WordPress.com

Log in via   wordpress.com

Username or an email address   _____

Password   _____

My website (or a blog) is   _____.wordpress.com

An example website is   italiancookingwithmary.wordpress.com
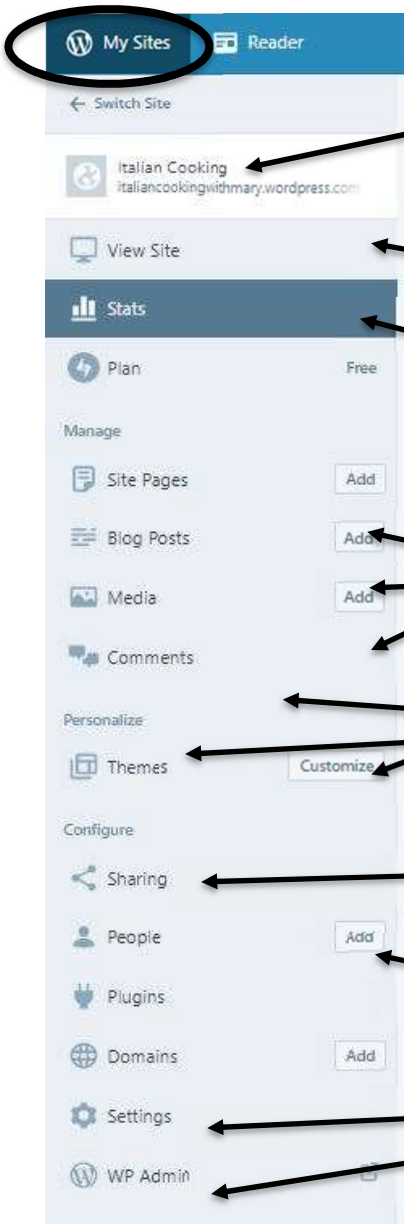

All set up. What is next?

After I log in, I see the "**Reader**" page. Because I chose to follow a handful of WordPress sites, this is where I can see the most recent blog posts made by those sites. I can use the search option and type in some keywords in order to find more interesting blogs to follow. Try it.

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Dashboard

How do I access my site?

To get to the **dashboard** I need to click on "**My Sites**". Dashboard is where all the things main things are located.

This identifies the site I am working on. (Users can have multiple sites. To switch to a different one I can click on "Switch Site").

If I wanted to preview how my site looks like on a PC, or a tablet or smartphone screen.

Shows the statistics related to my site visits, likes and comments.

I currently have free WordPress account. Paid version offers more features such as extra storage space and a personalized domain name (e.g. italiancookingwithmary.com)

Site pages shows the pages (the menu items)

If I wanted to make a new blog post I would click "add"

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If I wanted to upload a photo to add to my site I could do it from here;

Here I can see if visitors left any comments on blog posts.

If I needed to change my theme or customize the current one, this if where I would click

If I wanted to set up so that my site updates get automatically shared via my Facebook, Twitter and similar social media accounts

Or add extra people to help edit my site or contribute content

Plugins are the things for my sidebar or footer (if the theme allows)

I can add a custom domain name (but that is a paid feature)

Other behind the scenes stuff;

Behind the scenes extra (the old style WordPress) dashboard access. New users may not see this option listed, however it is still accessible by typing: yoursitename.wordpress.com/wp-admin

WP Admin

Why use the old dashboard?

Well, it has some of the features that were not migrated into the new version. This dashboard is what you would typically encounter if you were working with WordPress.org.

yoursitename.wordpress.com/wp-admin

One Account Multiple Sites

If I wanted to add an extra site to my account, or switch to work on a different site that I already created, I need to click on "**Switch Site**".

