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## Joining the Class Private WordPress Blog

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### About this Tutorial, License

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### About the Private Blog

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For almost all my courses, I use Wordpress as the software for creating a blog. Why Wordpress? Well, it's pretty easy, and it's ubiquitous on the web. Knowing how to create a good website in Wordpress will get you a long way toward having a strong presence on the web for yourself.

The course blog is *private*, using a plugin called My Private Site. This plugin ensures that only authorized users can read the blog (much less contribute to it). So your class discussion conversations are private within our class community only.

I will delete the blog entirely after the semester ends.

### Joining the Blog

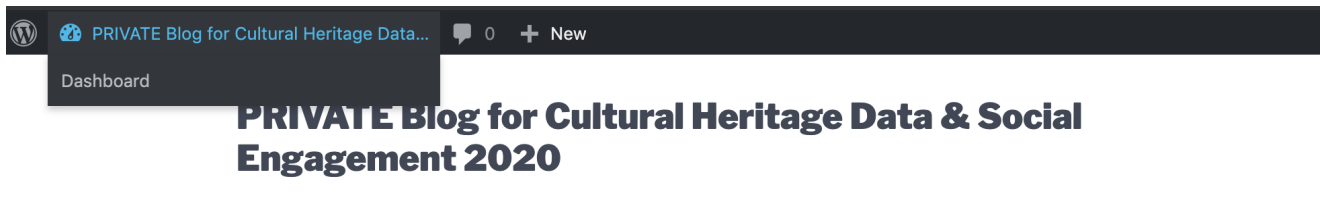
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1. Check your OU email inbox for an invitation from WORDPRESS to the private course blog. If you don't see it, look in your junk/spam folder.
2. Click on the FIRST link to register and change your password. **NOTE: IF YOU DON'T SEE THE EMAIL go to the link for the blog on your course page and click "forgot your password?". Then enter your OU email address. Check your email (including spam/junk).** IF YOU STILL can't log in come to my Zoom office hours. (If the scheduled times don't work, please email me with times that work for you, and we will meet another time!)

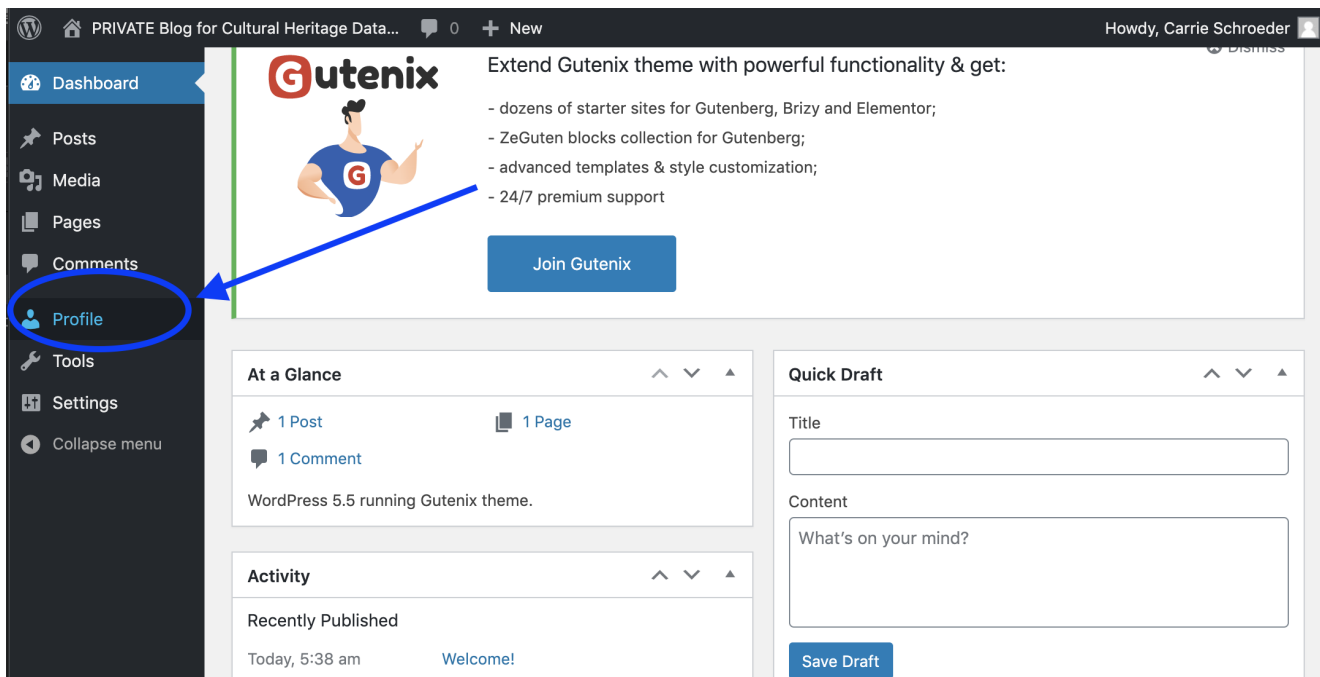
### Update your username and avatar

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3. Once you are LOGGED IN look in the upper left. Hover over “PRIVATE Blog for [class name]... “ “Dashboard” should appear in a dropdown menu. Click on Dashboard.



4. On the left menu click “Profile”



5. Scroll down a bit and edit the following fields to represent yourself the way YOU want to appear:

- First name
- Last name
- Nickname
- Display name publicly as ( this is the name that will appear on your posts to the class)
- Biographical info (may be blank or short and sweet)

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Dashboard  
Posts  
Media  
Pages  
Comments  
**Profile**  
Tools  
Settings  
Collapse menu

**Toolbar**  Show Toolbar when viewing site

**Name**

**Username**  Usernames cannot be changed.

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Nickname (required)**

**Display name publicly as**

**Contact Info**

**Email (required)**   
If you change this, we will send you an email at your new address to confirm it. The new address will not become active until confirmed.



**Website**

**About Yourself**

**Biographical Info**

Share a little biographical information to fill out your profile. This may be shown publicly.

**Profile Picture**

Original Size Thumbnail

**Account Management**

**New Password**

**Sessions**   
You are only logged in at this location.

## 6. Under Profile Picture choose your Image

Click "Choose image" and upload a profile picture. This picture will appear alongside your name on the blog. Please pick one that you will be happy with for the semester (or at least for the first several weeks, so we can get to know you.)

You do not need to show us your face if you don't want to (but you're welcome to!). Just be sure to pick something that you feel represents you well and doesn't violate our course principles.

7. Click the blue “Update Profile” button.

You're done!