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how do I get mine?



(Before today) who knew that
they had an LSC blog?



Who is currently using their LSC blog?

Today

- Activation and Configuration
- Creating a Page
- Creating a Post
- Next Steps


Activation


MY LONESTAR


Q Search


Employee **1 Faculty** Applicant Student

Main Menu **MLS Request**


 My Links ▶

 Faculty Center


 LSC-Online ▶


 My Blog **2** ▶


3 Log In to Blog
Request a Blog
Video Tutorials
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**FALL & SUMMER
REGISTRATION**
ARE NOW OPEN


 **Update Center**

 **04/08/15**
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Memorial Day Holiday

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Activation Request form

 PROGRAMS OF STUDY

ADMISSIONS

STUDENT SERVICES


PAYING FOR COLLEGE

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS

LIBRARY

REQUEST A FACULTY WEBSITE

Office of External Affairs » Marketing & Communications »



Requesting a blog is as simple as filling out the form below. A few things to keep in mind are as follows:

1. "Basic Information" pertains to the person who will be considered the administrator for this blog.
2. All blog requests, urls, titles, and taglines are subject to approval by the Web Team.

Please allow 1-2 days to process your request. Once your blog is ready, you will receive an email notification.

***Required**

Basic Information

First Name

Last Name

Department or Organization

*E-mail

Telephone

Desired Username

Department Manager

Department Manager Email

Logging In

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Logging In (shortcut)

<http://apps.lonestar.edu/blogs/wp-admin/>

Lone Star College System - Authentication Service

Enter your Net ID (username) and either your LSC-Online password (ANGEL, Workshops, etc.) or, if you are an employee, you may enter your "email" password.

For security reasons, please Log Out and Exit your web browser when you are done accessing services that require authentication!

Enter your NetID and Password

NetID:

Password:

☐ Warn me before logging me into other sites.

Admin Dashboard

The screenshot shows the WordPress Admin Dashboard for a user named Bruce Caraway. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'My Sites', a home icon, the user name 'Bruce Caraway', a comment count of '0', a '+ New' button, and a 'Howdy, Bruce' greeting with a profile icon. A left sidebar contains a menu with 'Dashboard' (selected), 'Home', 'My Sites', 'Posts', 'Media', 'Links', 'Pages', 'Comments', 'Appearance', 'Plugins', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Settings', and a 'Collapse menu' button. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features several widgets. The 'At a Glance' widget shows '3 Posts' and '4 Pages', notes the version 'WordPress 4.1.1 running Arclite theme', and displays storage usage: '100 MB Space Allowed' and '1.23 MB (1%) Space Used'. The 'Quick Draft' widget includes a 'Title' field, a text area for 'What's on your mind?', and a 'Save Draft' button. The 'Activity' widget lists 'Recently Published' items: 'The Paperless Classroom' (Apr 2nd, 6:28 pm), 'WordPress II Starts This Week' (Feb 16th, 10:28 pm), and 'COSC 1301 Spring semester... GO!' (Jan 12th, 10:32 pm). The 'WordPress News' widget features a headline 'WordPress 4.2 Release Candidate' dated April 15, 2015, followed by a paragraph about the release candidate and two links: 'Matt: A Bank Website on WordPress' and 'WPTavern: WooCommerce Dominates Global E-Commerce Platforms, Passes 7 Million Downloads'.

WordPress Admin Dashboard

My Sites Bruce Caraway 0 + New Howdy, Bruce

Dashboard

Home My Sites

Posts Media Links Pages Comments Appearance Plugins Users Tools Settings Collapse menu

Dashboard

Screen Options Help

At a Glance

3 Posts 4 Pages

WordPress 4.1.1 running Arclite theme.

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WordPress News

WordPress 4.2 Release Candidate April 15, 2015

The release candidate for WordPress 4.2 is now available. We've made more than 140 changes since releasing Beta 4 a week and a half ago. RC means we think we're done, but with millions of users and thousands of plugins and themes, it's possible we've missed something. We hope to ship WordPress 4.2 on Wednesday, [...]

