

HOW TO CREATE AND BEGIN USING LIVEJOURNAL

In order to post on LiveJournal, you'll need to complete the steps below. They seem somewhat lengthy written out here, but they honestly only take about 10 minutes to complete.

1. First, go to <https://www.livejournal.com/create.bml>

When you finish on that page, you should see a page that looks like this:

Create New Journal

Success!

Your journal has been created. Important registration information has been e-mailed to **janedoe@echonyc.com** containing further instructions. Be sure to confirm your journal creation by clicking on the link sent to you in e-mail.

Your LiveJournal will be available at:

<http://www.livejournal.com/users/spe119/>

Now, please take the time to fill in some information about yourself. It's mostly optional, but it lets us get an idea of who's using LiveJournal.

[Enter Personal Information →](#)

2. The next thing you'll be asked to do is fill out some personal information about yourself. You can fill out as much or as little information as you'd like. Next, you'll see a page that looks like this:

LiVE JOURNAL™ Welcome, [spe119!](#)

Manage Search Help About Upgrade Your Account

Update Recent Archive Friends... Info... Memories Pictures

Home: [Page Accounts](#): **Personal Info** Search: Category:

Edit Personal Information

Success!

Your information and [journal](#) settings and [profile](#) have been updated.

[Terms of Service](#) [Privacy Policy](#) [Legal Information](#) [Site Map](#) [Browse Options](#)

Click "update" to begin writing in your LiveJournal!

3. Click on "Update" and you'll see a page that looks like this at the top (we'll get to the bottom of the page in a minute):

The screenshot shows the top portion of a web page titled "Update Journal". At the top left is a "Home" link and the page title. To the right is a search bar with a "Search" button. Below this is a "Poster:" section indicating the user is logged in as "spe119" and providing a link to post as another user. The "Date:" section includes dropdown menus for month (June), day (09), year (2005), and time (11:13). The "Subject:" field contains the text "It's my first post". Below the subject is an "Entry:" text area containing the text: "Hello, everyone! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Terri Senft, and I am teaching at the University of the Virgin Islands." Handwritten pink annotations include an arrow pointing to the subject field with the text "It's good to have a subject line" and another arrow pointing to the entry text area with the text "This is where you write your journal entry. It can be short or long--the choice is yours!"

4. As you can see, there are places for you to put in a subject and a journal entry. The bottom of this page looks like this:

The screenshot shows the "Options:" section of the page. It includes several settings: "Security:" with a dropdown menu showing "Public", "Private", and "Friends"; "Text Formatting:" with a dropdown menu; "Music:" with a dropdown menu; "Mood:" with a dropdown menu; "Entry is Backdated:" with an unchecked checkbox; "Comment Settings:" with a dropdown menu set to "Default"; and "Screen Comments:" with a dropdown menu set to "Default". Handwritten pink annotations include an arrow pointing to the "Public" option in the Security dropdown with the text "You need to click the arrow next to 'public' to get more security options". Below the options is a row of buttons: "Post to: spe119", "Update Journal", "Spell check", and "Preview". Handwritten pink annotations include an arrow pointing to the "Update Journal" button with the text "Press 'update' when you are ready to send your writing to the world!", an arrow pointing to the "Spell check" button with the text "Everyone loves Spell check", and an arrow pointing to the "Preview" button with the text "'Preview' lets you see how your post will look before the world sees".

Some of the stuff on this page begs explanation:

- **The “Security” option has three settings:**
 - **Public:** the world can see what you have written. Most commonly used setting. *For now, just mark your posts “public.”*
 - **Private:** only you can see what you have written. This is a way to make your online journal like a private diary.
 - **Friends:** this is an advanced feature. To designate a post as “Friends”, you need to first put some people on your Friends List. We’ll get to that later.
- **The “Text Format” option:** just leave as is
- **The “Music” Option:** advanced feature; just leave as is (if you are playing a CD while you type, LiveJournal can figure out what track you are listening to and post it with your journal entry if you want.)
- **The “Mood” option.** Click on it!
- **The “Comment settings” option:** Leave as is
- **The “Screen comments” option:** Leave as is.
- **The “Spell Check” option:** If you click it, it checks your spelling
- **The “Preview” option:** checks your stuff before you send it to the world
- **The “Update Journal” option:** That’s what you press when you want to send your stuff out to the world.

5. Once you press Update, your page will look like this:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Home: Update Journal'. At the top right, there are search and category fields. The main heading is 'Update Journal'. Below it, a message states: 'Logging in to server... Also, the server has a message for you: Your e-mail address has not been validated. You may continue to use LiveJournal.com, but if you do not validate your address, you will not have access to all functions of the site. See the instructions that were mailed to you when you created your journal, or visit <http://www.livejournal.com/support/faqbrowse.bml?faqid=11> for more information.' Below this, it says 'Updating journal... Update successful. You can view your updated journal [here](#).' At the bottom, it lists actions: 'View the entry', 'Edit the entry', and 'Add the entry to your memories'. Red handwritten annotations include a large circle around the email validation message, an arrow pointing from the 'View the entry' link to the text 'Click here to see what your entry looks like!', and another arrow pointing from the 'View the entry' link to the text 'Uh oh! Time to check your email and validate yourself on LiveJournal'.

6. Click on "View the entry" to see what your entry looks like:

Journal Manage Search Help About Upgrade Your Account
Update **Recent** Archive Friends ... Info ... Memories Pictures

spe119 (spe119) wrote,
@ 2005-06-09 11:13:00

Current mood: accomplished

It's my first post
Hello, everyone! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Terri Senft, and I am teaching at the University of the Virgin Islands.

(Post a new comment)

Click here and see how your page looks so far!

