the following ...



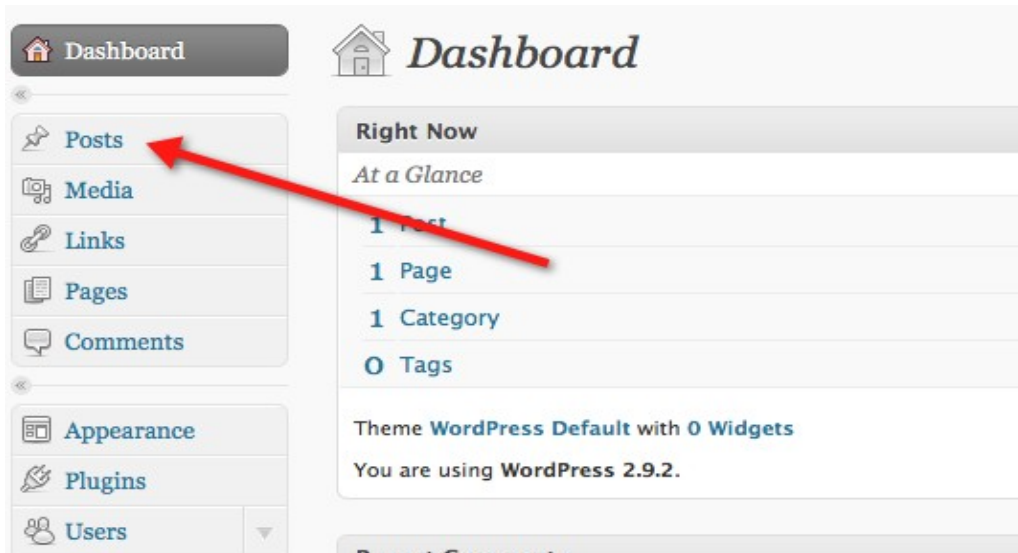
Not exactly the prettiest blog in the world (I have something for that later), but a Wordpress blog none the less.

Let's Get The First Post On Your Blog ...

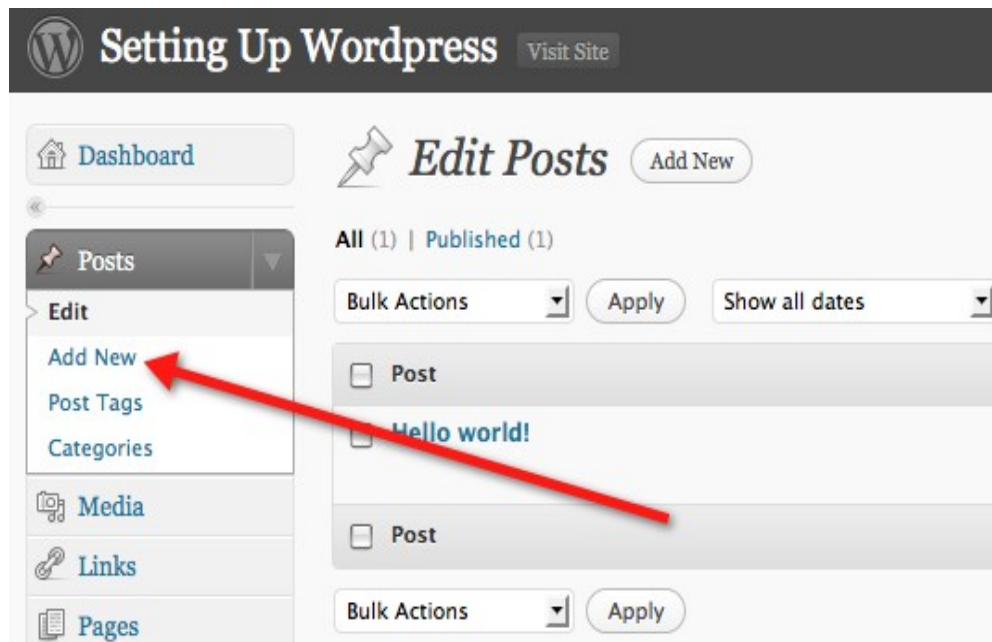
... that includes an image.

Back to your blog admin panel, i.e. - <http://settingupwordpressblog.com/wp-admin>.

Click on "Posts".



Click on "Add New".

