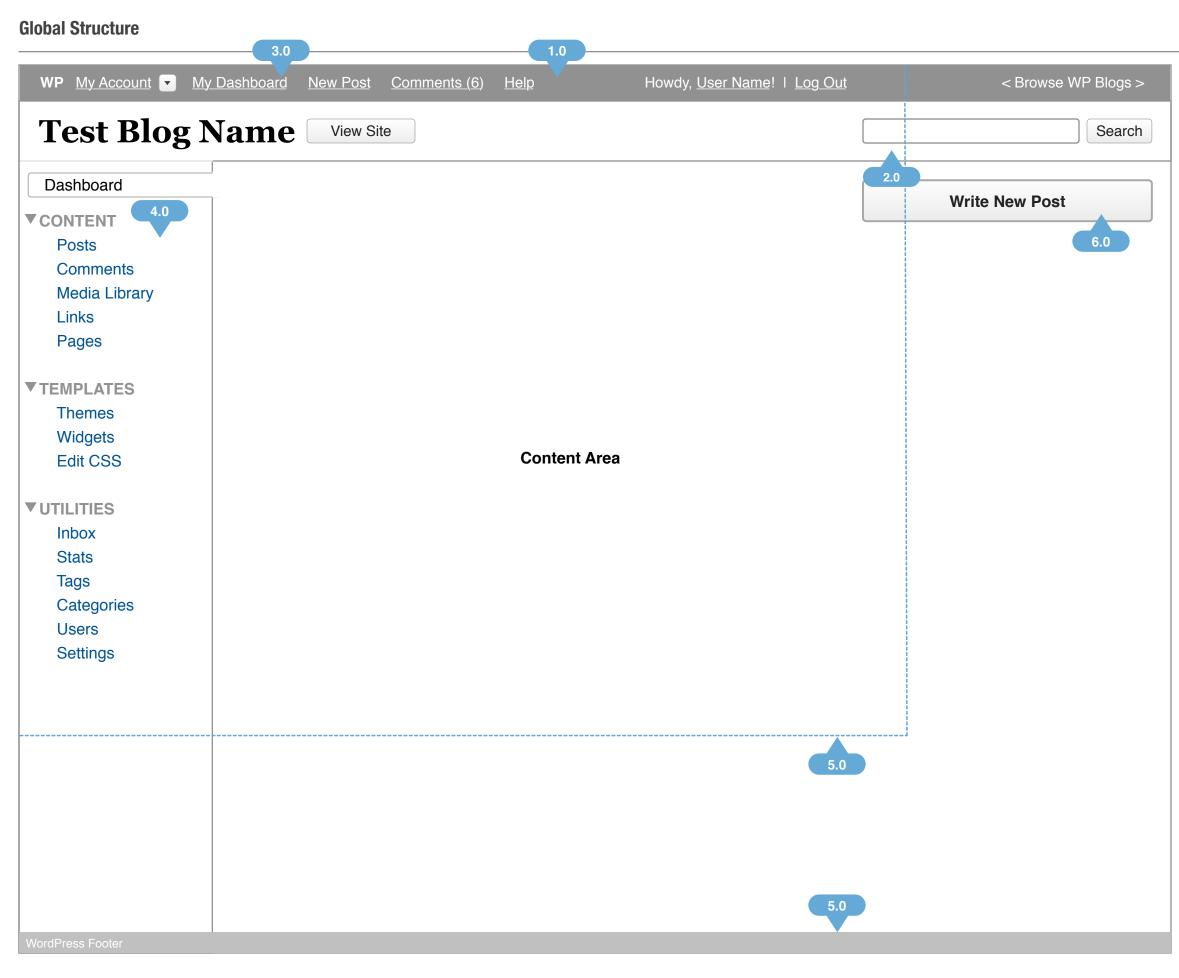
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Notes

The following describes the overall structure of the navigation for the admin prototype.

1.0

The global admin bar will take the place of some of the more common shortcuts—New Post, Comments, and Account settings.

2.0

Search will become global, being accessible at the top level throughout the admin. On specific screen types (e.g., Posts, Comments), users will have the option to search all or scope their search to that section.

3.0

This prototype assumes that the user has one blog only, not multiple blog.s

4.0

The navigation has been flattened and simplified, moving all sub-options (e.g., Create New) to the screens themselves. Users can collapse and expand options, but by default, all options will be dispayed.

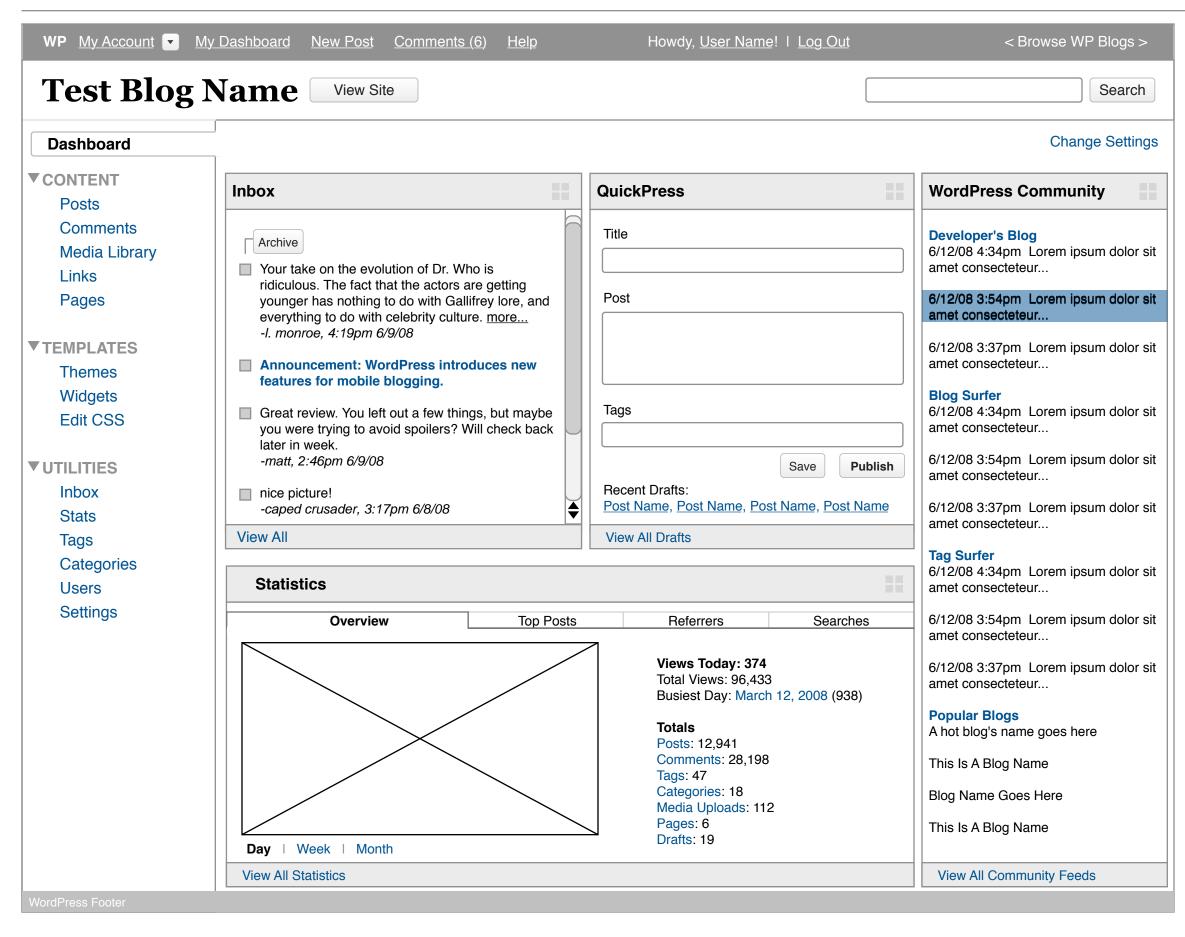
5.0

The wireframes are to scale: the blue dotted line indicates an approximate 800x600 viewable area, while the larger aspect of the page indicates the 1024x768 area. Throughout, all key funtionality is included within these primary areas.

