

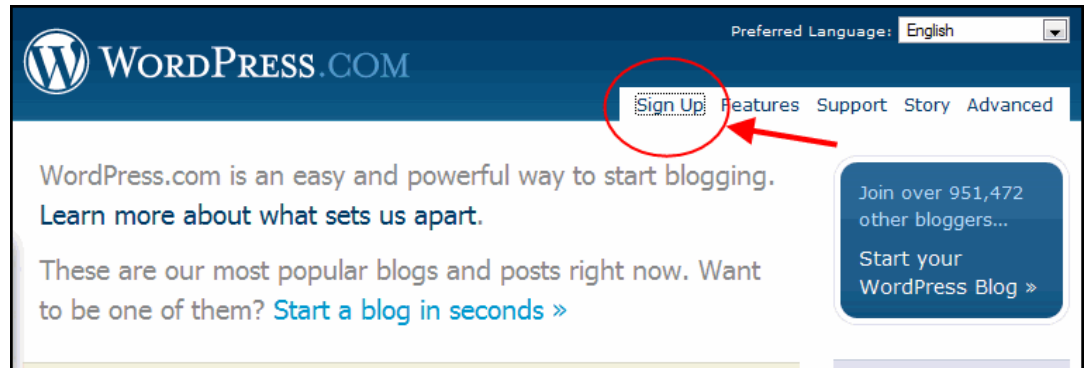
Let's Get Blogging!

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Start at

www.wordpress.com

Click "Sign up."



Provide a user name and email.

Your user name is what you'll log in with.

Write it down:

Read the user terms, and click "Gimme a blog."

A screenshot of the WordPress.com account creation form. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the WordPress logo and 'WORDPRESS.COM' in white. To the right, it says 'Preferred Language: English' with a dropdown arrow. Below the logo, there are links for 'Sign Up', 'Features', 'Support', 'Story', and 'Advanced'. The main content area has a light blue background with the text: 'Get your own WordPress.com account in seconds'. Below that, it says 'Fill out this one-step form and you'll be blogging seconds later!'. The form has three main sections: 'Username:' with a text input field containing 'angusotterson' and a note '(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)'; 'Email Address:' with a text input field containing 'angusotterson@gmail.com' and a note '(We'll send your password to this address, so triple-check it.)'; and 'Legal flotsam:' with a checked checkbox 'I have read and agree to the fascinating terms of service.' and two radio buttons: 'Gimme a blog! (Like username.wordpress.com)' and 'Just a username, please.'. At the bottom of the form is a 'Next >>' button.

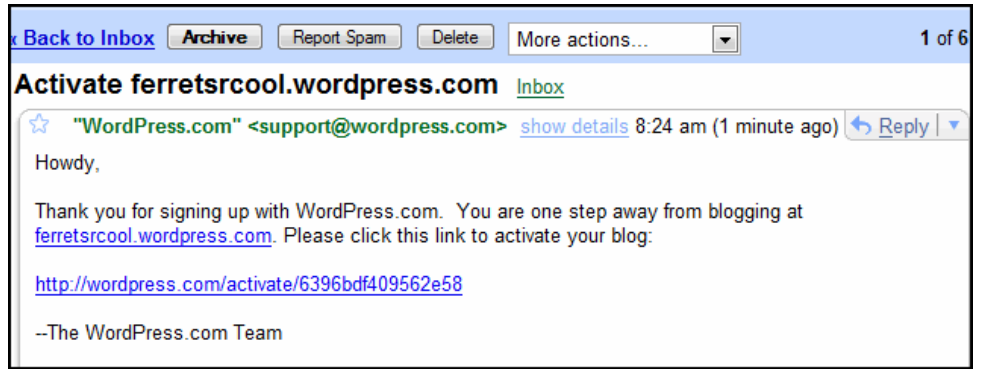
Pick a domain name for your blog (cannot be changed). Write it down:

Pick a Title (can be changed)

Make a decision about **privacy**.

