

Blogger CMS Cheatsheet

A quick reference guide to using Google's Blogger platform, covering key features, customization options, and common tasks.



Blogger Basics

Getting Started

Accessing Blogger: Go to <u>www.blogger.com</u> and sign in with your Google account.

Creating a New Blog: Click on 'Create blog' and follow the prompts to name your blog and choose a blog address (URL).

Dashboard Overview: The Blogger dashboard is where you manage your blog's settings, posts, pages, and more.

Understanding the Interface: Familiarize yourself with the main sections: Posts, Stats, Comments, Earnings, Pages, Layout, Theme, and Settings.

Creating and Managing Posts

Creating a New Post: Click on 'New post' to open the post editor.

Using the Post Editor: Use the toolbar to format text, insert images, videos, links, and more.

Adding Images: Click the 'Insert image' icon to upload or select images from your Google Photos.

Inserting Videos: Click the 'Insert video' icon to upload or embed videos from YouTube.

Labels (Tags): Add labels to categorize your posts. This helps with organization and searchability.

Scheduling Posts: Schedule posts to be published at a later date and time.

Saving and Publishing: Save drafts or publish your posts immediately.

Basic Settings

Title	Blog title
Description	Short description of your blog.
Blog Language	Set blog language.
Adult Content	Mark blog as adult content.

Customization and Design

Themes

Choosing a Theme: Blogger offers a variety of pre-designed themes. Navigate to 'Theme' in the dashboard to browse and select one.

Customizing Themes: Use the Blogger Theme Designer to customize colors, fonts, backgrounds, and layouts of your chosen theme.

HTML Editing: For advanced customization, you can edit the underlying HTML of your theme. Be cautious when editing HTML, as errors can break your blog's design.

Backup your theme: Before making any changes in HTML, backup your theme.

Layout and Gadgets

Understanding Layout: The 'Layout' section allows you to arrange elements on your blog, such as the header, sidebar, and footer.

Adding Gadgets: Gadgets are small applications that add functionality to your blog. Common gadgets include a search bar, profile section, blog archive, and social media buttons.

Arranging Gadgets: Drag and drop gadgets to change their position on your blog.

Configuring Gadgets: Most gadgets have settings that can be customized to suit your needs.

Pages

About page	Create an about page to tell visitors about yourself.
Contact page	Create a contact page to allow visitors to contact you.
Custom pages	Create custom pages to show what ever you want.

Advanced Features

Stats and Analytics

Blogger Stats: Blogger provides basic statistics about your blog's traffic, including page views, audience location, and traffic sources.

Google Analytics Integration: For more in-depth analytics, connect your blog to Google Analytics. This allows you to track a wider range of metrics and gain deeper insights into your audience.

Accessing Stats: Go to the 'Stats' section of your Blogger dashboard to view your blog's statistics.

Comments and Moderation

Managing Comments: The 'Comments' section allows you to view, approve, delete, and mark comments as spam.

Comment Moderation: Configure comment moderation settings to control which comments are automatically published and which require approval.

Spam Filtering: Blogger's built-in spam filter helps to automatically identify and block spam comments.

Earnings and Monetization

AdSense Integration: If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can monetize your blog by displaying Google AdSense ads.

Setting up AdSense: Link your Blogger blog to your AdSense account and choose where to place ads on your blog.

Other Monetization Methods: Explore other ways to monetize your blog, such as affiliate marketing, selling products, or offering services.

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Common Issues

Blog Not Loading: Check your internet connection and ensure that Blogger's servers are not experiencing any outages.

Image Upload Issues: Make sure your images are in a supported format (e.g., JPG, PNG) and are not too large.

Theme Customization Problems: If you encounter issues while customizing your theme, try reverting to the default theme to see if the problem persists.

Security

Keep your Google Account Secure: Use a strong password and enable two-factor authentication to protect your Google account.

Be cautious of Phishing: Be wary of suspicious emails or links that ask for your login credentials.

Moderate comments: Moderate comments to avoid spam.

Tips and Tricks

Use High-Quality Images: Use visually appealing, high-resolution images to enhance your blog posts.

Write Engaging Content: Create compelling and informative content that resonates with your target audience.

Promote Your Blog: Share your blog posts on social media and other platforms to increase visibility and drive traffic.

Engage with Your Audience: Respond to comments and interact with your readers to build a community around your blog.