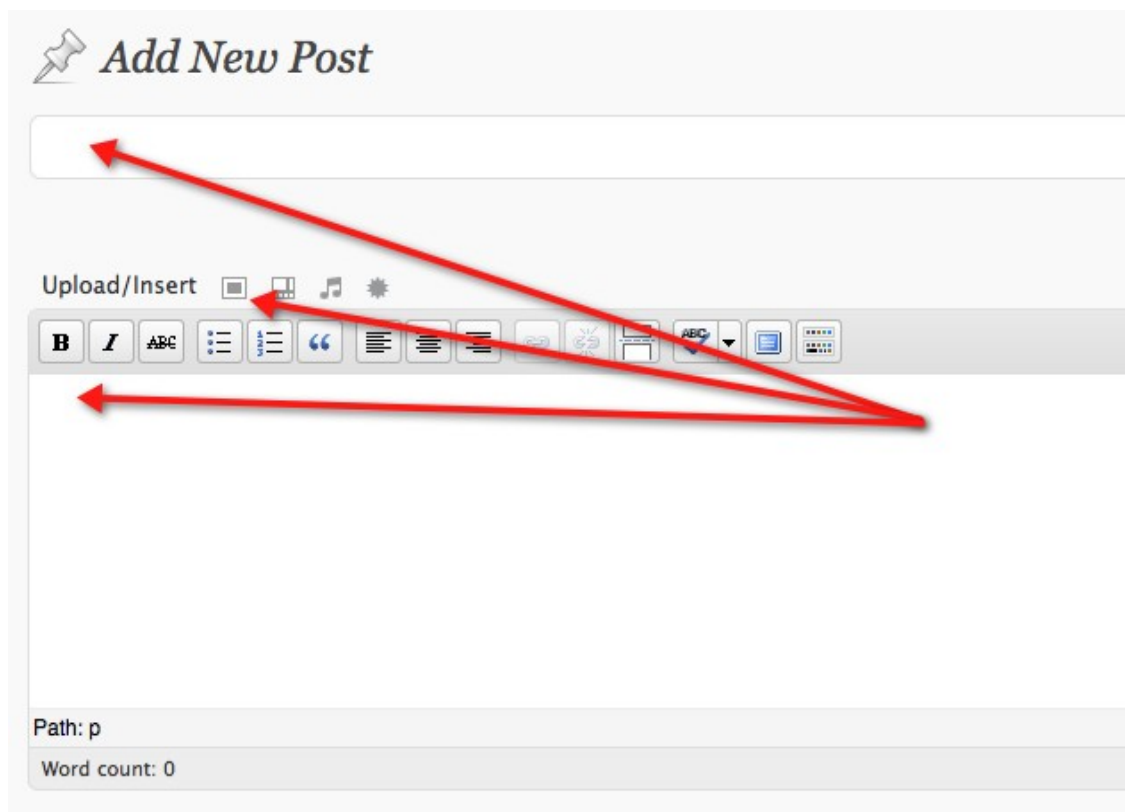


The three important parts of adding a page to your blog are Title, Image, and Content.

The top text box is for your Title. My suggestion is that Every Word In The Title Is Capitalized.

The little “box within a box” next to Upload/Insert is what you click on to add an image.

The large text area box at the bottom is for your content.



Title

As as you start typing a title, Wordpress will add a “Permalink”. Nothing to worry about, Wordpress is just showing you what the link to that post will be (you can change it - “Change Permalinks”).



Content

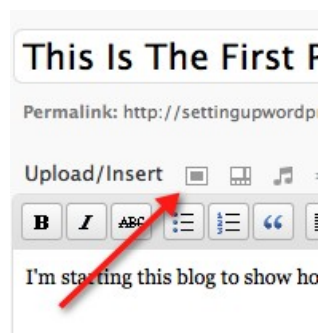
Now add some content for your first post (you can always add more or modify later).