I can click on any of these sites in order to access their dashboard.
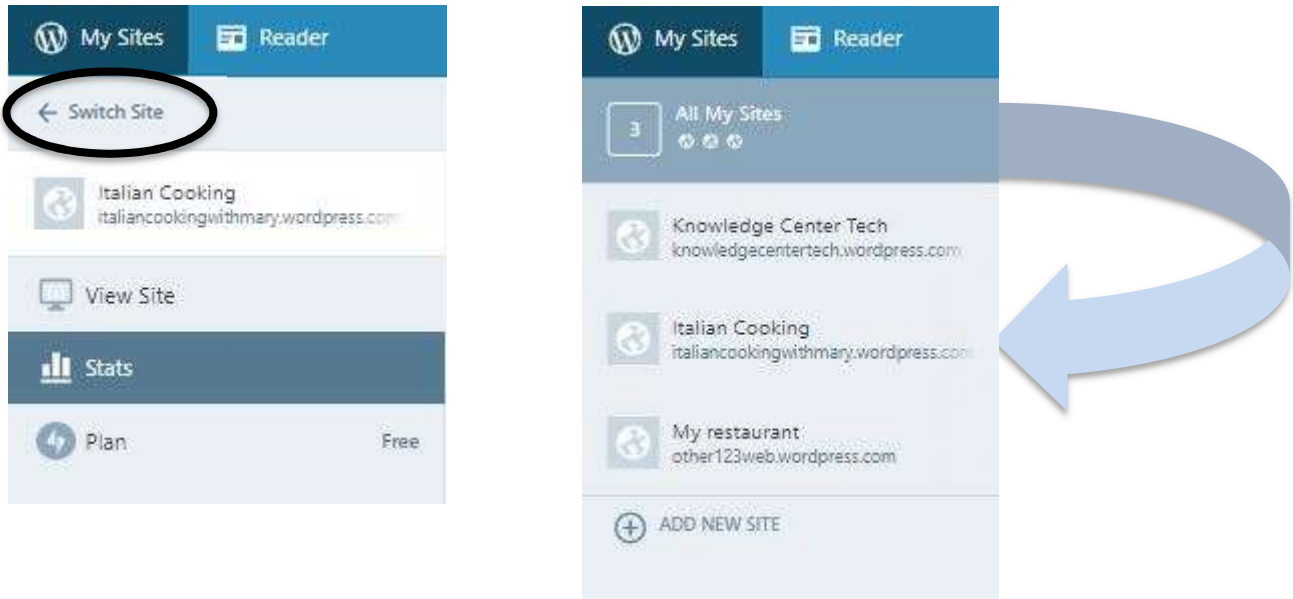
Content

New blog post:

Save

Title of the blog post

Blog post content goes here.

You can include photos and videos into the body of the blog. Press the + sign to insert images (from the computer or from an online location).

To insert a video from YouTube click on the chain link icon and paste the URL.

Once the title and the blog content is completed, the next step is:

- deciding to save it as a draft in order to come back and add more content at a later time (actually the content auto-saves the post as a draft from the get go),
- to publish immediately
- or to schedule a post to go at a later date and time.

Posts can also be password protected, so only the people who know the password can access your content.