6.0

Each appropriate screen will have an "add" button" in the same location—"write new post," "add link," and "add media" are just some examples.

Dashboard, 3-column Alternative



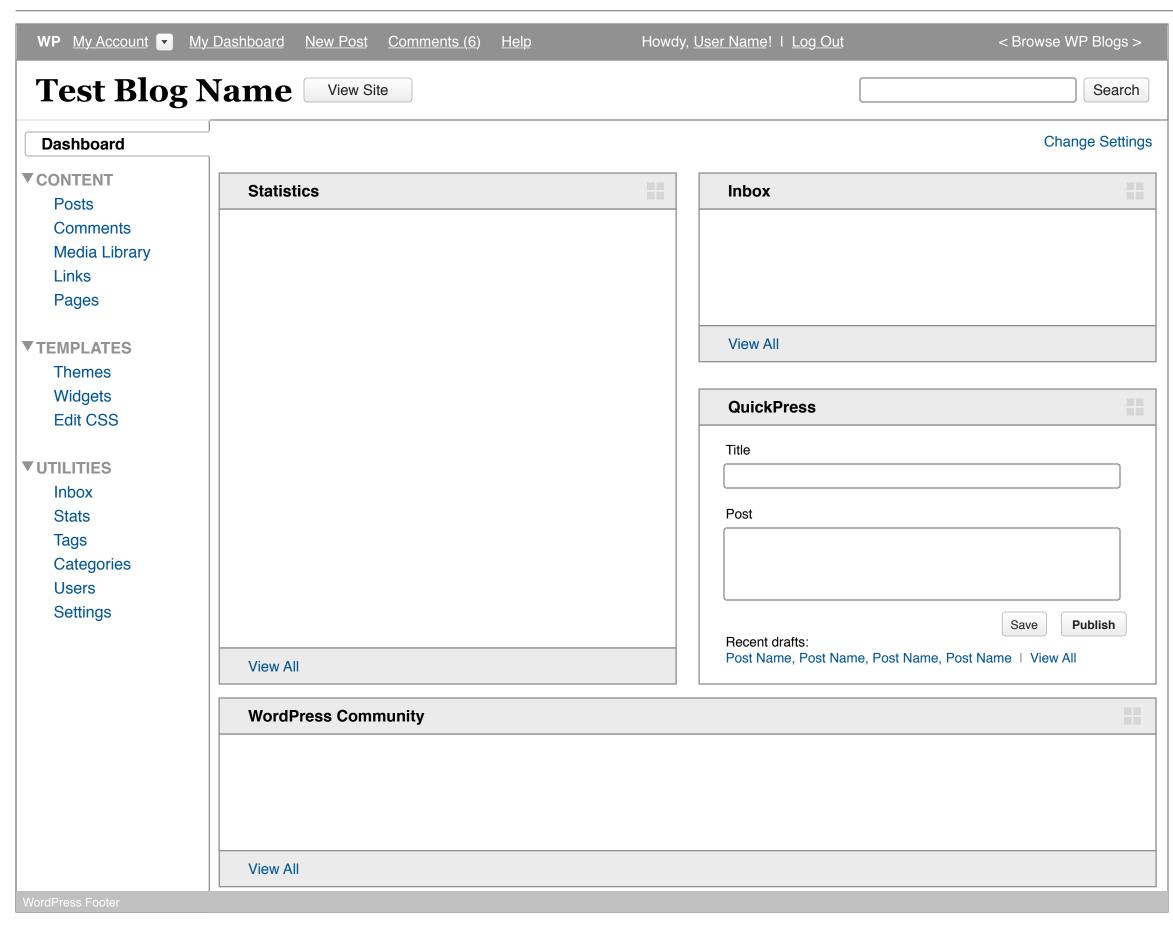
Notes

The dashboard is intended to provide users with a more useful and actionable set of modules within the viewable area. This option shows a 3-column layout.

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Dashboard, 2-column Alternative

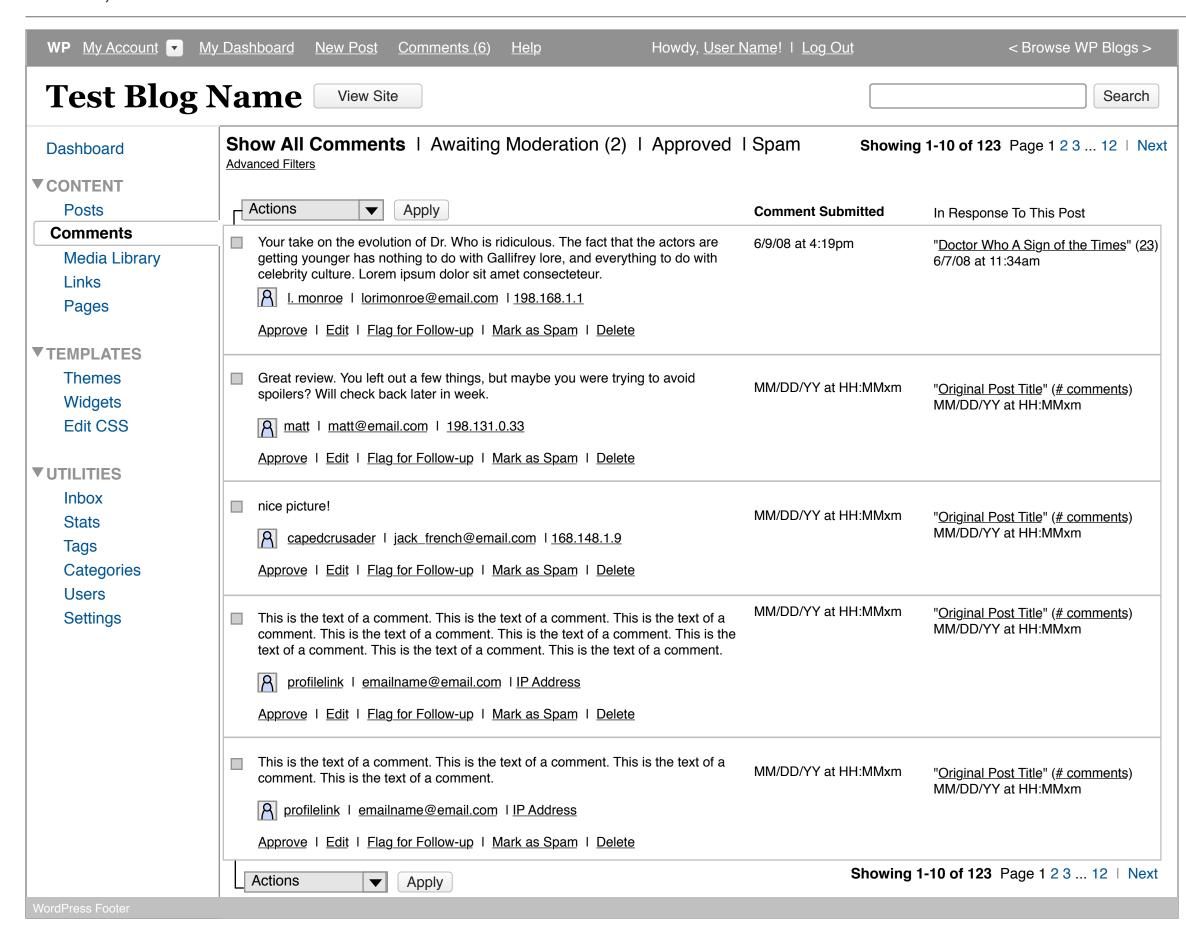


Notes

This option shows the same functionality in a 2-column layout.

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Comments, All



Notes

The comments screen intends to make the actions more visible, and make the comment itself more visible.

See page 7 for notes.