Image

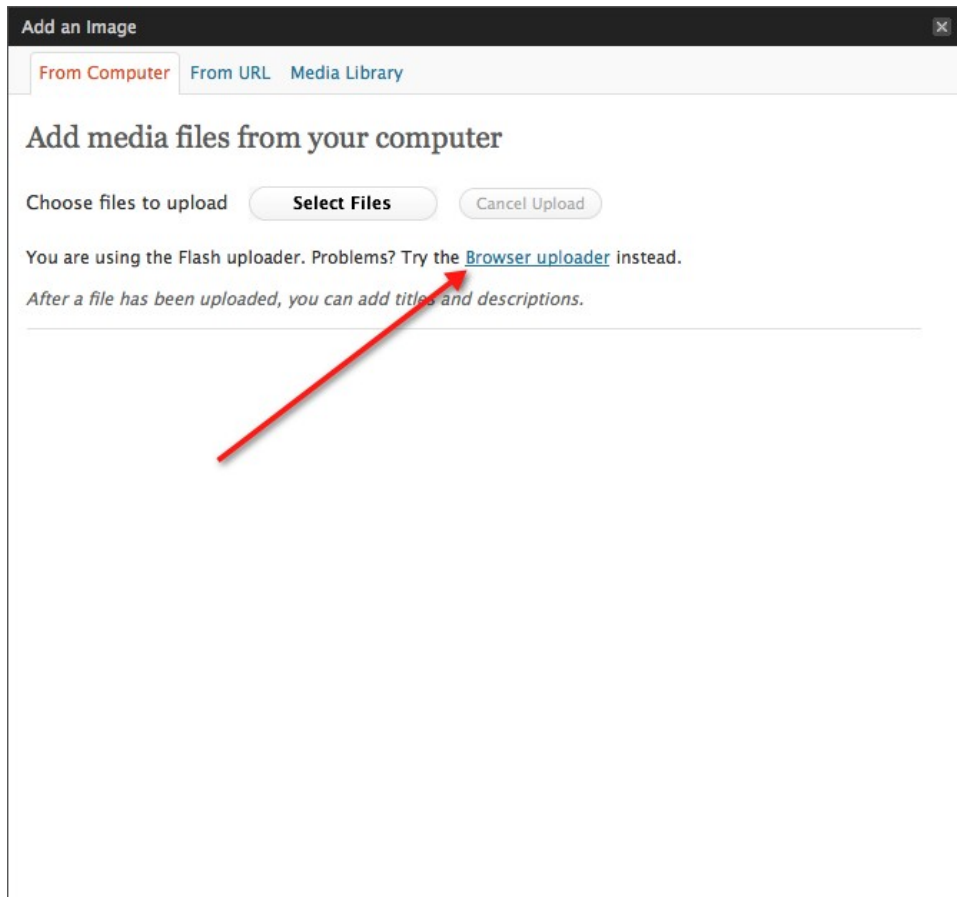
Place your cursor in the content where you want the image to show up – usually between paragraphs. Go ahead a click on the box within a box next to Upload/Insert.

This one ...

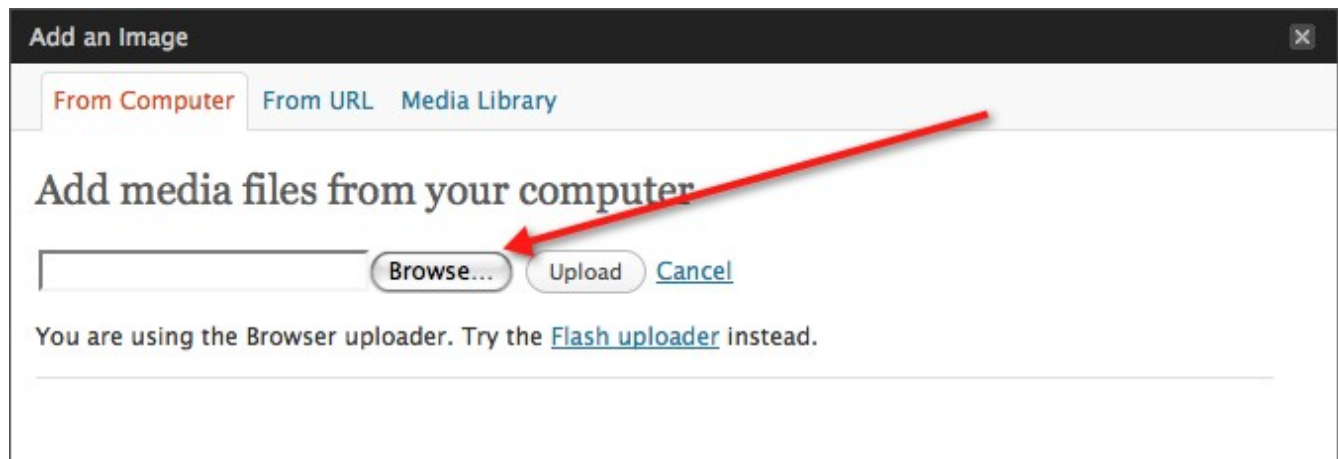


Another window will pop open.

