

# Start Blogging Now

using [BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com) and Wordpress 2.6.5

Hello,

This is an ebook that will teach you how to start blogging using [BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com). Please [go to BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com) and [create an account](#), the steps to register are kinda obvious so I won't explain how to do this assuming you're clever enough to do this yourself (and of course you are)! After you've created your blog and received a random password you'll want to start blogging right away of course. But first things first. This ebook will explain you how to cover the basic steps and start blogging for real in no time!

This first essential part covers the following steps:

- Update your profile and Password.
- Edit or delete your default first post.
- Edit or delete your default first comment.
- Change or remove the default «about» page.

First of all you should login on [the BlogLeaf homepage](#).

## **Update your profile and Password:**

Upon successfully creating your own WordPress blog, you should take a moment to update your profile information and change the random password to something memorable.

After logging in to your account using the information provided during the registration click the «Users» button from the admin panel and then click on «Your Profile». You should find yourself at your profile page. Update your nickname, website and other information and at the bottom of the page don't forget to change your password to something you'll be able to remember. To save all your changes click on the «Update Profile» button.

## **Edit or delete your default first post:**

You may have noticed, upon visiting the homepage of your new blog, that it's not empty. During the installation process, WordPress automatically added your first post, first comment and «about» page for you. Because each of these won't make sense to your visitors you should either delete or edit them.

So first of all we'll edit your first blog post. After you've logged in you'll see your admin dashboard. Click on the «Manage» button from the menu. A list of all your blog entries should appear and you see a post titled «Hello world!». Directly to the right of that post you should see three links: «View», «Edit» and «Delete».

If you don't even want to bother editing this first default post, simply click on the «Delete» link and the post, along with its comment, will be removed from your blog. On the other hand you can edit this post and create an introductory post using the default one as a template.

To do this, click on the «Edit» link next to the post. When the editing page loads, the default title and content will appear. Simply highlight what you would like to change and type over it. When you've finished editing the post just click on the «Save» button below the post content area.

### **Edit or delete your default first comment:**

Unless you deleted the first default post, you will have a generic comment to deal with. To remove this comment, click on the «Manage» button from your admin menu, then click the «Comments» button and when the page is loaded all you will have to do is click on the «Delete Comment» link.

### **Change or remove the default «about» page:**

The «about» page is what lets your blog visitors know more about you and the topic of your blog. You should probably keep this page, however, if you don't know what to post on that page, just delete it!

Again, from the admin panel click on the «Manage» button and then click on the «Pages» button. Much like editing the first default post, you should see a blog entry titled «about» with three links directly to the right of it. To delete the page immediately, simply click on the «Delete» link, otherwise, click on the «Edit» link.

After you've updated the page with the information you want to display to your blog visitors, make sure to click the «Save» button below the post content area to save your changes.

By this time your blog from [BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com) is ready for use and you can start posting new blog entries, pictures, videos and other things!

This second part covers the following optional steps:

- Changing the default WordPress theme.
- Activating plugins.

### **Changing the default WordPress theme:**

There are a few premium themes installed by the [BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com) crew so you don't have to worry about uploading them! You can check out which ones were uploaded by the team [on our homepage \(click on «Next Entries» under the «Create Your Blog» button or look at the «News» sidebar\)](#). Just go to your admin panel after you've logged in on [the BlogLeaf homepage](#). Click on the «Presentation» button from the menu, after you've done this you should see a number of tiny screenshots from all the available themes. Clicking on them will show you a demo of how your website would look when using this template and in the top right corner you can activate the theme.

### **Activating plugins:**

BlogLeaf has uploaded a few plugins for you, you can find more info about them [on our homepage](#) (click on «Next Entries» under the «Create Your Blog» button or look at the «News» sidebar). To activate them go to your admin panel and select «Plugins» from the admin menu. When the list of plugins appears, scroll down and find the title of the plugin you would like to use, then click on the «Activate» text next to it. You can do the same thing to «Deactivate» a plugin.

This is only intended to be a quick guide to getting started on [BlogLeaf.com](http://BlogLeaf.com) but if you have questions you can use the «Help Desk» button from the admin menu!

Regards,  
The BlogLeaf Team.