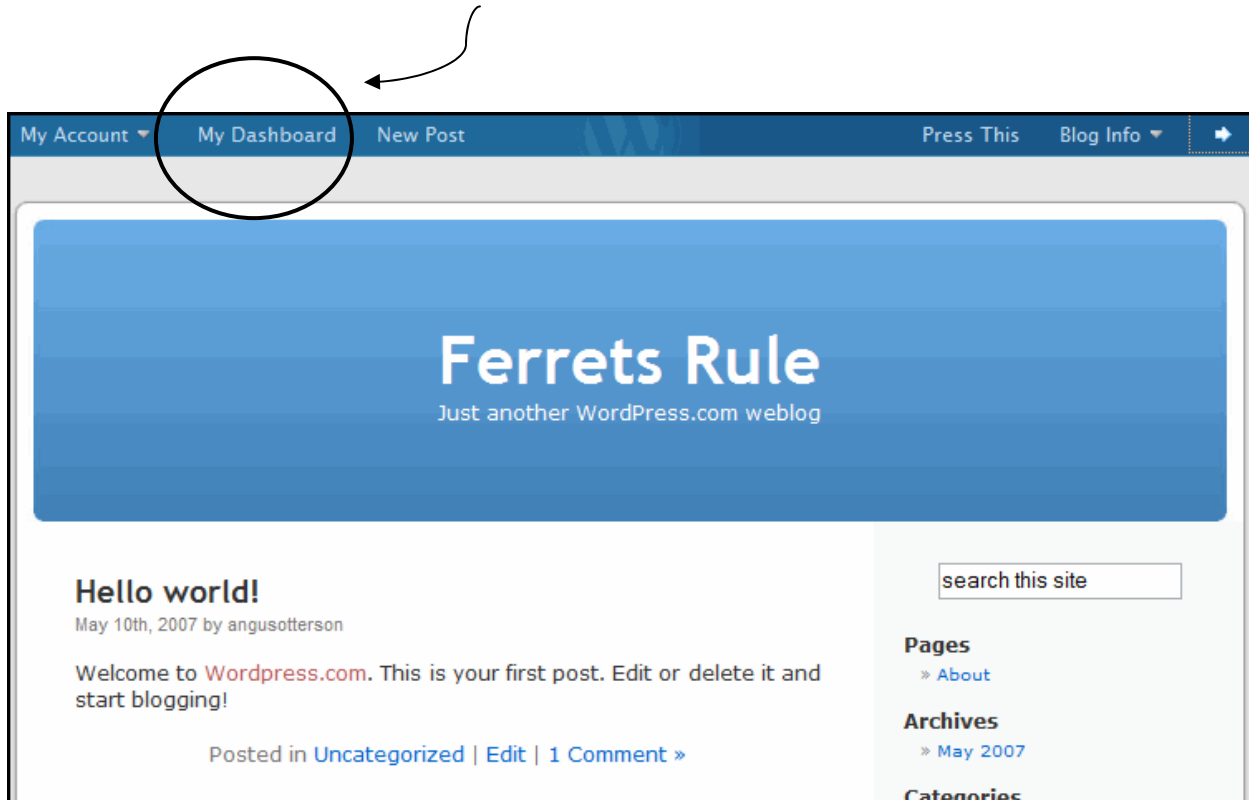
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Check your email
and follow the link.

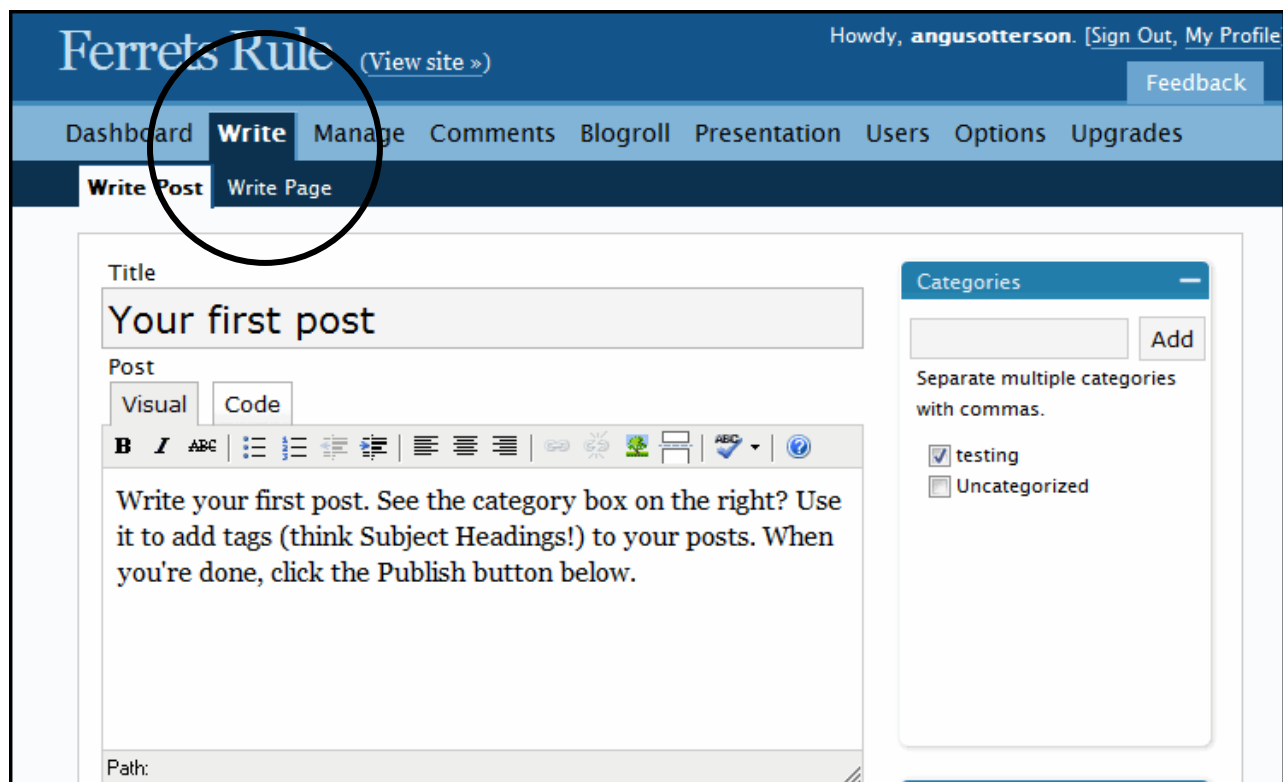


Make note of your password: _____

Your Blog! Click on My Dashboard.



The Dashboard takes you to a control panel; use it to manage the look and functionality. Click on the **Write Tab** and write your first post.



Pick Your Style. Finally, click on the **Presentation Tab** and select a look for your blog.