Don't even waste your time - use the Browser uploader. Click on "Browser uploader".

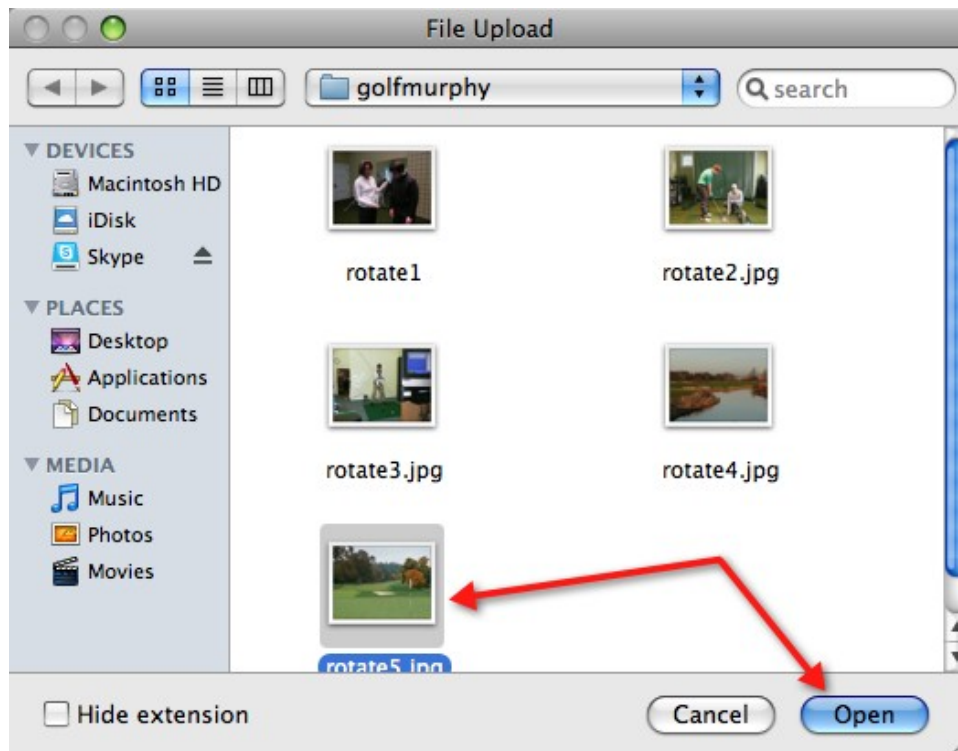


Click on "Browse ..." and find an image on your computer that you want to use. Don't worry too much about the size. Wordpress has the ability to resize images.

