

How to Make Your First Tumblr Post

These instructions will show you how to create your Tumblr account, customize its appearance, and publish your first post to the world. Tumblr is an easy-to-use blogging website that lets you share your thoughts, messages, pictures, videos, and many more with your friends online. Many people today have a desire to express themselves, and you can do this quickly and easily using a Tumblr blog.

These instructions will assume that you use the Internet pretty often, but don't have the most advanced knowledge in using social media websites.

You will need:

- A device that has access to the Internet (like a computer)
- A web browser
- An email address
- Something to say

These instructions have 5 steps, and will take approximately 10 minutes. By the end you will have made some basic customizations to how your blog looks, and you will have posted a text message for your friends to read.

Warning:

Try not to post sensitive information about yourself or people you know on your Tumblr blog, as anyone on the Internet can read it.

Step 1: Going to tumblr.com



Figure 1

In this step, we will go to www.tumblr.com.

- Type in www.tumblr.com into the address bar of your favorite web browser. This is the box marked in red (1) in Figure 1. Press Enter on your keyboard.
- The website you see should look like Figure 1.
- In Step 2, you will fill out your personal information on this page shown above.

Step 2: Registering on Tumblr

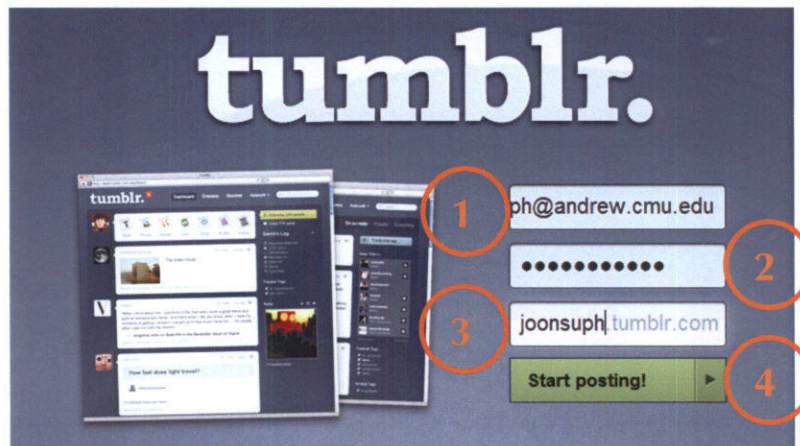


Figure 2.1

In this step, you will give information needed to make your account.

- Type in your email address into the box marked (1) in Figure 2.1.
- Think of a password, then type it into the box marked (2) in Figure 2.1. If your password isn't long enough, Tumblr will tell you to come up with another one.
- Type in the URL you want for you blog into the box marked (3) in Figure 2.1. Note that if someone else has chosen your URL already, you will have to pick another one.
- Click the "Start posting!" button, marked (4) in Figure 2.1.
- Step 3 will show you how to give your blog a title and upload your profile picture.

Note: You may see this screen after you click "Start posting!"

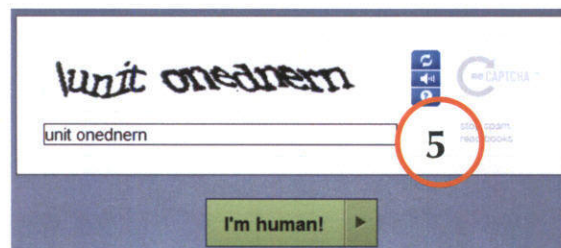


Figure 2.2

This is a CAPTCHA, designed to check if you are a real person. Just type in the jumbled text you see above into the box marked (5) in Figure 2.2, and click "I'm human!"

Step 3: Title your blog and upload your profile picture

You will see the following screen. Just click the X marked (1) in Figure 3.1:

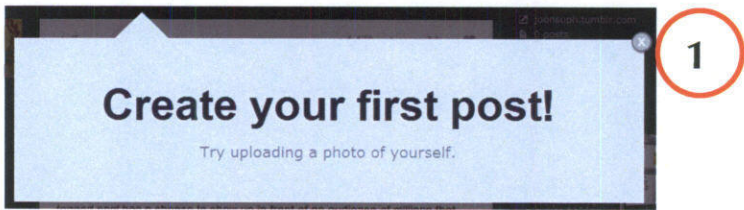


Figure 3.1

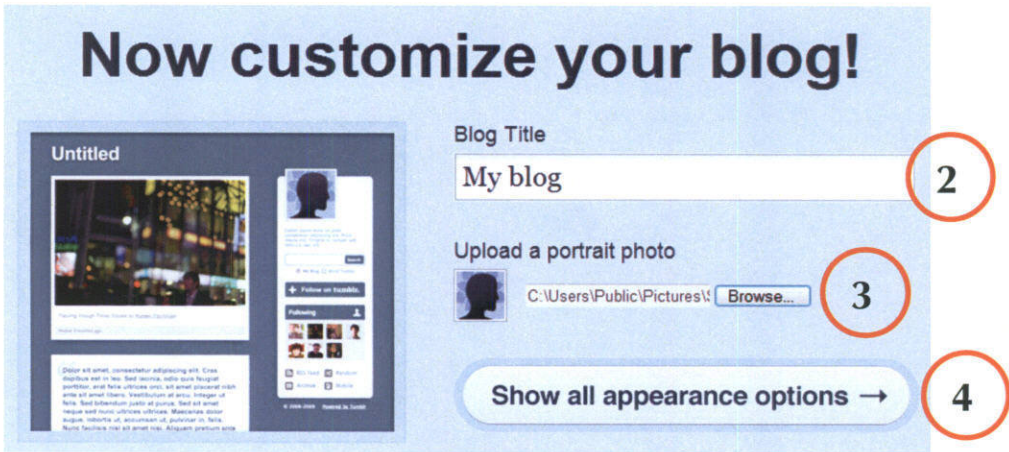


Figure 3.2

In this step you will give your blog a title and upload a profile picture.

- Type in a title for your blog in the box marked (2) in Figure 3.2. This is what visitors will see as the name of your blog, so make it good!
- Click the “Browse” button marked (3) in Figure 3.2. In the file browser that appears, find a picture of yourself on your computer and select it.
- When you’re done, click the “Show all appearance options” button, marked (4) in Figure 3.2.

Step 4 will go over how to customize the appearance of your blog.

Step 4: Customizing your blog

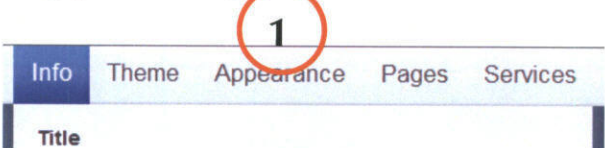


Figure 4.1

First, click the “Appearance” tab in the window you see, marked (1) in Figure 4.1.



Figure 4.2

You should see a screen like Figure 4.2. In this step you will customize the look of your blog.

- Click the tabs to customize the background color (2), title font (3), body font (4), and accent font (5) of your blog, all marked in Figure 4.2.
- Make any other changes you’d like to the appearance in the tab.
- When you’re done, click the “Save + Close” button marked (6) in Figure 4.2.
- In Step 5, you will write your first Tumblr post.

Step 5: Writing your first Tumblr post

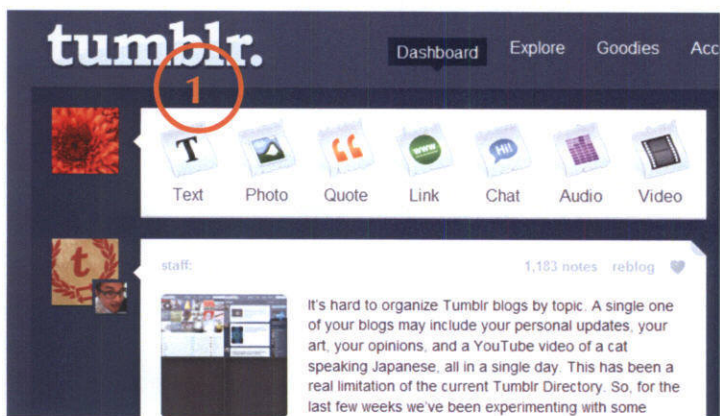


Figure 5.1

In this step you will write your first Tumblr post.

- You will see a screen like in Figure 5.1. Click the “Text” icon marked (1) in Figure 5.1 to write your post.

A screenshot of the 'Add a Text Post' form. The form has a title field labeled 'Title (optional)' with the text 'My first post!' entered. This field is circled with a red circle containing the number '2'. Below the title field is a large text area labeled 'Post' with a 'Browse' button and a 'Photo' button. The text area contains the text 'Blogging is what the cool kids do. So I thought I'd join.' This area is circled with a red circle containing the number '3'. At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: 'Create post' (with a green checkmark icon), 'Preview', and 'Cancel'. The 'Create post' button is circled with a red circle containing the number '4'.

Figure 5.2

- Type in a title for your first post in the text box marked (2) in Figure 5.2.
- Write your thoughtful message into the text box marked (3) in Figure 5.2.
- When you're done, click the “Create post” button marked (4) in Figure 5.2.

Congratulations! You've starting blogging on Tumblr!

