

## Signing Up For Your Blog

Edublogs are completely free, and come with 20MB of free upload space (easily extended to 5 GB as an Edublogs Supporter - <http://edublogs.org/guide/>) and a heap of great features designed specifically to support the educational community.

### To sign up for an Edublogs blog:

1. Go to Edublogs.org (<http://edublogs.org/>)
2. Click on the 'Sign up for Free' button



3. This takes you to the Edublogs sign up page (<http://edublogs.org/wp-signup.php>) where you need to enter your desired username, email address, tick you agree to TOS (terms of Service) and then click **Next**.

#### Tips:

- You will be sent an activation email once your account is created. This email normally arrives within 30 minutes.
- You have 48 hours to click on the link in the email to activate your blog otherwise you will need to reset up your account.
- Spam filters, especially strict ones for institutional email addresses, often block these activation emails. If unsure use free webmail accounts such as gmail, hotmail that don't block these activation emails.
- Use only lowercase letters and numbers, with no spaces, in your username
- Your username is what you use to sign into your blog dashboard and is displayed on posts and comments you write. You can't change your username; you can change what name is displayed (<http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/2008/02/09/changing-your-display-name-and-setting-up-your-comment-avatar/>)

**Get your own Edublogs.org account in seconds**

**Username:**

(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)

**Email Address:**

(We'll send your password to this address, so triple-check it.) TOS:

Edublogs.org is a site specifically for teachers, students, librarians, researchers, professors, administrators, corporate trainers and anyone else involved in education, by ticking the box below you agree that you fall into one of these groups.

As a member of Edublogs you may also be contacted by us from time to time with information about the site, maintenance, extra features and so on. We will categorically never share your email or any other details with any third party.

I Agree:

Use this option to create a blog

Gimme a blog!

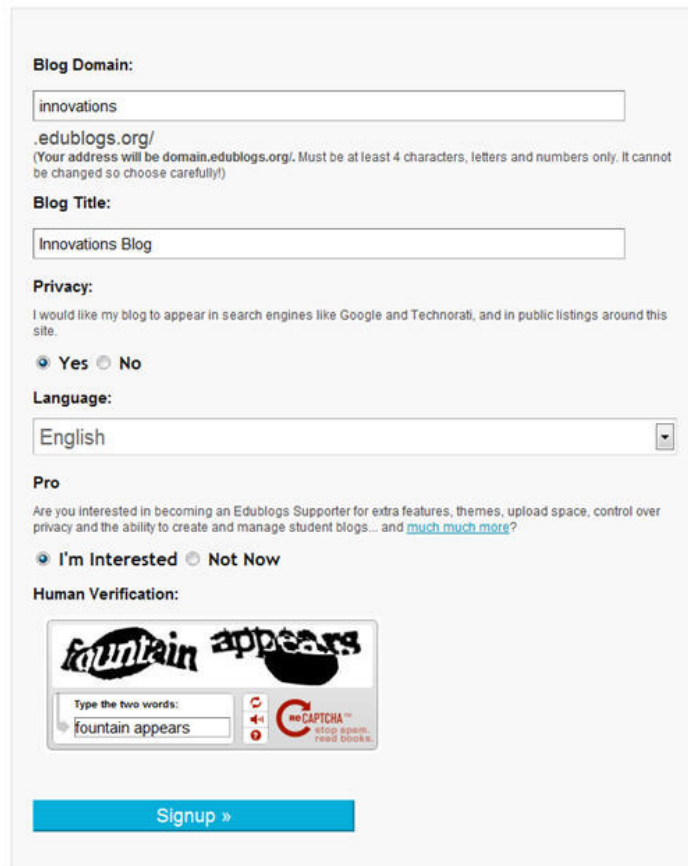
Just a username, please.

Next »

4. On the next page enter your blog domain (i.e. blog URL), blog title, select your preferred privacy and language, add the Captcha word and click **Signup**.

*Tips:*

- Use only lowercase letters and numbers, with no spaces, in your blog URL
- Blog URLs can't be changed once created
- Use a blog URL that reflects what your blog is about and is unique
- Keep in mind people need to be able to remember and easily type your blog URL into their browser – where possible try to keep your blog URL short but meaningful
- Don't stress too much about your blog title as this can be changed any time.

