

## Creating Student Accounts Using One Gmail Account

If your students don't have email addresses the simplest solution is to set up their accounts using one Gmail (<http://gmail.com/>) account and then add a + sign and a different number and/or letter(s) to the end of your email name for each student.

How it works is Gmails ignores anything in the first half of an email address after a plus sign so if you create each email with the format `username+studentname@gmail.com` all emails will be sent to the inbox of `username@gmail.com`



The screenshot shows two instances of the user creation form. In the first instance, the 'Blog/User Name' field contains 'johnbcc1' and the 'User Email' field contains 'moodywaters+johnbcc1@gmail.com'. In the second instance, the 'Blog/User Name' field contains 'suzybb1' and the 'User Email' field contains 'moodywaters+suzybcc1@gmail.com'. A callout box with a blue border and white background contains the text: 'Blogs created using gmail plus-addressing. In this example all emails would be sent to moodywaters@gmail.com'. Red circles highlight the email addresses in both forms, and red arrows point from the callout box to these circles.

This also means that if you want to moderate comments on all student blogs they will be sent to your email address.

### Please Note:

- You must use a real gmail account– either use your own gmail account or set up a gmail account for your class e.g. room13@gmail.com.
- This also means that if you want to moderate comments on student posts they will be sent to your email address.

### See Also:

- Comment moderation settings - <http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/2008/05/11/are-your-comment-settings-making-it-harder-for-readers-to-comment/>