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Dashboard/Comments (notes)

Notes on Dashboard and Comments Screens

Dashboard

The Dashboard content area is comprised of modules. The intention is for the user to be able to choose the placement and content of the modules. In this illustration, a "Change Settings" link in the upper right provides access to an engine for changing layout of and items within each module. An alternate option would be to provide links within each module, such as icons to edit or to remove the module [preferred by Jane]. Drag and drop functionality would be ideal, although it would require further consideration based on the number of modules and the optimum size/shape of each. For the sake of this prototype, drag and drop should not be enabled. The Dashboard is designed to require minimal scrolling, and for the main three modules to be viewable even in an 800x600 browser window.

Inhox

New to the prototype is the concept of an Inbox. The Inbox offers a quick preview of items needing attention, such as new comments (with or without moderation), system announcements, draft posts by other authors needing approval, etc. Settings for this module would include choosing which types of information to provide updates for. In addition, the option to receive Inbox alerts via RSS should be offered. Once new items have been seen, the user can check the box and click to archive the item notification, removing it from the dashboard (but not deleting the actual item being referenced). Clicking on the actual item will load the page for the appropriate action, such as the Comments screen (anchored to the particular comment). The View All link at the bottom of the module links to a screen providing access to the archive. [Add Settings link in each of these bars instead of global settings?]

OuickPress

The QuickPress module allows a rapid posting mechanism from the Dashboard. In this view, the fields shown are title, post text and tags, with the option to save as draft or publish to live site. In the settings, the user would be able to choose which fields were displayed by default in the QuickPress (with only certain fields enabled). Near the bottom of the module, a list of recent drafts is displayed. If a user saves a draft using QuickPress, the draft title will appear in the recent drafts lists immediately. The View All link at the bottom of the module goes to the Posts page, with the Drafts filter selected.

Statistics

Statistics are displayed in a tabbed module, providing users with access to more of their stats without requiring additional scrolling. The overview tab displays the usage chart that is displayed on Dashboard 2.5, as well as several overview statistics with links to appropriate pages. Other tabs display Top Posts, Referrers and Searches, though the user would be able to choose which stats to display on the remaining tabs, as well as deciding which tab should be the default view. View All goes to the main Stats page.

Information Display

The columnar display of comment information is somewhat different from 2.5 in that. In this prototype version, the comment text gains priority and is the first thing listed, rather than the comment author details. These details appear directly below the comment text. Both the user icon and their profile name link to their WordPress profile if one exists. Email address link generates mailto: and IP address functions as it does currently. Action links have been moved to fall directly below the comment author information. The intention is to take advantage of the natural scan pattern when a user is reviewing new comments. If possible, it would ideal for the user to be able to click on the comment text to initiate inline editing as some plug-ins allow.

The right hand columns display the date/time the comment was posted and the original post's date/time, along with the original post title and number of comments. These two columns may be used to sort the comments being viewed (in reverse chronological order). The default sort view uses the comment's timestamp. Clicking the post title takes user to that post's edit screen, while clicking on the number next to the title takes the user to the comments screen that lists all comments for that post.

Acting on Comments

Checkboxes along left edge of comments table may be use in conjunctions with the Actions dropdown menu and action button to batch manage comments. Actions available in the menu correspond to the text links beneath each comment (approve, flag for follow-up, mark as spam, etc.).

WordPress Community

The WordPress Community module is intended to provide user-selected feeds from choices such as the WP developer's blog, Blog Surfer, Tag Surfer, New Blogs, Most Active Blogs, Most Popular Blogs, etc. The setting for this module allow the user to identify which feeds to display as well as the number of items per feed. The format for displayed items will be determined by the individual feeds.

Comments

The Comments page has generally the same functions and information available to users, though the format has changed somewhat. Instead of a text page header, the content area begins with the list of main filtered views available (all, awaiting moderation, approved, spam), with the default view in bold. Advanced filters, such as date range are available through the "Advanced Filters" link below these headings. [Note: what if instead, there was a single row of filter menus, no text links?] Pagination functions the same as currently.

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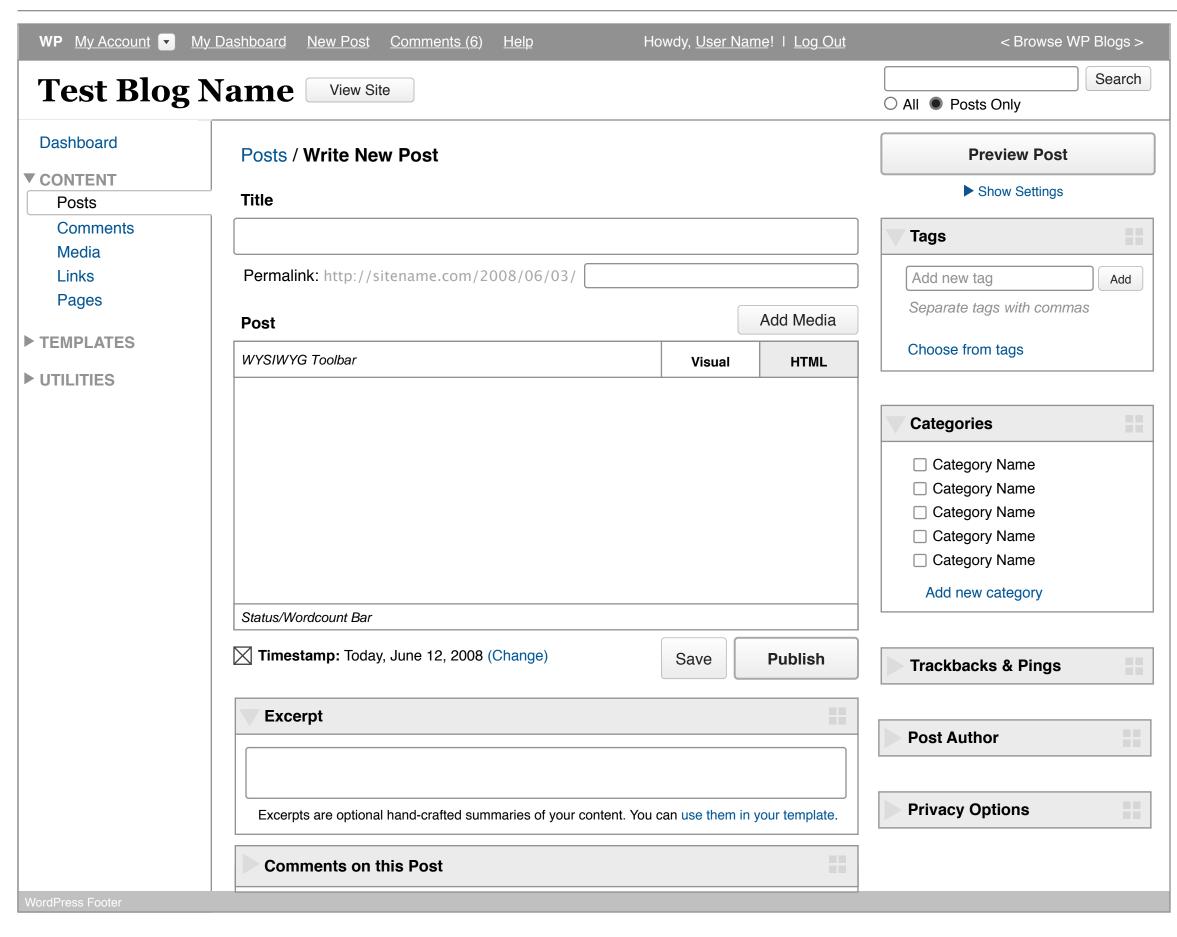
Write New Post: Alternative 01

Posts, Alternative 01

This version shows a somewhat conservative approach to the Write Post screen.

