

## Blog Hosts

	WordPress.com - Automattic	Blogger - Google	TypePad - Six Apart
<b>Hosting</b>	Free	Free	Basic: \$49.50p/a Plus: \$89.50 p/a Pro: \$149.50 p/a Premium: \$299.50 p/a Business: \$899.50 p/a
<b>URL</b>	Free if you are happy with <a href="http://yourname.wordpress.com">http://yourname.wordpress.com</a>	Free if you are happy with <a href="http://yourname.blogspot.com">http://yourname.blogspot.com</a>	Basic plan (\$49.50) allows <a href="http://yourname.typepad.com">http://yourname.typepad.com</a>
<b>Domain Mapping (redirect to your URL)</b>	\$10 p/year to redirect to your own domain if you have one \$15 p/year to buy domain through WordPress and redirect	\$10 p/year to buy and redirect to your own domain	\$89.50 p/year for Plus Plan (minimum required to redirect to your own domain)
<b>Space</b>	Storage – 3GB – Free Additional 5GB \$20/year Additional 15GB \$50/year Additional 25GB \$90p/year	Page limit: 1 MB About Profile: 1200 characters Blog Description: 500 characters Images: 1 GB shared w/Picasa Additional space on Picasa: 6GB \$25/year	Basic: 100MB Plus: 500MB Pro: 1 GB Premium:3 GB Business: 4GB
<b>File Uploads</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Google Indexed Pages</b>	47 Million	2.21 Million	5.65 Million
<b>Web Standard (W3C)</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Sign up Requirements</b>	Valid e-mail address	Google account	Credit card
<b>Technical Skill required</b>	No	No	No
<b>Automatically updated</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Advertising</b>	No ads allowed	Ads allowed	Ads allowed
<b>Create Static Pages</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Categories</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Anti Spam</b>	Akismet (also by Automattic)	Yes	Yes
<b>Back Up</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Design</b>	Limited	Limited	Limited

## Blogging Software

	<b>WordPress - Automattic</b>	<b>Moveable Type - Six Apart</b>
<b>Software</b>	<p>General Public License (GPL)</p> <p>Open source</p> <p>Free and Fully Supported</p> <p><i>Additionally, WordPress offers WordPressMU Multi User, Free, fully supported</i></p>	<p>8 Licenses depending on use:</p> <p><b>Personal:</b> Non commercial – free</p> <p><b>Commercial:</b> 5 Users \$295.95 (includes 12 months support, 1 contact) 10 Users - \$595.95 (includes 12 months support, 2 contacts) 20 Users \$995.95 (includes 12 months support, 3 contacts) 20+ Users POA</p> <p><b>Nonprofit:</b> 5 Users: \$99.95 (includes 12 months support, 1 contact) 10 Users: \$149.95 (includes 12 months support, 2 contacts) 20 Users:\$199.95 (includes 12 months support, 3 contacts) 20+ Users: POA</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Single Classroom K-12: \$49.95 (12 months support, 1 contact) Up to 300 students K-12: \$299.95 (12 months support, 2 contacts) Sitewide K-12: \$995.95 (12 months support, 3 contacts) 300+ Students K-12 and Higher Education: POA</p> <p><b>Enterprise/Reseller/Hosting Provider</b> Price on application.</p> <p><b>Open Source</b> An open source license of Movable Type is now available. No support.</p>
<b>URL</b>	Buy your own domain	Buy your own domain
<b>Costs</b>	Domain name (annual) Hosting fees (annual)	Domain name (annual) Hosting fees (annual) Software license (see above)
<b>Plug Ins</b>	1,759	620
<b>Blog Design</b>	Full control	Full control
<b>Technical Skills Required</b>	Understanding of FTP, databases, installing updates, making backups, ensuring anti spam add-ons/plugins are kept up to date, and some knowledge of CSS and PHP	Understanding FTP, databases, installing updates, making backups, ensuring anti spam add-ons/plugins are kept up to date, and some knowledge of CSS and PHP