[Matt: A Bank Website on WordPress](#)

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WordPress

- Local success story
- Used by 23% of all websites today (w3techs.com)
- Well documented
- Lots of helpful resources



Backend vs Frontend

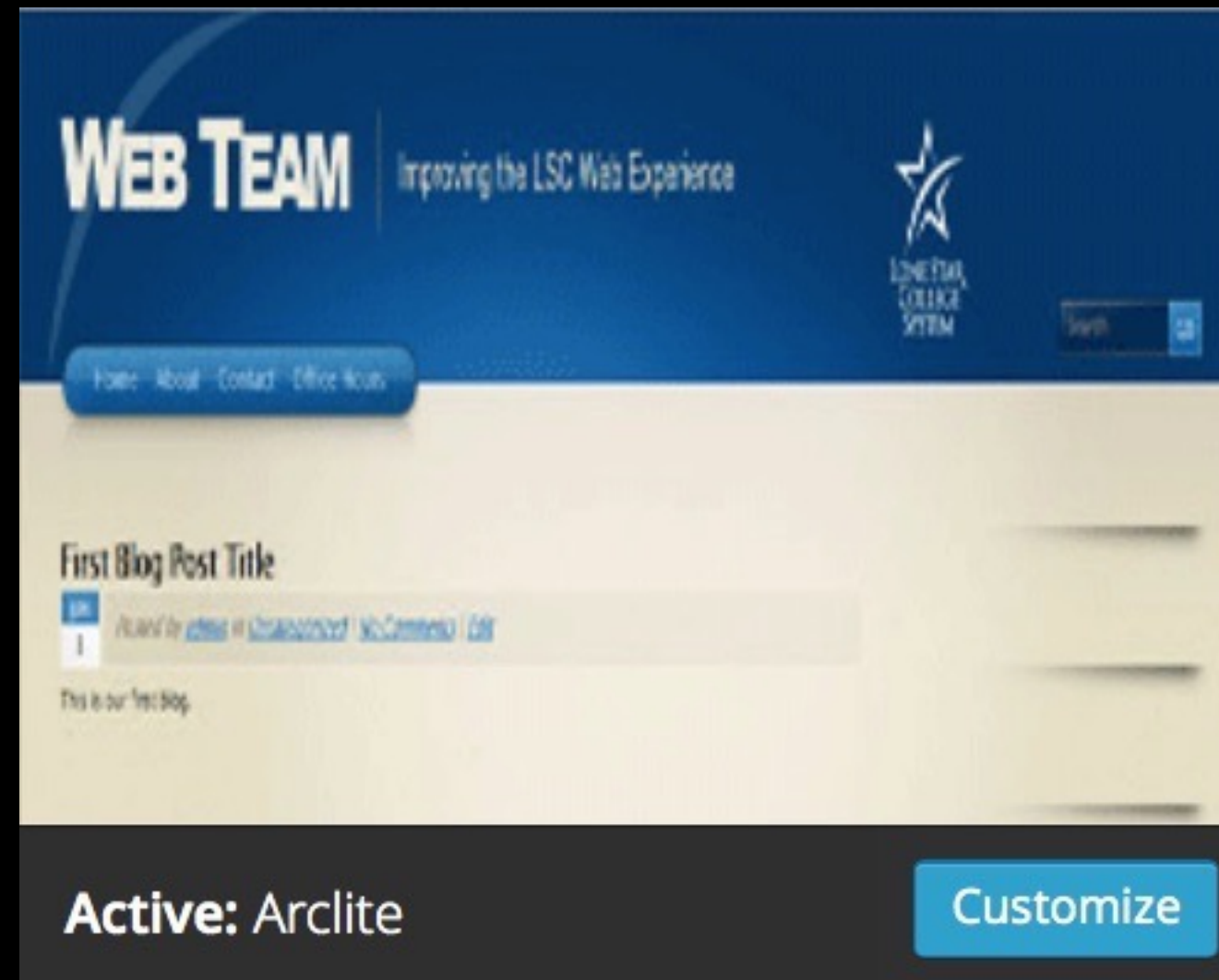
- Backend (or Admin dashboard)
 - add/edit content
 - change site look-and-feel
- Frontend
 - “public”, audience facing