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Write New Post, Alternative 01



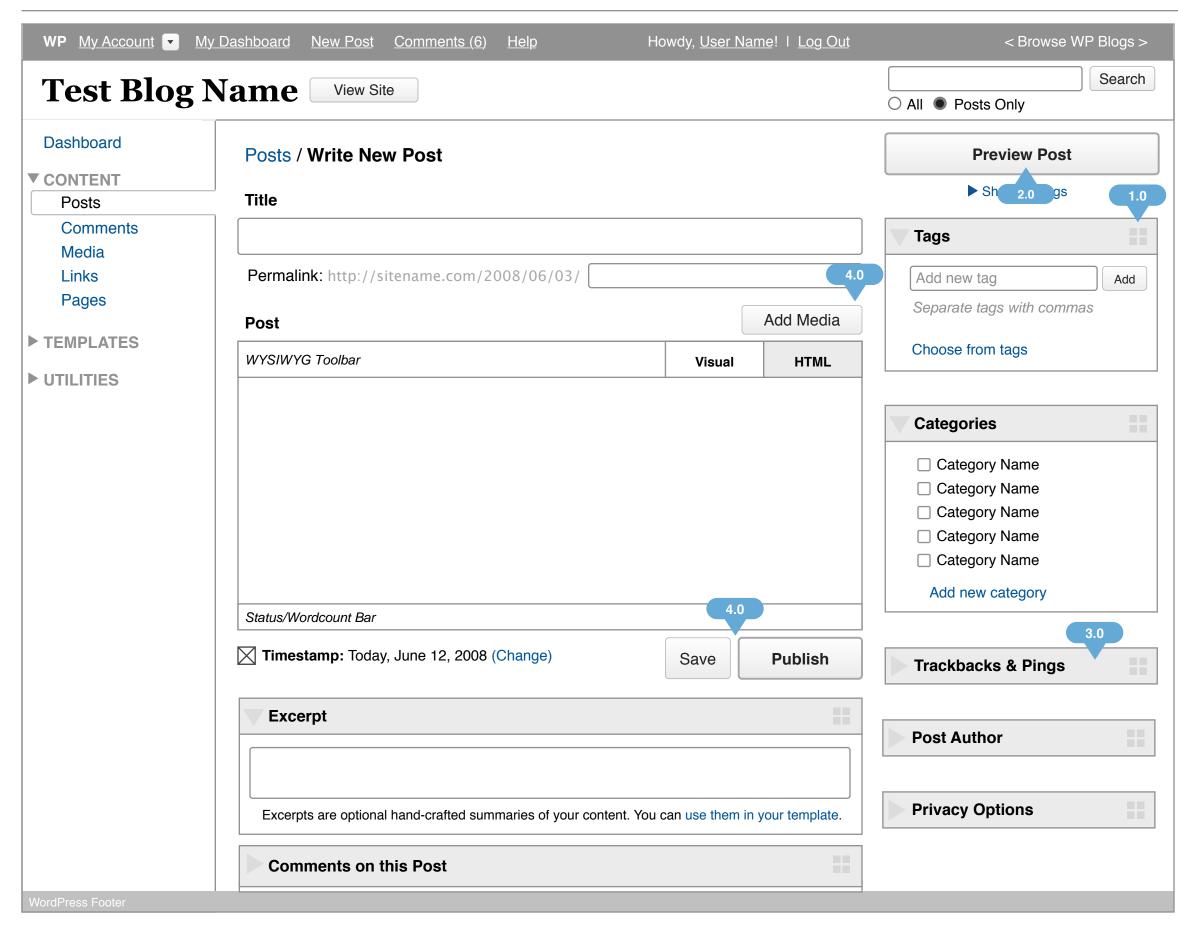
Notes

The Write New Post screen has been modified to bring key functionality within the viewable area, and to allow users more control over how the screen is configured.

See the following page for notes.

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Write New Post, Alternative 01 (with notes)



Notes

The Write New Post screen has been modified to bring key functionality within the viewable area, and to allow users more control over how the screen is configured.

1.0

All module are draggable, allowing users to configure the screen at will.

2.0

Clicking Preview Post should autosave the post or page.

3.0

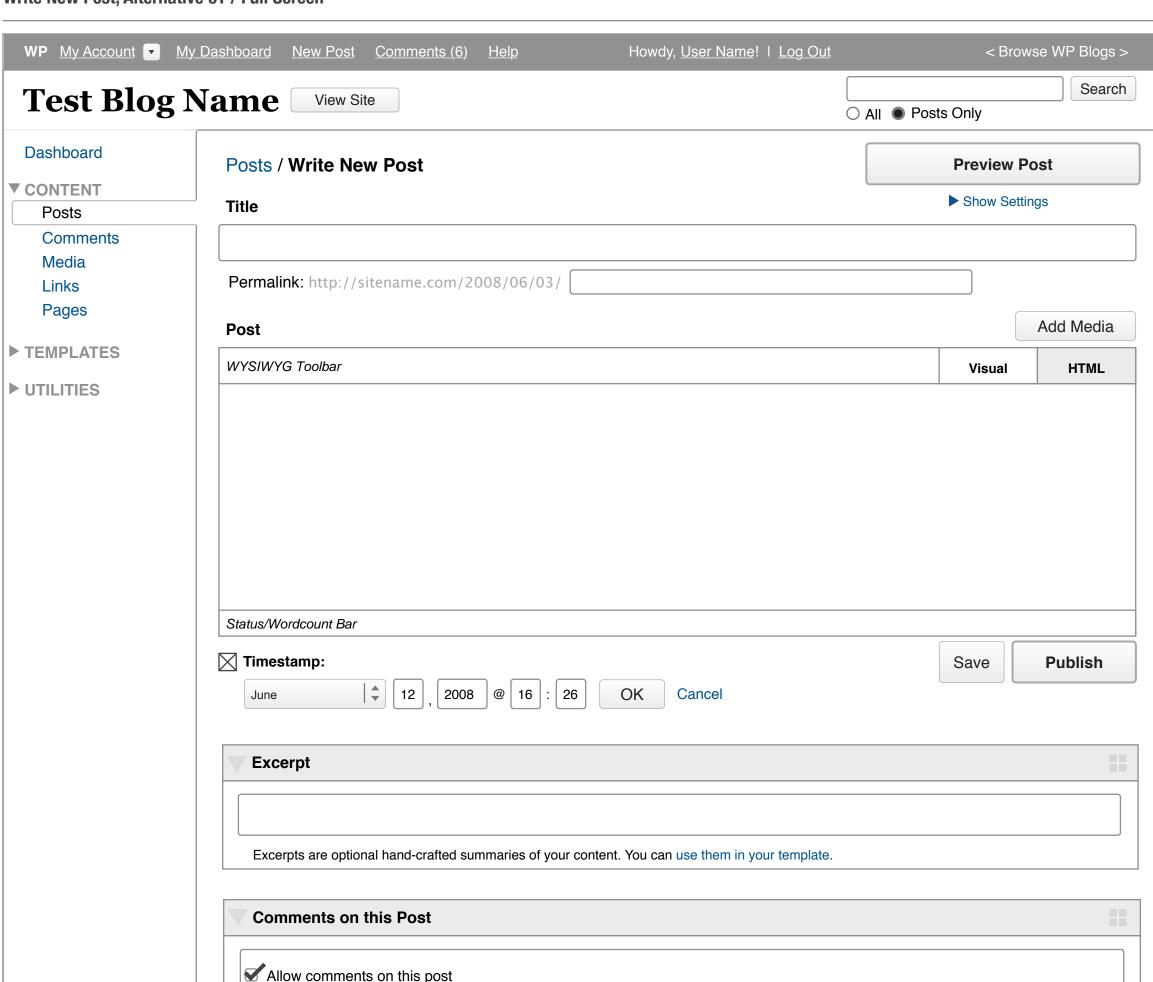
Trackbacks and Pings are combined, and comments on this page (with corresponding settings) have been added.

4.0

Both the Add Media and the Save/Publishing options have been greatly simplified, creating a more streamlined set of options without removing functionality.

