



OBTAIN HOSTING

	Blogger	Wordpress.com	Siteground
Type of site	Blog-style website	Blog-style website	Any
URL (basic)	BLOGNAME.blogspot.com	BLOGNAME.wordpress.com	MYDOMAIN.com
URL (premium)/cost	MYDOMAIN.com/cost of domain	MYDOMAIN.com/cost of domain + cost of premium plan (\$4 - 25/month)	Not applicable
Design options	Limited choice of free themes	Limited choice of free themes on free plan; premium themes available	Any website types: unlimited. Wordpress: unlimited
Plug-ins/add-ons	None	Unavailable on free plan; need Business Plan (\$25/month) to install plugins	Unlimited
Help available?	Help forum	Help forum & premium support	24/7 support for hosting issues, other support depends on site
Other	Bare-bones. No plug-ins, very limited options and no way to upgrade to a premium plan.	Free plan has wordpress.com ads on sites. Company can take your site offline at any time for any reason (read the fine print). Anything you want to add on will mean you have to have a premium plan.	Complete freedom regarding design, email, installations, but you have to invest a little bit of time to find your way around.

Blogger or Wordpress.com sites can be exported and re-imported into a self-hosted Wordpress installation later, but be prepared for a hassle.

Pro tip: if you have the funds, go with a self-hosted Wordpress

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