

Going Further with Blogs@VT

Once you've created your Blog@VT with Wordpress, you can add content and change the look and feel of your blog. There are usually several ways to do the same task within Wordpress, we will show you one way, but feel free to explore and find the work flow that works best for you.

Adding Posts

1. Log into your Wordpress Blog at <http://blogs.lt.vt.edu> or by going directly to your page at <http://blogs.lt.vt.edu/yourblogname> and click on Log In

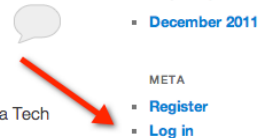
Welcome!

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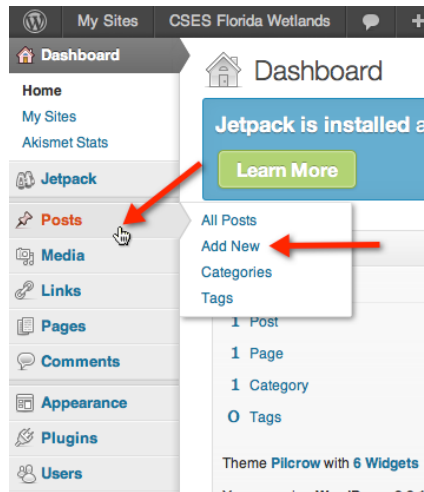
This is Virginia Tech's production instance of WordPress, open to anyone at Virginia Tech to make their own blog!

Feel free to [sign up for your own blog here](#).

If you need support for WordPress, please [submit a ticket](#) to 4help.



2. You should be logged into the dashboard. To create a new post, click on Posts on the toolbar and Add New



3. Your publishing box should include the following items:

The screenshot shows the WordPress publishing interface. At the top, there is a text box labeled "Enter title here" with a red callout box that says "Enter your title". Below this is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, and list. A red callout box points to the toolbar with the text "Click here to add images or movies to your post". The main content area is a large text box with a red callout box that says "Create your post here. Use the tools above to format your post." To the right of the text editor is the "Publish" sidebar. It includes a "Save Draft" button with a red callout box that says "Click here to save a draft of your post.", a "Preview" button, and a "Publish" button with a red callout box that says "Click here to publish your post". Below the "Publish" sidebar is the "Tags" section with a text input field and an "Add" button, with a red callout box that says "Add Tags here to organize your posts".

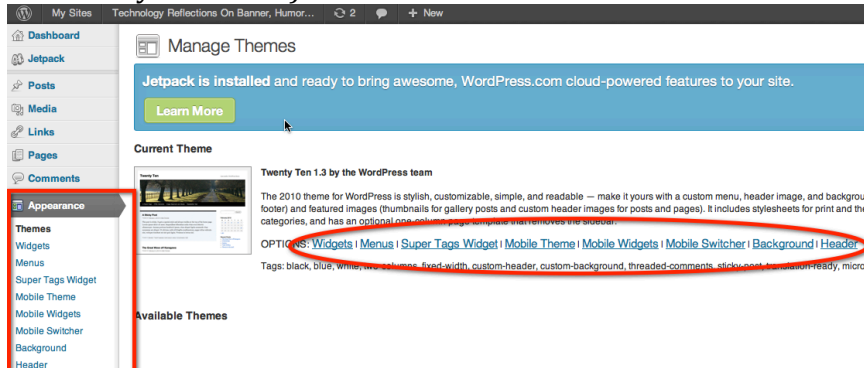
Changing your Blog's Theme and Widgets

The theme of your blog is a predesigned layout of your Wordpress Blog. You can customize the background colors, header image and the widgets on your site.

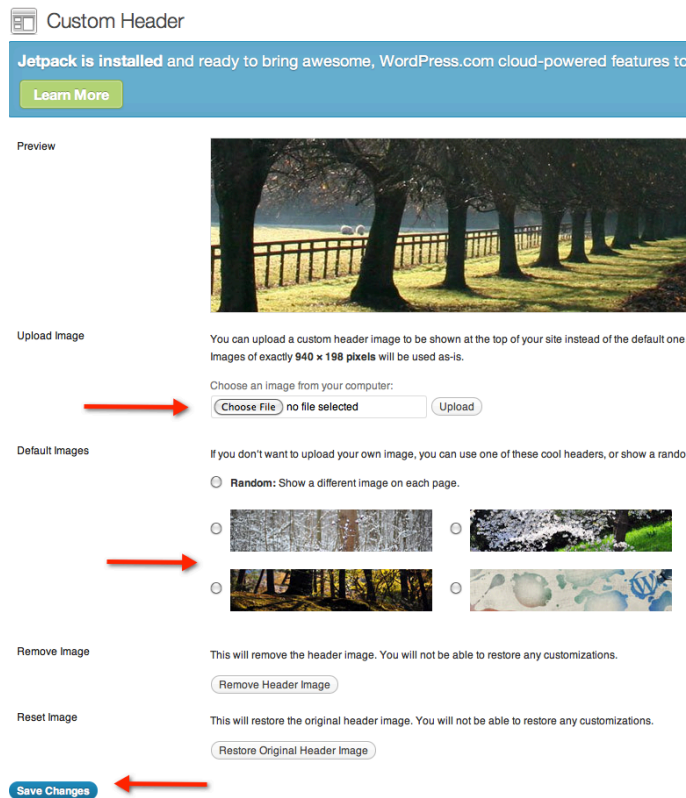
1. From your blog's dashboard, click on Appearance. The Themes Page will open. You can see the current themes and search available themes. To change your theme click on Activate next to the desired theme.

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard's Appearance section. The left sidebar contains a menu with "Appearance" highlighted. The main content area is titled "Manage Themes" and features a "Jetpack is installed and ready to be used" notification. Below this, the "Current Theme" section shows "Twenty Ten 1.3 by the WordPress Team" with a red arrow pointing to it. The "Available Themes" section shows a list of themes, with a red arrow pointing to the "Atahualpa 3.7.3 by BytesForAll" theme. At the bottom of the "Atahualpa" theme card, there is a red arrow pointing to the "Activate | Preview" link.

- You'll see some options available that you change (these may vary depending on which theme you choose).



- The easiest change you can make is to change the header image. If you have an image you want to use, be sure to save it to your harddrive. Click on Header, Click on Choose File and browse to your file. You can edit which part of the image shows just by dragging the highlighted box to the desired location.



- Have fun with customizing your blog. Check out the Widgets that you can add, add more pages, visit the tools link, and change the settings on your blog.