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Write New Post, Alternative 01 / Full Screen

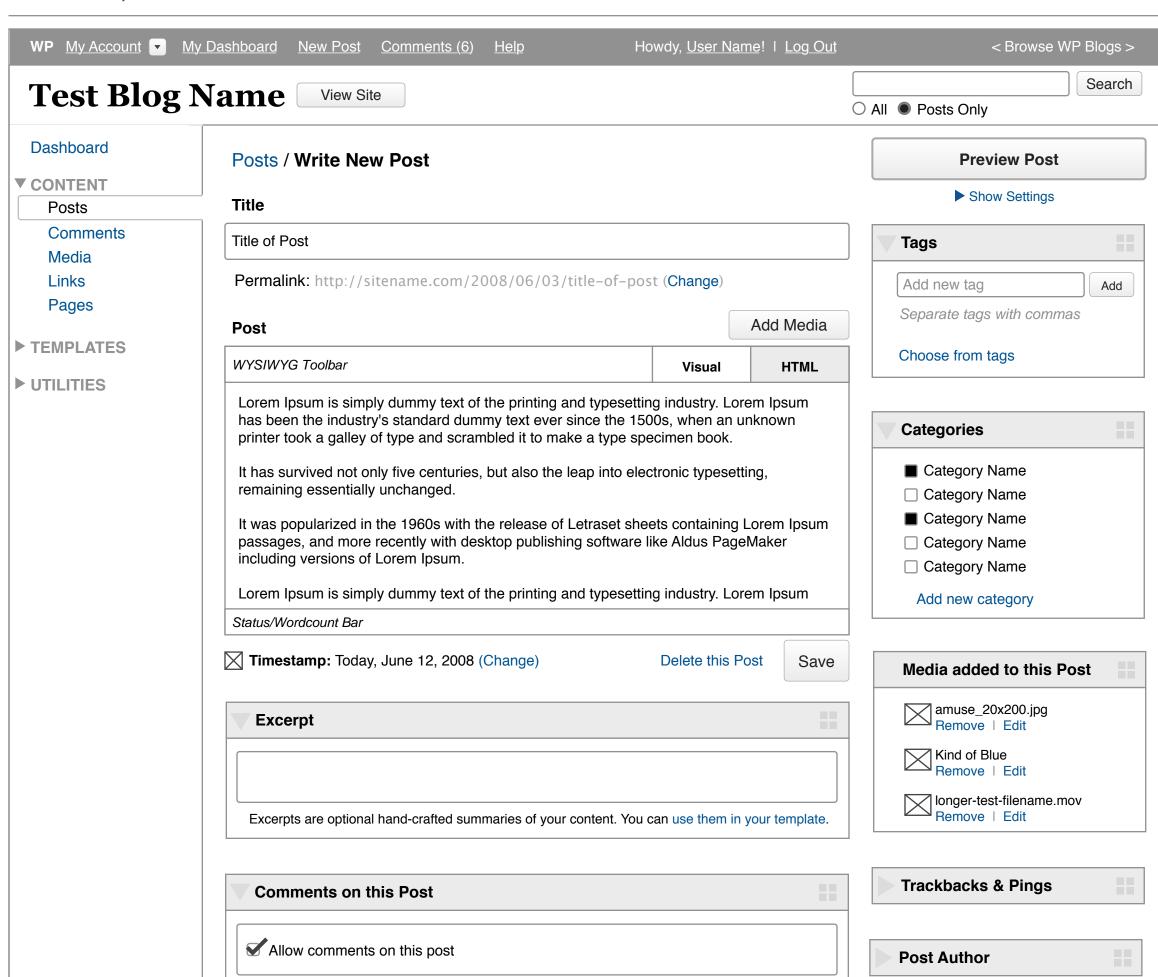


Notes

Users can adjust the modules to make primary entry the fields full-width.

Categories	::	Post Author	
Trackbacks & Pings	::	Privacy Options	
Categories	::		

Write New Post, Alternative 01 / Edit View



Notes

The Write Screen has subtle changes once a post has been published.

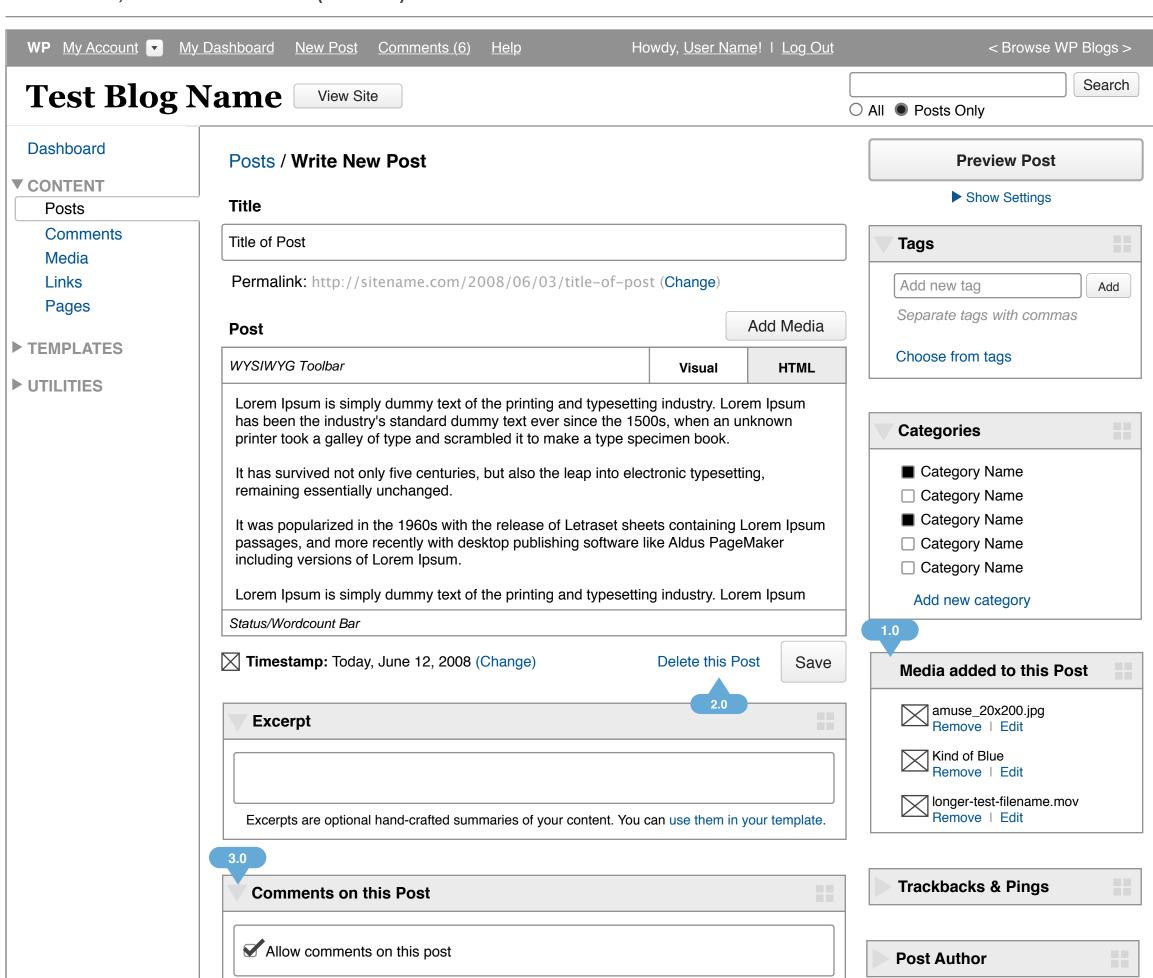
See the following page for notes.

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Privacy Options

WordPress Foote

Write New Post, Alternative 01 / Edit View (with notes)



Notes

The Write Screen has subtle changes once a post has been published.

1.0

Media added to this post will be displayed here. Users can view, remove, or edit the details—doing so would launch the lightbox window.

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Delete Post link would be displayed once post is published.

3.0

The comments area is populated once the user has comments on this post. Both viewing and moderation are available from this screen.