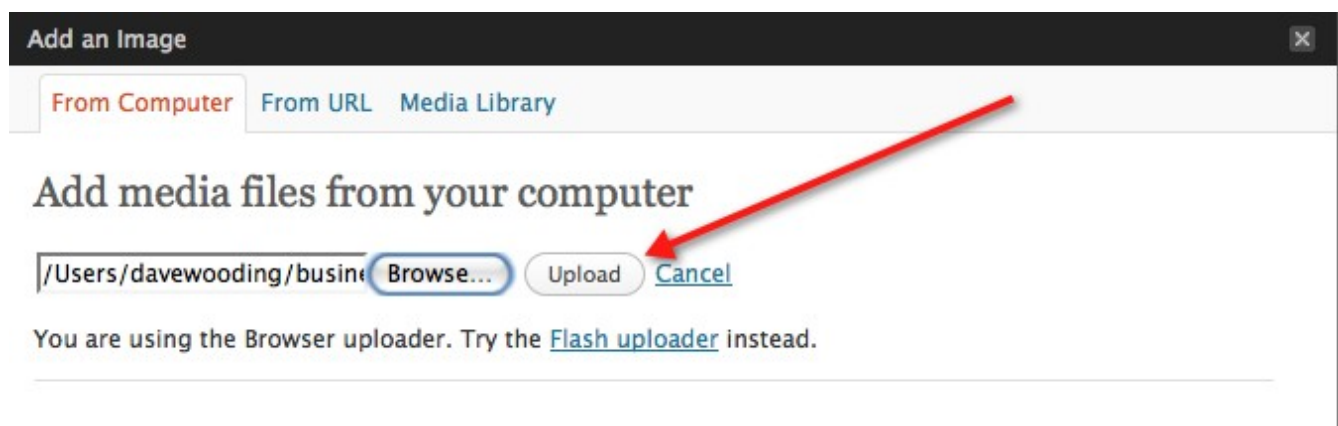


Select the image you want to use and upload.

If you are using a Mac, click on the image, then click “Open”.



Once you have selected the image, click “Upload”.

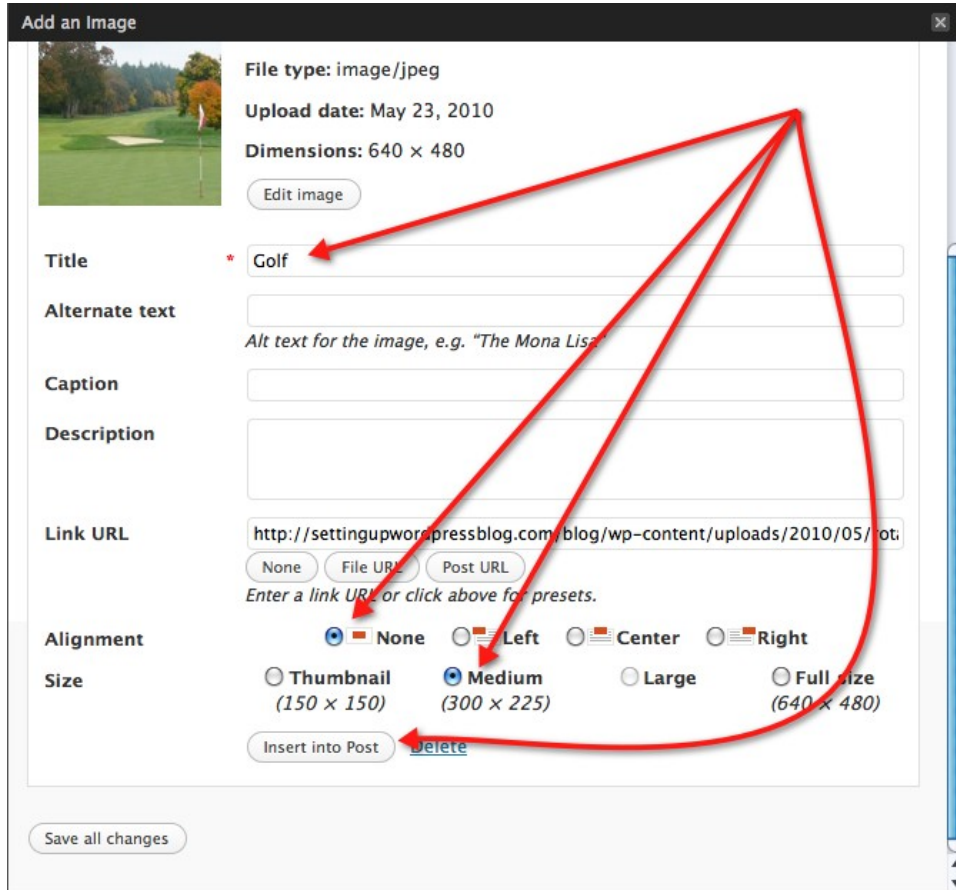


A few things to change with your image.


Give it a title – often the title will be the number that a digital camera assigns to the picture. Be at least a little descriptive.

You'll also want to change the Alignment and Size. For this example, the Alignment is set to None (no text will wrap around the image). And the size is set to Medium (300 x 225).

Finally, click on “Insert into Post”.



Add an Image

 **File type:** image/jpeg
Upload date: May 23, 2010
Dimensions: 640 x 480
[Edit image](#)

Title *

Alternate text

Alt text for the image, e.g. "The Mona Lisa"

Caption

Description

Link URL

[None](#) [File URL](#) [Post URL](#)
Enter a link URL or click above for presets.

