

# GET STARTED WITH YOUR BUSINESS BLOG



## SELECT A BLOGGING PLATFORM



Wordpress.org is the most popular blogging platform. It's free and easy. But there are others: Wix, Wordpress.com, Blogger (Google), Medium, Tumblr, Ello and more. Depending on your platform, you may need a host such as iPage. Get pros and cons for the most popular choices [here](#).

## PICK A DOMAIN NAME

Your blog can have a distinct, catchy and relevant name with a link to and from your website or be self-hosted as [www.companyname.com/blog](#). Although the standard is now for self-hosted sites, others insist the ease of use and support features make a case for the former.



## DESIGN IT

There are countless themes, templates, drag-and drop builders, etc. for any requirements. Need grids for landscape shots? Text heavy? Have food photos? In search of an interesting quote pull out? There's a pre-made format for you! Or play around and create your own.

## INSERT BACK-END FEATURES

Increase your blog traffic: Activate features provided by your platform (such as Jetpack on Wordpress) and link your social media accounts to auto-publish on them. Install an SEO plug-in (such as Yoast). Insert pictures or videos in your post. Use hyperlinks.



## CREATE A CALENDAR

Decide when and how often you will post a blog. Keep a calendar to coordinate posts with events, company news or industry trends. Decide what topics make sense and what are off limits.

## RESEARCH, WRITE AND PUBLISH!