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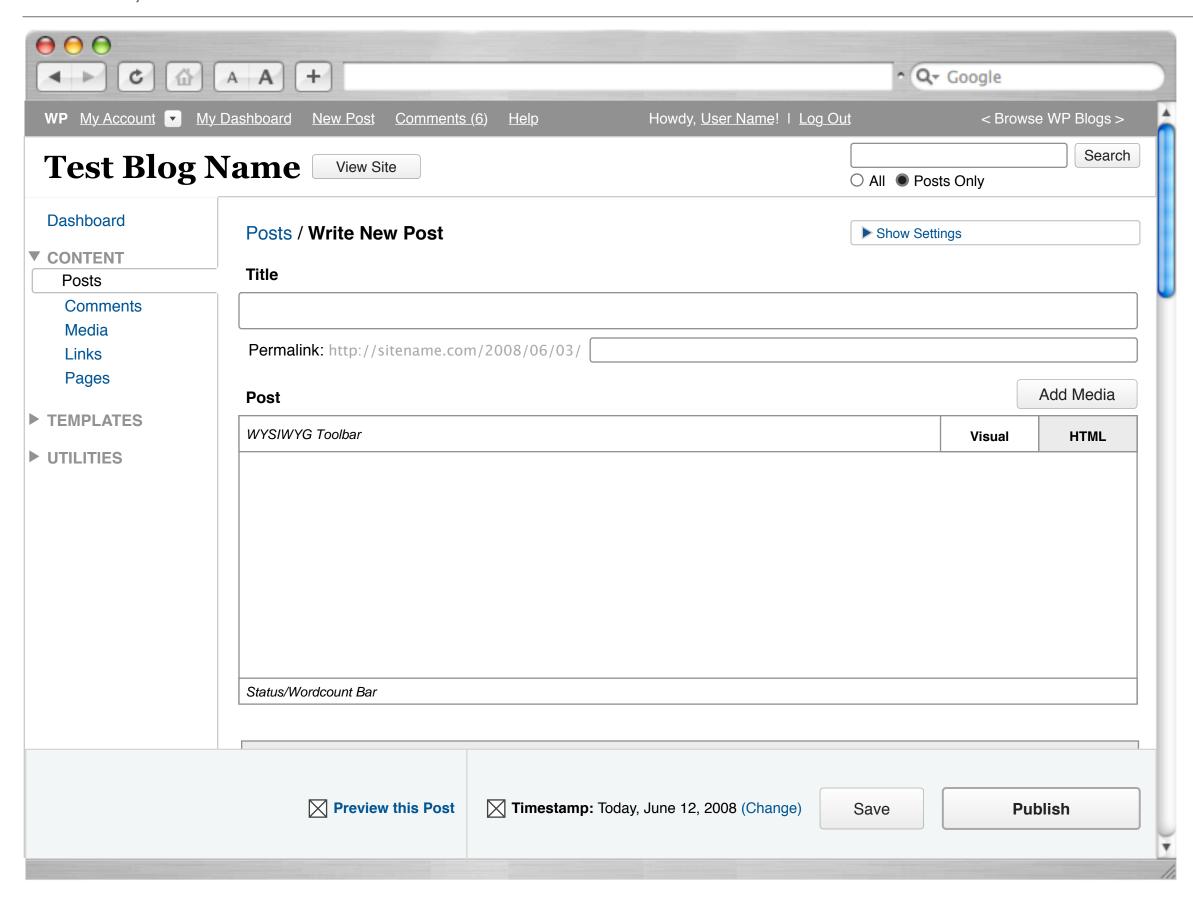
Write New Post: Alternative 02

Posts, Alternative 02

This version shows a more application-style approach to the Write Post screen.

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Write New Post, Alternative 02

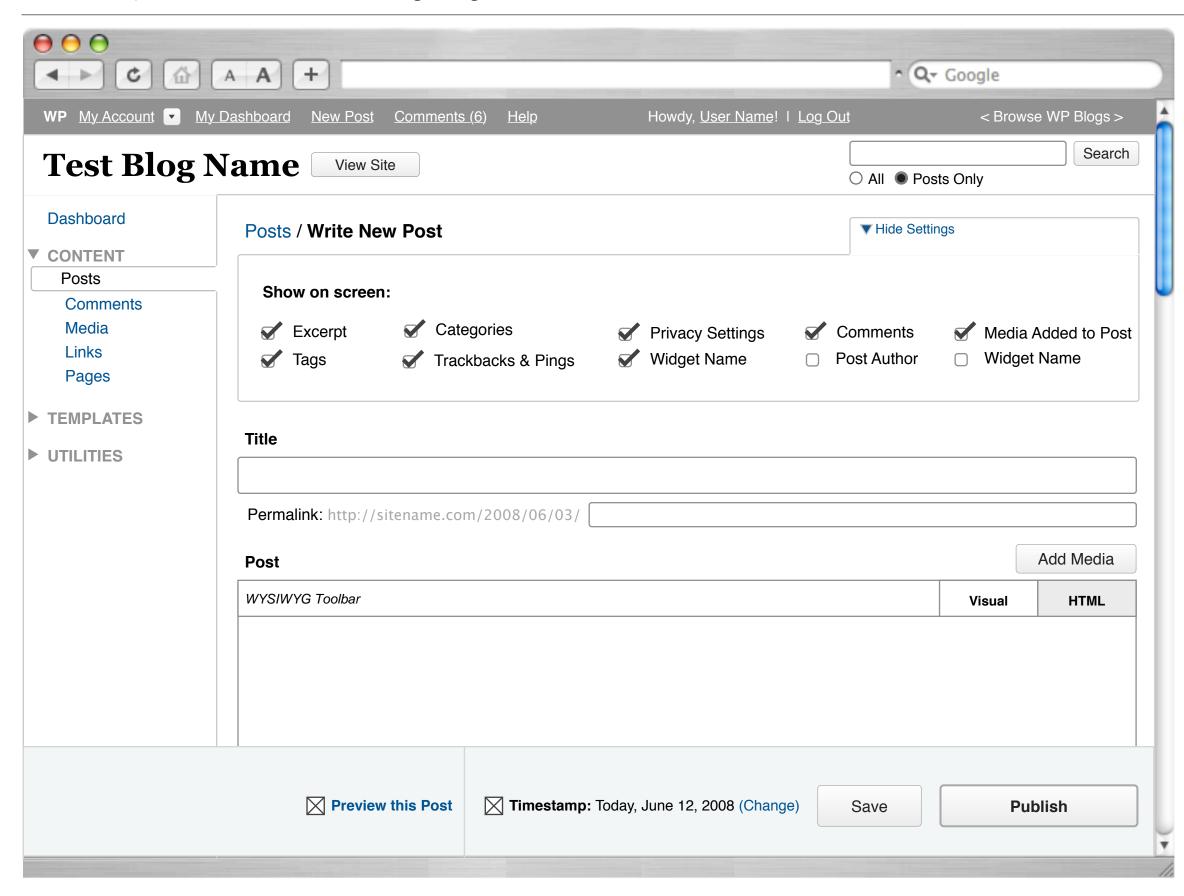


Notes

This version of the Write New Post screen shows a different approach to the Save/Publish" functions.

In order to keep the primary save and publishing functions above the fold, they are contained in a bottom bounding bar that stays present all the time. (See Facebook and the Panic/Goods Store for examples.)