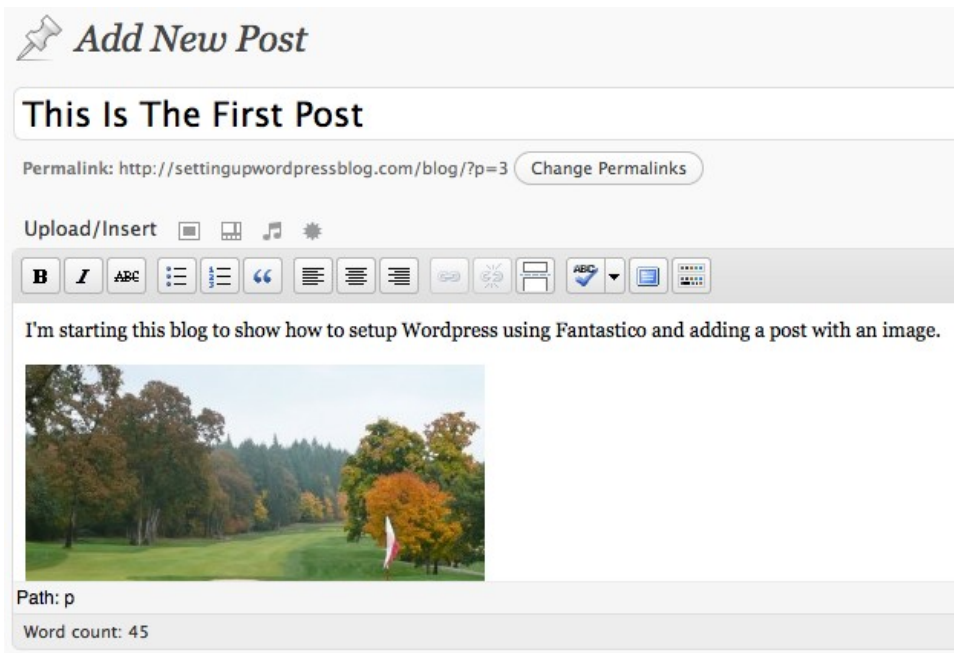
Alignment
 None Left Center Right

Size
 Thumbnail (150 x 150) Medium (300 x 225) Large Full size (640 x 480)

[Insert into Post](#) [Delete](#)

[Save all changes](#)





The preview of the post you are creating should now have an image showing.
















Add New Post


This Is The First Post

Permalink: <http://settingupwordpressblog.com/blog/?p=3> [Change Permalinks](#)

Upload/Insert    

B *I* ABC             

I'm starting this blog to show how to setup Wordpress using Fantastico and adding a post with an image.



Path: p
Word count: 45

If satisfied with the preview and you are ready for the rest of the world to see your first blog post – with an image, no less, then click on the “Publish” button and your post goes live.

Congratulations

You are an official blog publisher. Now go check out your work – click on the “View post” link (or button).



Edit Post

Post published. [View post](#)

This Is The First Post

Permalink: <http://settingupwordpressblog.com/blog/?p=3> [Change Permalinks](#) [View Post](#)

There it is. Your first Wordpress post with an image in it.


Setting Up Wordpress

How to setup Wordpress

« Hello world!

This Is The First Post

I'm starting this blog to show how to setup Wordpress using Fantastico and adding a post with an image.



I'll put an image before this paragraph by putting my cursor above this line then clicking on the "box within a box" link next to "Upload/Insert".

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In theory, you are done – you have everything you need to use Wordpress.

There is more that you can do ...

Remember I mentioned not having the prettiest blog?

There is a lot you can do to make your blog look better ... and perform better.

You can change the “look and feel” of your site by installing a different theme. There are plenty of free and premium themes available.

Also, you might consider adding “plugins”. Plugins are basically addon programs that extend what your Wordpress blog can do.

Doing all of these extra things takes some time and effort.

I can show you a way to have this done easily and automatically.

Just Watch The Video

I put together a short video showing you a service that sets up a blog automatically that includes plugins and settings to get the most out of your Wordpress blog – plus you can use a different theme than the default Wordpress theme that is installed when using Fantastico.

Just [CLICK HERE](#) to watch this short video.

