

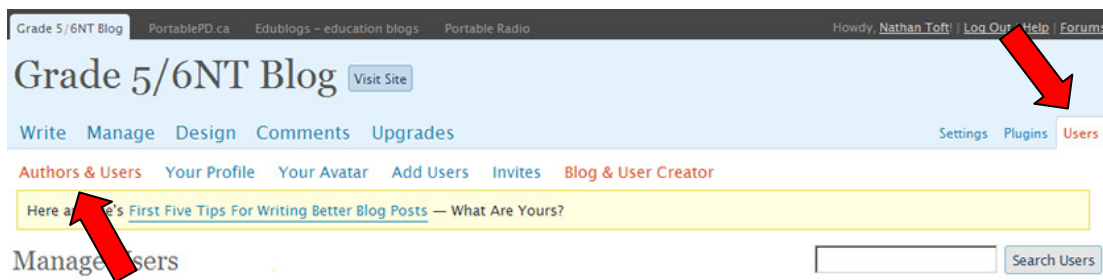


Class Blog: Students as Contributors

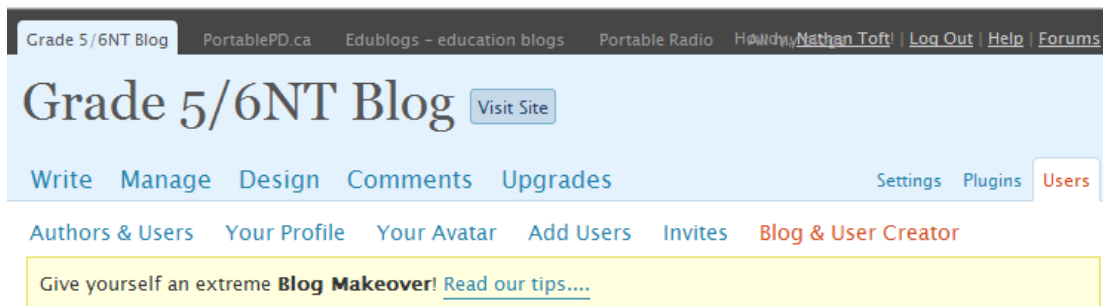
I prefer to have my students contribute to one class blog instead of each having their own. This allows me to moderate everything they write.

I'm assuming you have already set up a class blog using edublogs.org. The following explains how to set up 15 students as contributors at a time – using a single gmail email address. Repeat the process for as many contributors you need.

1. Get yourself a gmail account by visiting <http://mail.google.com/mail/signup>.
2. Login into your class blog and select Users/Blog and Users Creator:



3. Click on "Advanced". It will now say "Simple":



Blog & User Creator (Simple)

Fill out the details below to easily create multiple users and blogs and add yourself as admin to them (if you wish).

You can create up to 15 different users and blogs at one time and new users will be emailed their usernames and passwords automatically. If you need more than 15 please simply process this form and then start again.

Please try to use unique usernames and blog URLs as this will make the process a lot quicker for you. An easy way to do this is to add numbers and letters after a regular name – for example 'James' at 'Kings Heath School' in year 10 could be 'jameskh10'.



4. Scroll down and fill the details for your first student. Leave the "Blog URL" and "Blog Titles" blank. That way the students won't end up having their own blog.

1:

User Name	<input type="text" value="alc01"/>
	<small>This will be the name used to log in, try to choose something that will be unique - e.g. jamesqt3 For existing users, leave this form blank and just enter the user email below.</small>
User Email	<input type="text" value="nathantoft+alc01@gmail.com"/>
	<small>Required - if a user already exists with this email address, that user will be added to the blog you are creating. If your users do not have email addresses you can use this Gmail hack to quickly fix that!</small>
User Password	<input type="text" value="alc01blog"/>
	<small>Leave this blank for a random password to be automatically generated and emailed to the user.</small>
Blog Url	<input type="text"/>
	<small>You must fill this in for a blog to be created - try to choose something unique - e.g. myblog1aq will create http://myblog1aq.edublogs.org/</small>
Blog Title	<input type="text"/>
	<small>Required if you are creating a blog - this will appear as the title and can easily be changed later on - e.g. My School Blog</small>
Blog Type	<input type="text" value="Student"/>
Add Admin	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	<small>This will add you as a co-administrator of the blog so you can log into it and edit settings / make posts.</small>

