

# Lesson One

## ~ Signing Up For WordPress ~



1. Visit WordPress.com and click on **Sign Up Now**.

**You will then see this page.**

2. Enter your blog address where prompted. This will be your blog's URL. Make sure this relates to your business.
3. Enter a Username in the next field. You will use this to log in and be known around the WordPress.com community by this handle
4. Add Password and confirm. Make it strong - use numbers, letters and symbols. This password is case sensitive.

5. Make note of your Username, Password and new blog URL. You will need this info often. I use a free tool called [KeePass](#) to store all my passwords securely.
6. Add a valid and correct email address in the proper field.
7. Click Sign Up! (You can read the terms and conditions first, the link is right below sign up now.)

### Check Your E-mail to Complete Registration

An e-mail has been sent to [redacted] to activate your account. Check your inbox and click the link in the message. It should arrive within 30 minutes. If you do not activate your account within two days, you will have to sign up again.

**Update Your Profile!**  
If you haven't got your activation e-mail why not update your profile while you wait?

**First Name:**

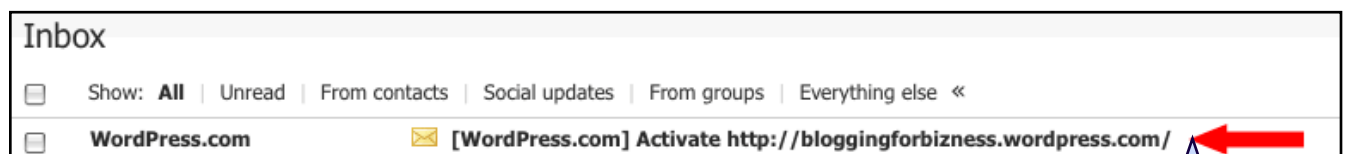
**Last Name:**

**About Yourself:**

[Save Profile →](#)

**You will then be prompted to verify your email address.**

8. Before you check your email, you can enter some basic information. Enter your name and an about yourself blurb then click "save profile".



9. Now check your email account and look for an email like above. If it doesn't show up check your junk folder, or wait a couple of minutes. Once you find the email, click on the activation link inside and you will be brought to a "Your Account Is Active" page.

## Your account is now active!

Username:

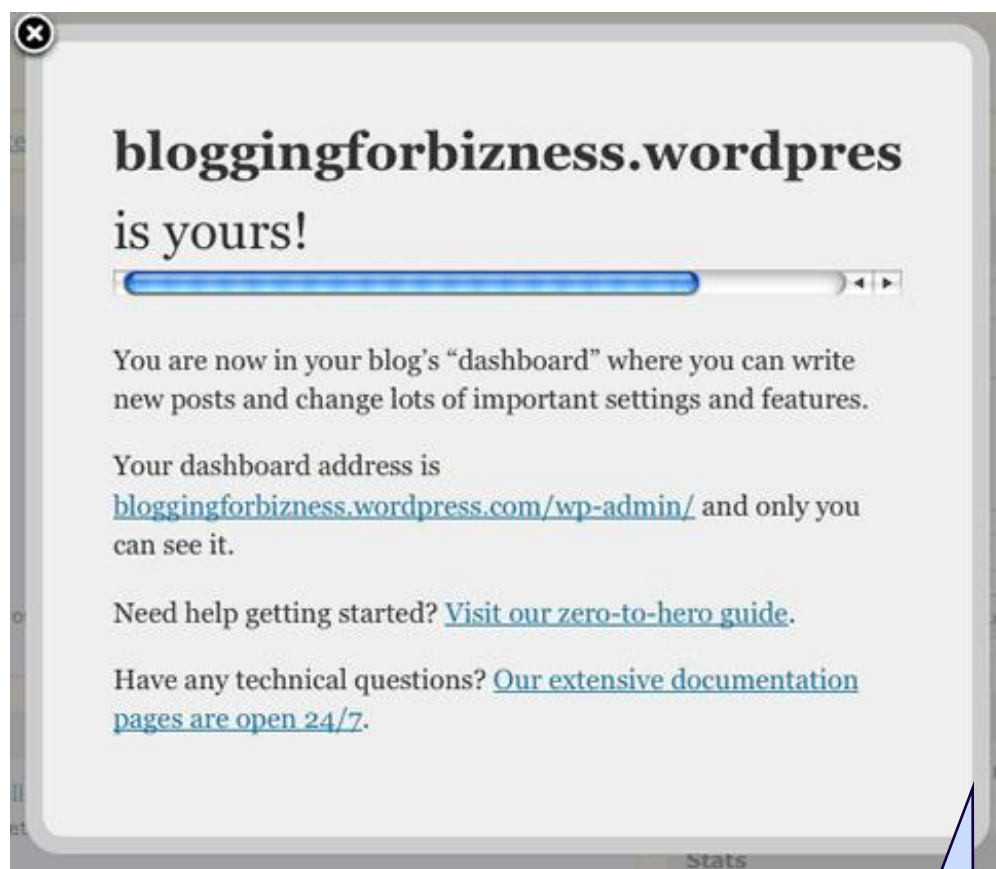
Password:

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Your account is now active. [View your site](#) or [Login](#)

10. On this page you can either view your site or login. We will just log in because we haven't done anything to the site yet anyways. Click on login and you will see your Welcome Pop-Up...



11. Before you close this pop up, note the following details: Your dashboard address, help guide locations and support. Once you close this pop up you will be looking at the back office of your new website.

***Congratulations, you now have a new business blog! Further lessons will teach you how to customize and control it.***