Initial Configuration

- Site Title
- Tagline
- Time/Date
- Allow Discussion (Comments)

Selecting a Theme

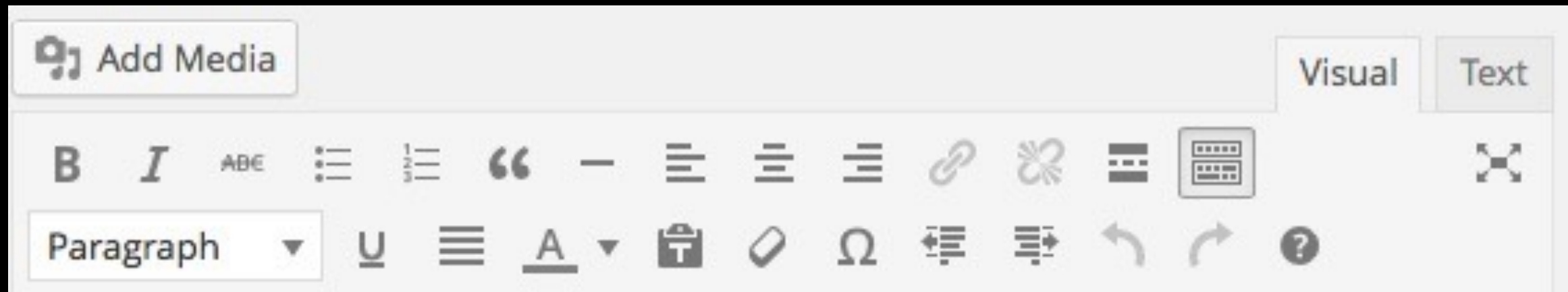
- Limited selection (right now)
- Best option - Arclite
- New themes are coming



Adding an About page

- An up-to-date (and short) bio
- A recent profile photo
- Copy of your resume or CV
- Links to your other web/social sites
 - LinkedIn, RateMyProfessor, ...
 - Twitter, Facebook, ...

Visual Text Editor Toolbar



Not always WYSIWYG

- Theme styling can override
- Your device and browser can have impact
- Rely first on your theme

Other Pages To Consider

- Class or Course page
- FAQ
- Other Course Resources
- Contact form

Posts vs Pages

- Posts are timely vs. Pages are timeless.
- Posts are social vs. Pages are not.
- Posts are included in an RSS feed vs. Pages are not.
- Posts can be categorized vs. Pages are hierarchical.

Adding our 1st Post

- Start of Semester Welcome message
- Reminder of upcoming exam
- End of Semester evaluation

Post Categories

- Be sure to change the default category (*Uncategorized*)
- Useful in grouping your posts
- Help in filtering and retrieving content as your blog grows

HOW WILL YOU USE
YOUR SITE?

Audience

- Who is looking?
- What are they looking for?
- When are they looking?



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Computers, Tech and General Geekery!



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SYLLABI

COSC 1301.60021 - 2015 Fall
COSC 1301.60151 - 2015 Fall
COSC 1301.60159 - 2015 Fall
COSC 1301.60272 - 2015 Fall
ITSE 1302.60021 - 2015 Fall