7. Click on "Recent" and you'll see this:

spe119's Journal

[Most Recent Entries] [Calendar View] [Friends]

Below are the 1 most recent journal entries recorded in spe119's LiveJournal:

Thursday, June 9th, 2005

11:13 am **It's my first post**
Hello, everyone! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Terri Senft, and I am teaching at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Current Mood: accomplished

(Comment on this)

8. Now you have your very own Live Journal Account, and can begin putting up an online journal of your own, if you wish. Additionally/alternately, you can read other people's journal's from your own "friends list" which you can create at <http://www.livejournal.com/friends/edit.bml>

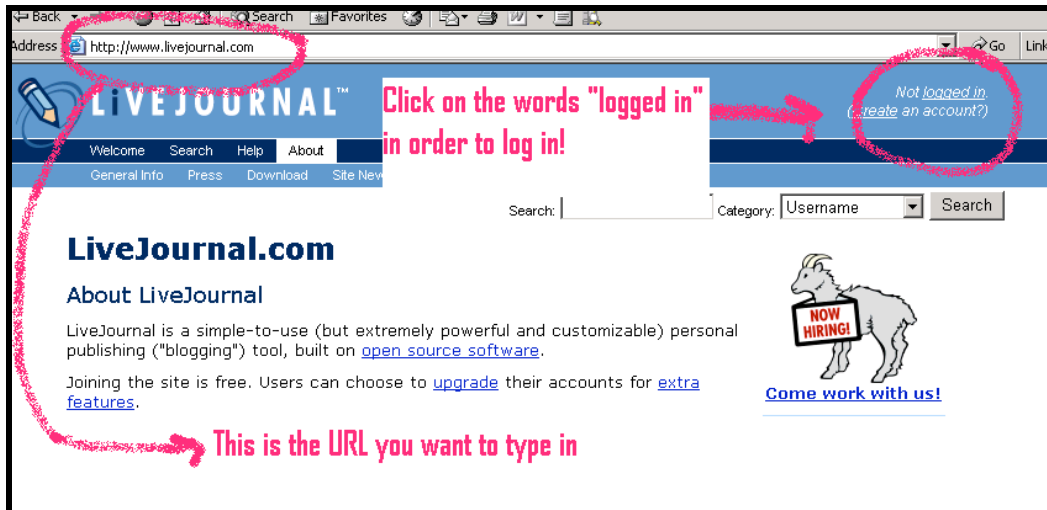
9. If you want to put me on your friends list, my Live Journal name is tsenft. If you want to search for other people to read by interest, you can to: <http://www.livejournal.com/interests.bml>

10. If you want to search by country, you can go here: <http://www.livejournal.com/directory.bml> (but be warned that lots of people lie about their country of origin. There cannot possibly be so many skate punk kids hailing from Afghanistan, for example.)

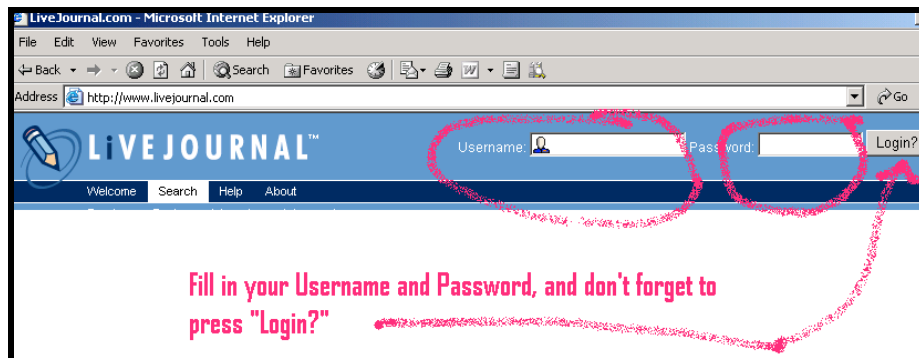
11. Any question you could possibly have about using LiveJournal will be answered by checking the [LiveJournal FAQ](#). LiveJournal prides itself on being open source and volunteer-run. To find out the particulars, visit the [LiveJournal Volunteer Development Forums](#)

ADVANCED STUFF: MAKING YOUR JOURNAL PRETTY

12. If you are like me, you think your default page is pretty ugly. Let's make it look nicer. First, go to www.livejournal.com and you'll see a page like this:



9. Click on the words "logged in" on the upper right hand side of the screen, and you'll see this:



10. Once you are logged in, you'll see a page like this:

Live JOURNAL™ Welcome, [spe119!](#) [Log out?](#)

Journal **Manage** Search Help About Upgrade Your Account
 Entries Friends User Pictures Password **Customize** Communities

Home: [Login](#) Search: Category: [Username](#) Search

Log in

[spe119](#), you are now logged in

You may also specify when your login expires. By default your login will expire when you close your browser, which is best on public computers. However, if you're the only user of your computer and nobody else has access to it, you may choose to remain logged in forever. For more information on this and other options, see [What are the options when I log in?](#)

Username: **spe119** [Log Out](#)

Expiration: When browser closes **Choose this option**
 Never

Bind to IP address: Yes (safer)
 No (works with all ISPs) **Choose this option**

[Change Options](#)

11. Click on “Manage” and then “Customize.” This takes you to a page that looks like this:

Manual' is present."/>

Customize Journal

Choose style system

Do you want to use the old style system, or the new one?

Old system (S1) [Change](#)

Using the **New system (S2)** **Use the pull-down menu and choose "NEW SYSTEM (S2)"**

The old style system is configured through the [Manual](#)

12. Follow the prompts to change the look of your journal. If you want to see the final results, travel back your journal page:

[http://www.livejournal.com/users/\(FILL IN YOUR USER NAME\)](http://www.livejournal.com/users/(FILL IN YOUR USER NAME))