



Open Source Blogging Solutions

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	Wordpress	Wordpress multi-user	DrupalEd	Moodle
Download Source	http://www.wordpress.org	http://mu.wordpress.org/	http://drupaled.alphabetademo.org/	http://www.moodle.org
Installation Requirements	Typical Linux-based shared hosting environment, PHP version 4.2 or greater, MySQL 4.0 or greater and Apache mod_rewrite.	A single box running both Apache and MySQL will get you pretty far, probably to about 10-20 thousand blogs.	Web server that supports PHP, at least 8MB Ram (16-24 recommended), newer version of PHP. MySQL database suggested.	Web server that supports PHP, at least 160MB, and 256MB Ram. PHP 5 support soon required. MySQL database suggested.
More information:	http://wordpress.org/about/requirements/	http://mu.wordpress.org/faq/	http://drupal.org/requirements	http://docs.moodle.org/en/Installing_Moodle
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated link management • Search engine-friendly permalink structure • Extensible plugin support • Nested categories and multiple categories for articles • TrackBack and Pingback • Static Pages • Multiple Authors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything WordPress does • Scaling to tens of millions of pageviews per day • Unlimited users and blogs • Different permissions on different blogs • Ambiguity about how to pronounce its name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal & group workspace • The ability for site members to create informal working groups • Can create formal class spaces • Podcasting • Wiki functionality • Personal and class blogs • A variety of RSS feeds • Personal image galleries • The ability to create private, invitation-only groups • Social bookmarking • Spam protection • Assignment calendars by course • Site-wide event calendars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums • Content managing (resources) • Quizzes with different kinds of questions • Blogs (<i>permission to view can be set to class only or outside world</i>) • Wikis • Database activities • Surveys • Chat (can be disabled) • Glossaries • Peer assessment • Multi-language support (over 60 languages are supported)
Features Source	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wordpress	http://mu.wordpress.org	http://drupaled.alphabetademo.org	http://en.wikipedia.com/wiki/Moodle
Hosted version?	http://www.wordpress.com http://www.edublogs.org	Both wordpress.com and edublogs.org are running Wordpress multi-user and offer free accounts.	Through the developers: http://openacademic.org/services	Via Moodle partners http://moodle.com/partners/list/
Ease of installation	Very easy assuming basic knowledge of web server functions and database.	A bit harder, but still on the easy side if familiar with Wordpress install.	Fairly easy, not quite as easy as Wordpress, but not too hard either.	Slightly more difficult, requiring more technical information and details.
Ease of administration	Easy. Plugin architecture and lots of configurable options are solid.	Easy, but can be tougher than Wordpress. More options to configure.	More complex, based on added features for class setting.	Course creation can be complex, variety of options, learning curve.