VITAE

VITAE for Bruce Caraway

Instructor Blog Tutorials are now available

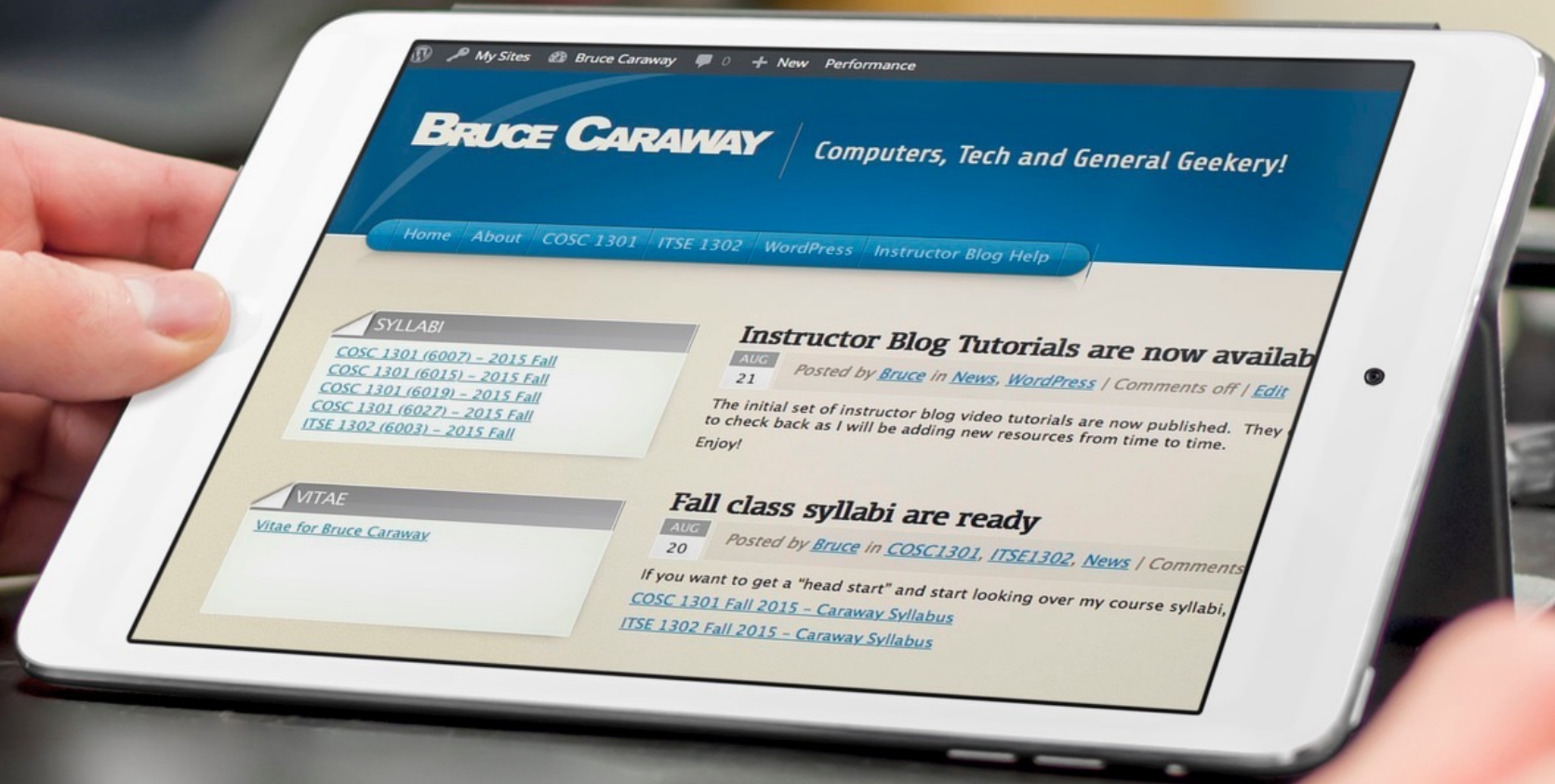
21 Posted by Bruce in News, WordPress | Comments off | Edit

The initial set of instructor blog video tutorials are now published. They can be found on the [Instructor Blog Help](#) page to check back as I will be adding new resources from time to time. Enjoy!

Fall class syllabi are ready

20 Posted by Bruce in COSC1301, ITSE1302, News | Comments off | Edit

If you want to get a "head start" and start looking over my course syllabi, here they are:
[COSC 1301 Fall 2015 - Caraway Syllabus](#)
[ITSE 1302 Fall 2015 - Caraway Syllabus](#)



Additional Resources

- Free Online WordPress tutorials
 - ithemes.com/tutorials
 - wpbeginner.com
- lynda.com

Bruce's Help Page

<http://apps.lonestar.edu/blogs/brucaraway/instructor-blog-help/>

- tutorial videos
- useful links
- more...