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Write 4

Preview   Post Settings   **Update**

Post Settings ✕

Status ▲

📅 Published
Today at 1:50 PM ⌄

🔒 Password Protected ⌄

testing

↩ Revert to draft

🕙 1 revision

Categories & Tags
Uncategorized ⌄

Featured Image ⌄

Sharing ⌄

Post Format
Standard ⌄

More Options ⌄
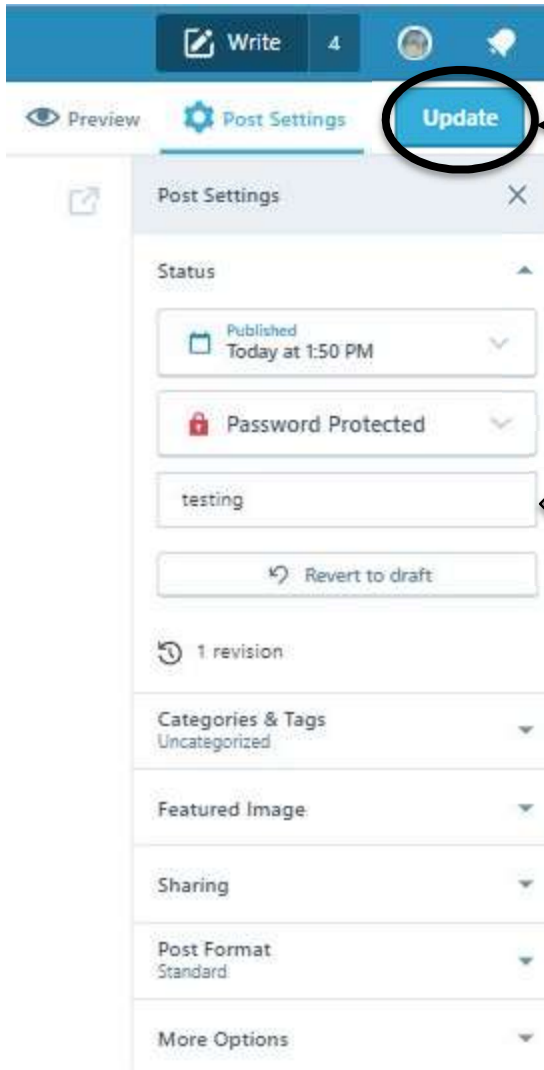
Make up a password for this particular post -- and do not forget to click "Publish" or "Update" if you are updating the post that was previously published.

Sample password
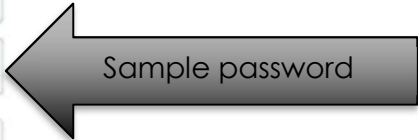
This is how the post ends up looking:

Sample post

Italian Cooking

Home   About   My Favorite Recipe Books   Contact Me   Key Sites ▾

(this is a sample site)

Protected: Test Post Password

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This content is password protected. To view it please enter your password below:

PASSWORD [   ] ENTER

CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED · EDIT

COOKBOOK

Follow via Email
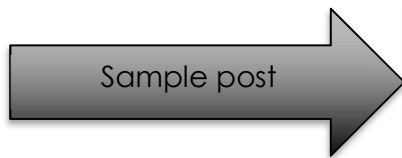
Ready to learn more?

<u>**Online:**</u>

WordPress.com support:
https://en.support.wordpress.com/

WordPress tips (general):
https://learn.wordpress.com/

WordPress (different topics):
http://wordpress.tv/

Lynda.com (via library login): https://skokielibrary.info/resources/online-training-tutorials/
Search: "WordPress.com Essential Training"

Gale Courses (via library login: https://education.gale.com/l-skokiepl/SearchResults.aspx?SearchTerms=wordpress
This service offers a variety of other topics you can explore. Instruction takes form of online classes. You have to register ahead of time in order to participate.

Coursera:
https://www.coursera.org/learn/how-to-create-a-website

Udemy:
https://www.udemy.com/courses/search/?q=wordpress&price=price-free

Treehouse.com (via library login – advanced learners – request access):
https://skokielibrary.info/resources/online-training-tutorials/
Are you interested in the technical aspect of web development? Request access and check out "WordPress Development" section.

WordPress blogging tips:
https://dailypost.wordpress.com/blogging-university/

Hongkiat's (HKDC) WordPress tips (general):
http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/category/wordpress/

WPBeginner on Youtube:
https://www.youtube.com/user/wpbeginner

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Books:
(Paper books)

"WordPress Web design for dummies" by Lisa Sabin-Wilson

"WordPress in easy steps" by Darryl Barlett

"Teach yourself visually WordPress" by George Plumley

"WordPress: the missing manual: the book that should have been in the box" by Matthew

MacDonald

(ebooks)

"Professional WordPress design and development" by Brad Williams, David Damstra, Hal Stern

"WordPress for beginners: How to create and set up your own website or blog using

WordPress" by Joseph Joyner

"Practical Web Design for Absolute Beginners" by Adrian W. West

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