Write New Post, Alternative 02 / Full Screen / Showing Settings

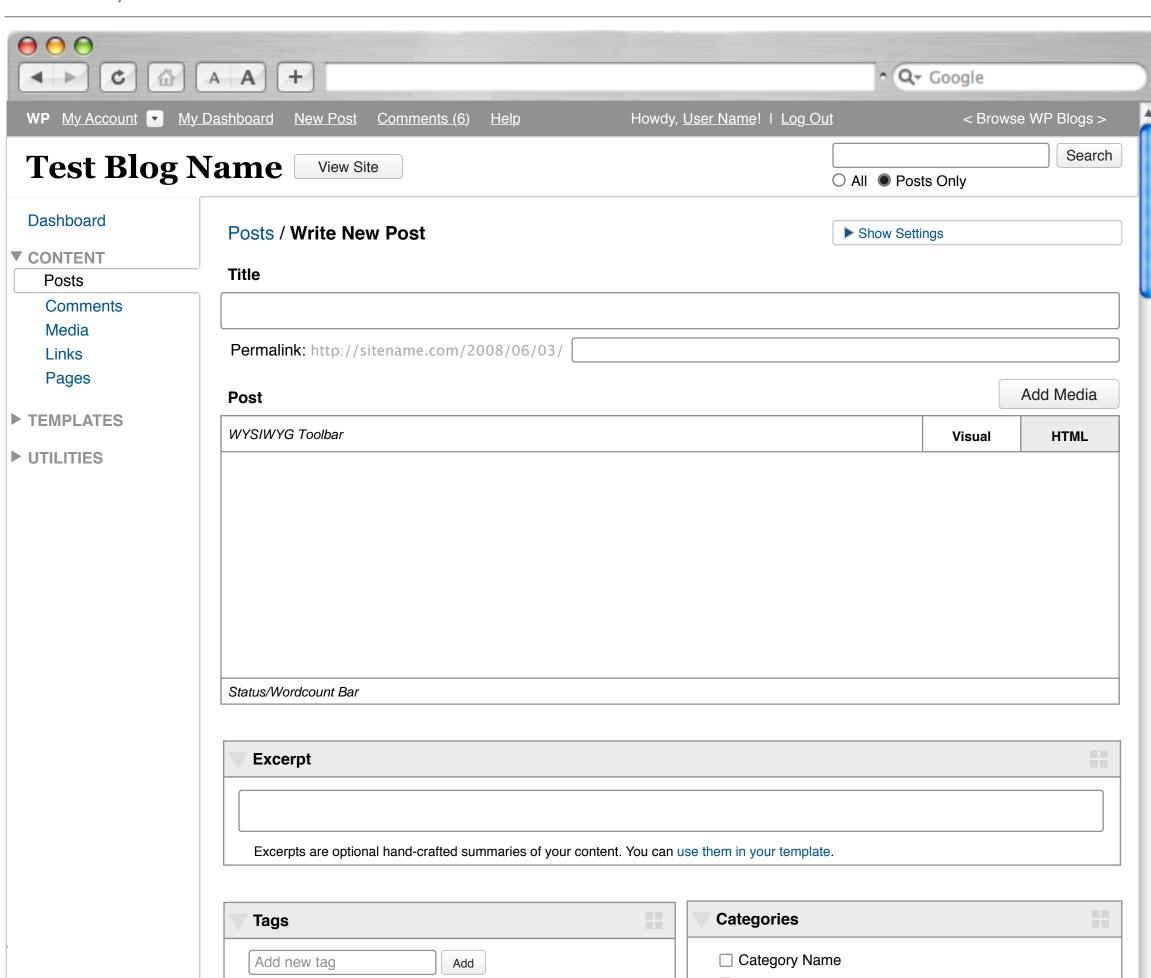


Notes

Settings allows users to hide and show the options they have for this page. They can choose which modules appear and still have the opportunity to order and re-order the modules by dragging them.

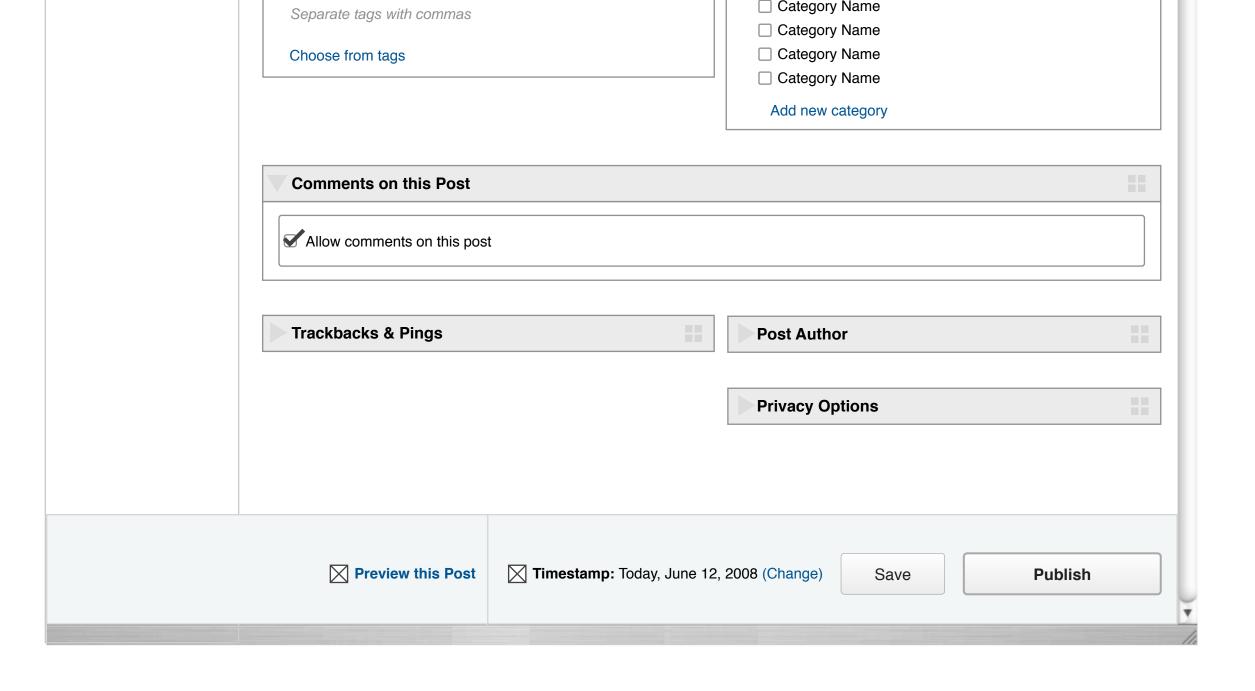
Users who have single-author blog, for example, can choose to turn off the "Post Author" feature since they will never need the ability to choose authors per post.

Write New Post, Alternative 02 / Full Screen



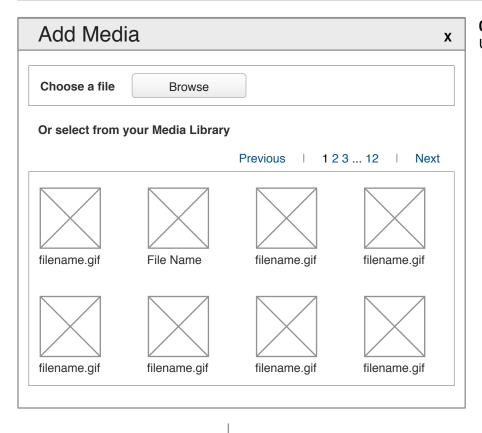
Notes

If the screen is expanded to a given height, the buttons would continue to be displayed at the bottom of the screen.



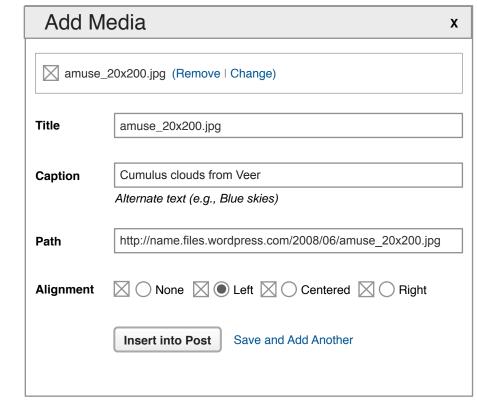
Add Media Flow

Add Media



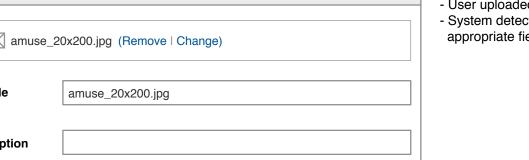
01: Add Media

User has not uploaded media.



03: Add detail

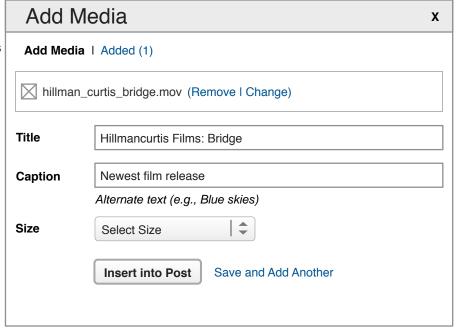
- Image filename displayed. Browse button still displayed.
- Title field is taken from image filename.
- Caption added by user.



