

# Creating A Blog

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1. Open Firefox. This is Google's browser. If you are using Internet Explorer you should switch to Firefox. It has many advanced features and is FAR LESS susceptible to virus attacks. Just go to [www.firefox.com](http://www.firefox.com) and download it for free (Mac or Windows).

2. Go To [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)

3.

a. If you have a Google account, fill in your UserName and Password and click Sign In. Create a new blog and name it according to the rules set forth in #4 below.

b. If you do not have a Google account, click on Create Your Blog Now.

c. You will be asked for a USER NAME. You can use any user name you wish BUT since Blogger has lots of users your name alone will probably not work. Therefore I suggest something like this: strange.johnh

Which is my last name, period, first name, middle initial

If you try to use a name already in use, Blogger will tell you to try again

d. Enter a password.

**\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT FORGET YOUR USER NAME AND PASSWORD.\*\*\*\*\***

**If you do, you may have to establish a new Blog and *your grade will be reduced by at least one letter grade for the Blog project!!!!***

e. Display name. Use your REAL Name WITHOUT SPACES (like JohnStrange) UNLESS you already have a blogger account and have used another name). I need to know who you really are.

f. Fill in your email address

g. Accept Terms of Service

4. Name Your Blog

**a. FOLLOWING MY RULES, name your blog (this will be a new blog EVEN if you already have an account).**

**I REQUIRE you to name your blog in this way:**

**Your First Name, Space, Your Last name, apostrophe s EDM310 Blog**

**For example I would name my Blog: John Strange's EDM310 Blog**

b. Enter Your Blog URL Address

**\*\*\*\*\*I REQUIRE you to use this format\*\*\*\*\***

**If you do not use this format for your URL address, you will have 1 letter grade deducted from your Blog grade.**

**firstinitial,lastname,EDM310summer07**

**In other words I would use:  
jstrangeEDM310summer07**

This will be how you (and other people) get to your Blog

In the address of a browser I would type (following my example)

<http://jstrangeEDM310summer07.blogspot.com>

Capitalization counts. Follow my example.

c. Do the word verification as required.

5. Choose a Template

I ( REQUIRE that you select a Template that has a place for your picture on it

You can change the template later if you wish.

6. Make your first Post. Put in a title for the post and write a sentence welcoming readers to your Blog in the large section of the page.

7. Publish

8. View Blog

You will now be at what we call the Post Page. At the top of the page you will see 4 tabs: Posting, Settings, Template, View Blog.

Posts are your additions to your blog (text, pictures, links, audio, even video). You are required to make at least ONE post every week addressing the topics contained in a separate handout which I will distribute in class.

### **Settings:**

1. Click on the Settings Tab. We will make 3 changes to Settings

Under the Settings Tab there are several sub-tabs including Formatting and Comments.

2. Click on Formatting

a. Under Show (first line) change from 7 posts to 31 days.

b. Change the Time Zone from PST (Google, Blogger's owner, is in California) to CST. Click on PST and scroll down until you find a reference to Central Daylight Time (CDT) (or a city in our time zone). Select.

c. Scroll to bottom of page and Click Save Settings

3. Click on Comments (still under the Settings Tab)

a. Scroll down until you see "Show word verification for comments?" Change to Yes. This

prevents automatic posting of comments without human intervention. You had to do a word verification when you created your blog (type in weird letters) for the same reason

b. Scroll down and click on Save Settings

4. Now Click on the Orange B in the upper left corner of your page. (This takes you to the Dashboard where you can choose which of your Blogs (if you have more than one) to work on. There you can make New Posts or Manage Posts (Edit/View/ orDelete), Settings (like the ones we just changed), and Layout (modify, move, add or delete elements in the Template)

Now we will add your picture to your blog.

On the right side of the Dashboard you will find a link to Edit profile. Click on it.

Make sure there is a check by Share My profile and Show my real name (unless you have a legitimate reason for NOT doing this and explain it to me).

Under Photograph add this:

<http://www.johnstrange.com/edm310summer07/yourlastname.jpg>

For example I would use the following:

<http://www.johnstrange.com/edm310summer07/strange.jpg>

Now you have a blog with your picture on it. Post to it at least once a week  
How do you get to your blog to make a post?

Go to <http://www.blogger.com>  
Sign in with your User Name and password

Select the blog on which you want to work (you may have only one choice).

Put in a Title for your Post.  
Write your Post.

Click on Publish Post

# Adding Links and Pictures To Your Blog

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### Adding Links To A Blog

Create a Post

There are two tabs on the right side of the entry space. Click on Edit Html

Notice that there are several icons in the space just above the area in which you write your post. One looks like a picture. One looks like a chain link.

First, the chain link.

You use this tool to create a link to a specific web page.

Type in some text that will precede your link. For example you might write: If you would like to go to the home page of the University which I attend

Then click the link icon

You will then have to fill in the web address for the site to which the link is to send people. In this example we would write this address:

<http://www.usouthal.edu>

The computer adds the html code that creates a link

In this example it would be `<a href= "http://www.usouthal.edu">`

The cursor would be flashing here and after the flashing cursor would be `</a>`

Then Type **CLICK HERE**

Click here will become the link (or button)

Publish Your Post

View Your Blog

Refresh your blog if necessary to see the changes.

### Adding A Picture To Your Blog

Turn to your classmate on your right (or behind you. Ask them their name.

Type: I would like to introduce you to one of my classmates. This is (write their name here)

Click the picture icon

You have two choices. One is to select a picture from your computer (or your flash drive if it is connected to your computer. You could also choose a picture from a server (web site).

We will do the latter for this example.

In the URL space type (see explanation below:

<http://www.johnstrange.com/edm310sectioncodespring07LastName.jpg>

Everybody types <http://www.johnstrange.com>

Everybody types/edm310

YOU type the code for your section (tt930, tt11, tt2, t6)

Type spring07

Type /

Type the LastName of the student you are introducing

Type .jpg This is the type of compression used in photographs

**Change the size to small.** You can choose to place the picture on the left, right, or center. Choose left for this practice demonstration.

Click Agree to terms

Click Upload

After your picture has been uploaded (a copy will be sent to Google's server in California and put in your Blog folder)

**Publish** Your Post

View Your Blog

Refresh if necessary (it will probably be necessary)

The picture should appear.