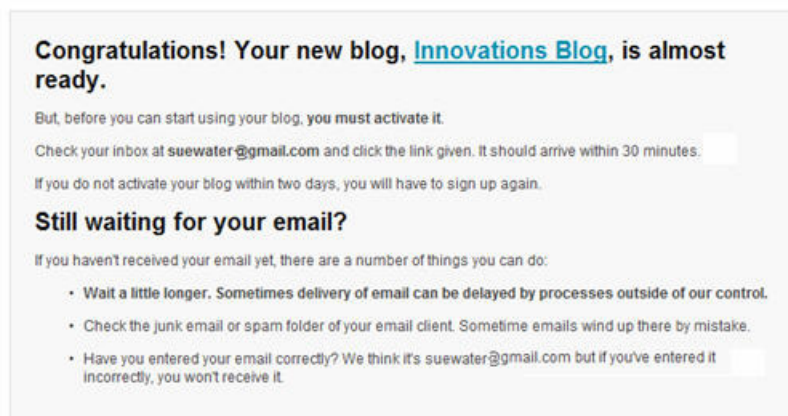


The screenshot shows a web form for creating a new blog. It includes the following sections:

- Blog Domain:** A text input field containing 'innovations'. Below it, the text '.edublogs.org/' is displayed, followed by a note: '(Your address will be domain.edublogs.org/. Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only. It cannot be changed so choose carefully!)'
- Blog Title:** A text input field containing 'Innovations Blog'.
- Privacy:** A section with the text 'I would like my blog to appear in search engines like Google and Technorati, and in public listings around this site.' Below this are two radio buttons: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'.
- Language:** A dropdown menu currently set to 'English'.
- Pro:** A section asking 'Are you interested in becoming an Edublogs Supporter for extra features, themes, upload space, control over privacy and the ability to create and manage student blogs... and [much much more?](#)' Below this are two radio buttons: 'I'm Interested' (selected) and 'Not Now'.
- Human Verification:** A CAPTCHA section showing the words 'fountain' and 'appears' in a stylized font. Below the words is a text input field containing 'fountain appears' and a 'no CAPTCHA' logo.

At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled 'Signup »'.

5. Next you should see a page with your blog title and instructions to check your email inbox. This email should arrive within 30 minutes.



The screenshot shows an email message with the following content:

**Congratulations! Your new blog, [Innovations Blog](#), is almost ready.**

But, before you can start using your blog, you must activate it.

Check your inbox at [suewater@gmail.com](mailto:suewater@gmail.com) and click the link given. It should arrive within 30 minutes.

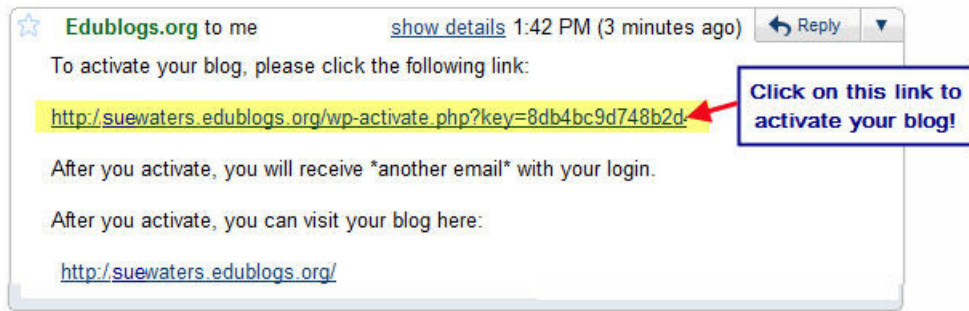
If you do not activate your blog within two days, you will have to sign up again.

**Still waiting for your email?**

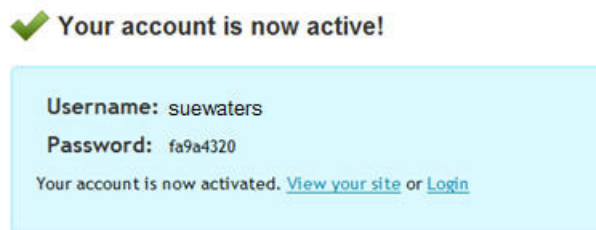
If you haven't received your email yet, there are a number of things you can do:

- Wait a little longer. Sometimes delivery of email can be delayed by processes outside of our control.
- Check the junk email or spam folder of your email client. Sometime emails wind up there by mistake.
- Have you entered your email correctly? We think it's [suewater@gmail.com](mailto:suewater@gmail.com) but if you've entered it incorrectly, you won't receive it.

6. Click on the link in the email to activate your account.



7. This activates your account and takes you to the activation page on your blog.



8. You should also receive another email with your username, password and login details which you use to log into your blog dashboard.