02: Added image

X

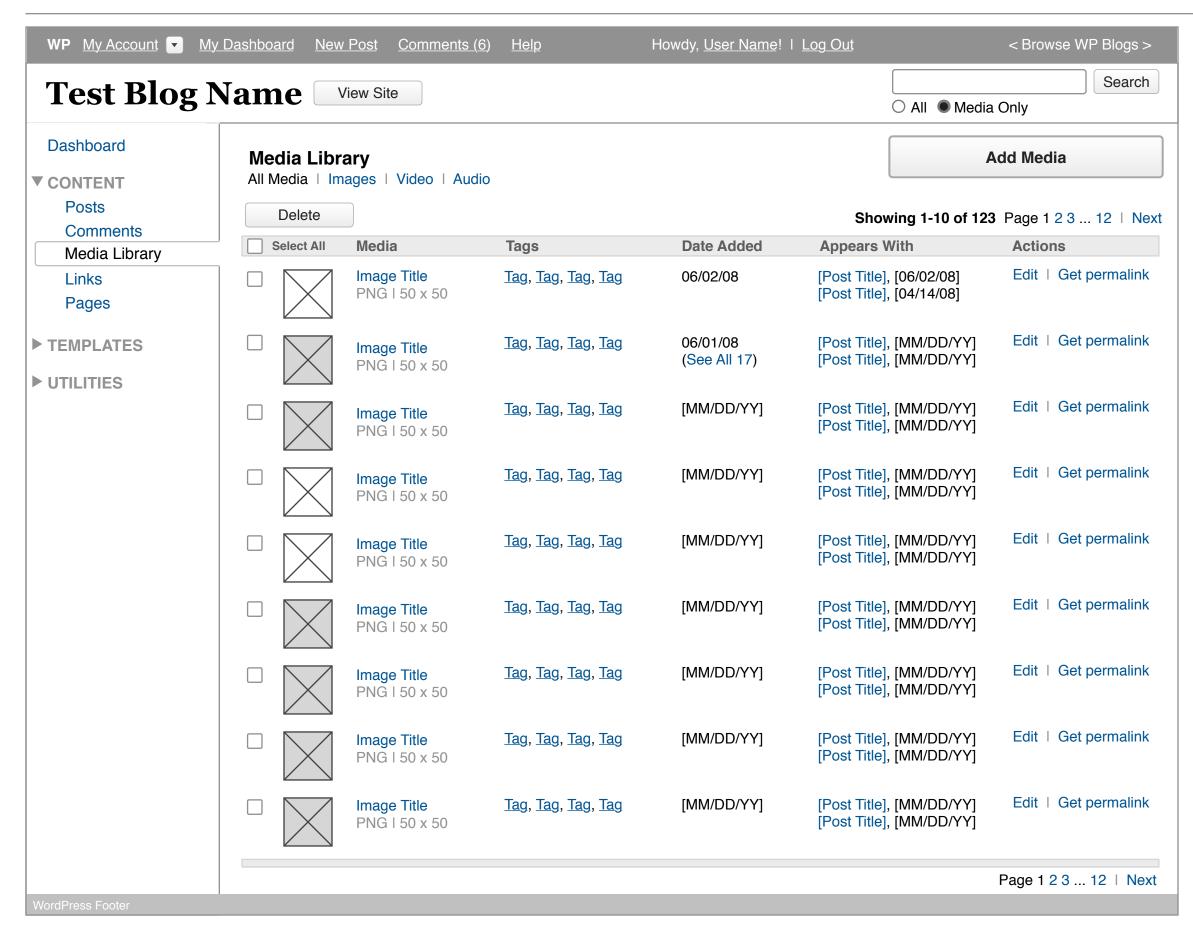
- User uploaded an image file.
- System detects image file type, and displays appropriate fields.



04: Added

- User chooses to add another file, and "Added" tab displayed.
- User uploaded a video file type, and fields display accordingly.

Media Library



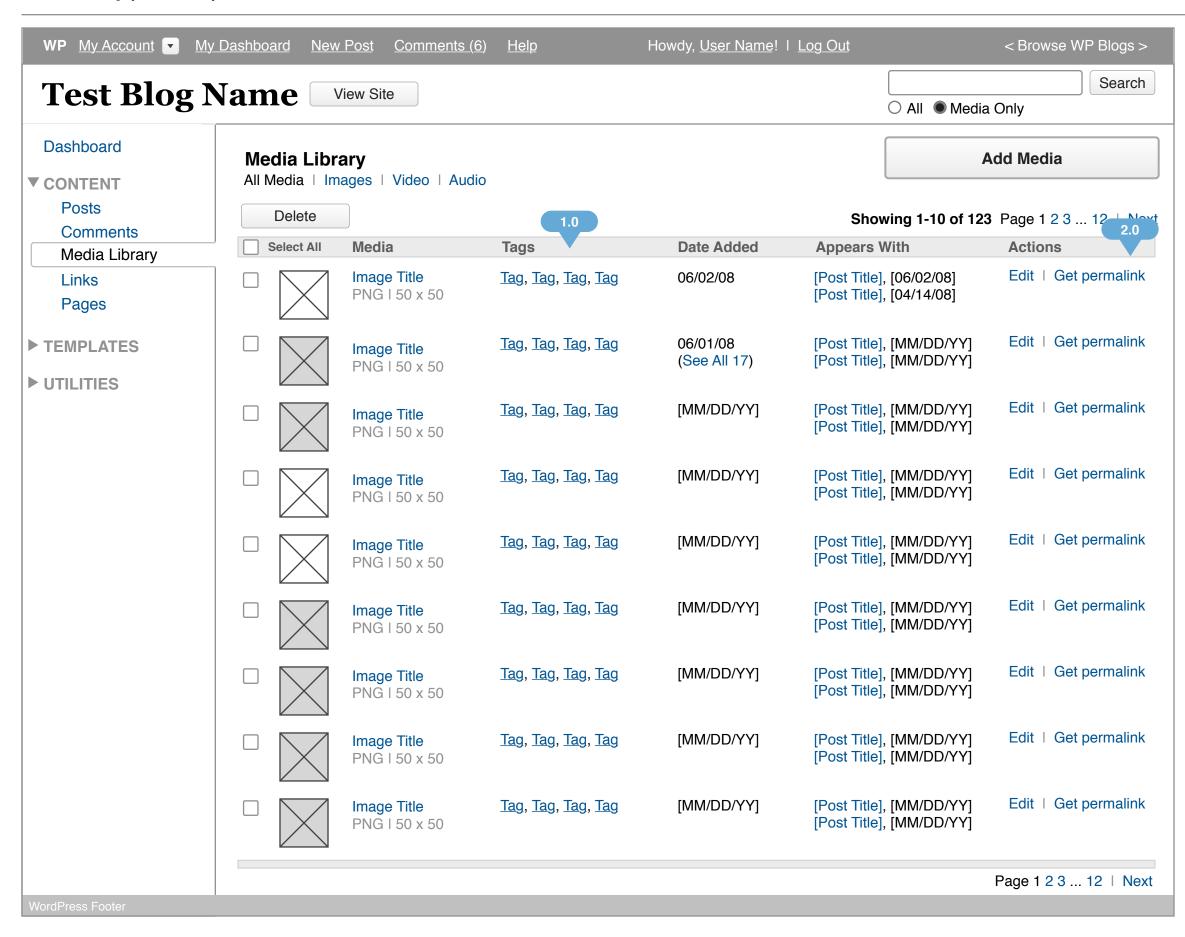
Notes

The Media Library displays all media uploaded via the Pages and Posts area, as well as media uploaded directly here.

See the following page for notes.

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Media Library (with notes)



Notes

The Media Library displays all media uploaded via the Pages and Posts area, as well as media uploaded directly here.

1.0

It merits some discussion, but we're suggesting that tags might replace "description," as tags are a functiona

2.0

An edit link has been added. Depending on the layout of the Comments area, we may opt to add these "action" link directly under the image name and format.