



This semester you're going to create an ePortfolio to showcase your writing development over the course of the semester. You will need to create a home page and four or more subpages. These pages should include: live links to other websites and/or PDF documents and captioned images. For extra credit, you can add one or more "interesting" web elements of your choice, such as a photo gallery or an embedded video clip. But we'll get to all that soon enough. For now, here are the basics of how to set up your website. Read through this entire page before you start the website set-up!

- Navigate to wordpress.com to create your website. Just click on "Get Started" and fill out the basic forms.
- Send an email to yourself with your URL, username, and password.
- Take at least 20 minutes to check out the different "Themes," or website designs. Pick one that you feel best represents you and your work. Themes are difficult to change, so feel free to take your time in deciding.
- Done? Great! Now, on your website's home page, write a paragraph (5-7 sentences) explaining why you chose the theme you did.
- When you're done, send me an email (deg97@cornell.edu) with your URL, the name of your website, and your username.
- Now, take an hour and just play around with your new website. Check out the tool bars, try inserting links to websites, or put up a photo that you like. See what works, and what doesn't. Playing, without a specific goal in mind, is probably the easiest way to learn a new technology.