Notice the email field. My gmail is nathantoft@gmail.com. For each student, I added "+ alc#". You can add whatever you want after the "+". Here are what some of my email addresses look like:

nathantoft+alc01@gmail.com
nathantoft+alc03@gmail.com

nathantoft+alc02@gmail.com
nathantoft+alc04@gmail.com



5. Once you've filled out the fields for your first 15 students, click "Create". Repeat step 4 to finish off your class:

15:

User Name	<input type="text" value="alc32"/>
	This will be the name used to log in, try to choose something that will be unique – e.g. jamesqt3 For existing users, leave this form blank and just enter the user email below.
User Email	<input type="text" value="nathantoft+alc32@gmail.com"/>
	Required – if a user already exists with this email address, that user will be added to the blog you are creating. If your users do not have email addresses you can use this Gmail hack to quickly fix that!
User Password	<input type="text" value="alc32blog"/>
	Leave this blank for a random password to be automatically generated and emailed to the user.
Blog Url	<input type="text"/>
	You must fill this in for a blog to be created – try to choose something unique – e.g. myblog1aq will create http://myblog1aq.edublogs.org/
Blog Title	<input type="text"/>
	Required if you are creating a blog – this will appear as the title and can easily be changed later on – e.g. My School Blog
Blog Type	<input type="text" value="Student"/>
Add Admin	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	This will add you as a co-administrator of the blog so you can log into it and edit settings / make posts.

This may take some time so please be patient.

6. Click "Authors & Users":

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Authors & Users | Your Profile | Your Avatar | Add Users | Invites | Blog & User Creator

Give yourself an extreme **Blog Makeover!** [Read our tips....](#)

Manage Users



7. Important: you will need to change your students' privileges to be "Contributors". Check off all of the students and select "Change Role to Contributor":

Manage Users

All Users | Administrator (1) | Subscriber (15)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Username	Role	E-mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	01alc	Contributor	nathantoft+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	02alc	Contributor	nathantoft+

8. An easy way for students to login is to create a link taking them directly to the page where they can write a post. Click on "Write" then copy the URL in the address bar of your browser:

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http://grade5nt.edublogs.org/wp-admin/post-new.php

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9. Select "Link":

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10. Paste in the URL in the "Web Address" field. Fill in the other fields. Click on "Save":

Add Link

Name

Example: Nifty blogging software

Web Address

Example: http://wordpress.org/ — don't forget the http://

Description

This will be shown when someone hovers over the link in the blogroll, or optionally below the link.

Keep this link private

Save

Related

- [Manage All Links](#)
- [Manage All Link Categories](#)
- [Import Links](#)

11. Make sure your "Links" (also known as your "BlogRoll") are set to appear in your blog. Go to Design/Widgets to check. Save any changes you make:

Write Manage **Design** Comments Upgrades Settings Plugins Users

Themes **Widgets**

Are you new to blogging and wondering how to get started blogging with your students? Read the [on this post for tips](#). Please share your blogging experience and advice to educators new to blogging here!

Changes saved.

Widgets

Search Widgets

Available Widgets

Show all widgets

- ClustrMaps** [Add](#)
- Pages** [Add](#)
- Search** [Add](#)
- Calendar** [Add](#) A calendar of your blog's posts
- Archives** [Add](#) A monthly archive of your blog's posts
- Links** [Add](#) Your blogroll

Current Widgets

Sidebar 1

You are using 1 widget in the "Sidebar 1" sidebar.
Add more from the Available Widgets section.

Categories: 5/6NT is... [Edit](#)



12. Test if everything is working. After logging out, visit your blog and click on the link you created to login as a student:

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About

Grade 5/6NT is located in Stittsville, Ontario Canada's national capital.

Our teacher is Nathan Toft. We hope you forward to hearing from you. Please leave function.



13. All going well, you'll see the following login screen:



Username

Password

Remember Me

[Lost your password?](#)



14. After you login in as one of your student, you should be taken directly to a page where your students can write posts. Notice the "Howdy, Student Name":

Grade 5/6NT Blog Edublogs - education blogs Howdy, 01alc! | Log Out | Help | Forums

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Post

Here are Sue's [First Five Tips For Writing Better Blog Posts](#) — What Are Yours?

Write Post

15. Once a student has written a post, have them click "Submit for Review". This sends it to your account where you can decide if it is worthy of publication.

Write Post

Title

Hello from Student 01

Permalink: <http://grade5nt.edublogs.org/2008/07/03/hello-from-student-01/> [Edit](#)

Post Add media: **Visual** HTML

B *I* ABC

This is my first post. I hope you like it.

[Preview this Post](#)

Publish Status

Unpublished

[Save](#) [Submit for Review](#)

Draft Saved at 11:10:56 am.

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