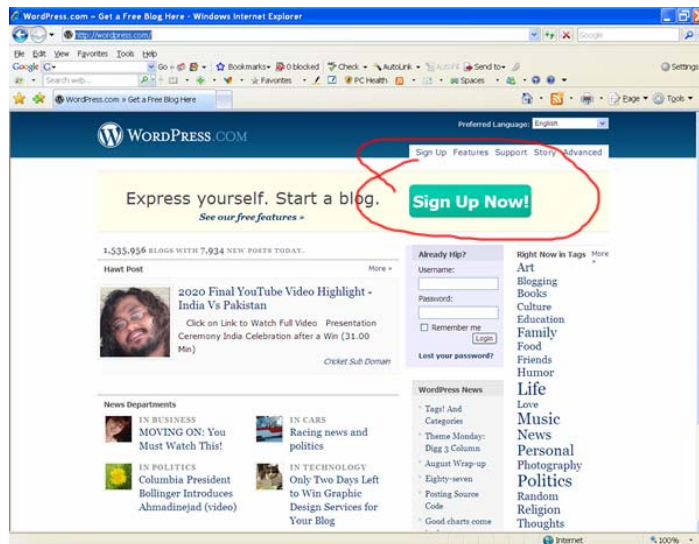


HOW TO CREATE A **FREE** WORDPRESS BLOG ACCOUNT

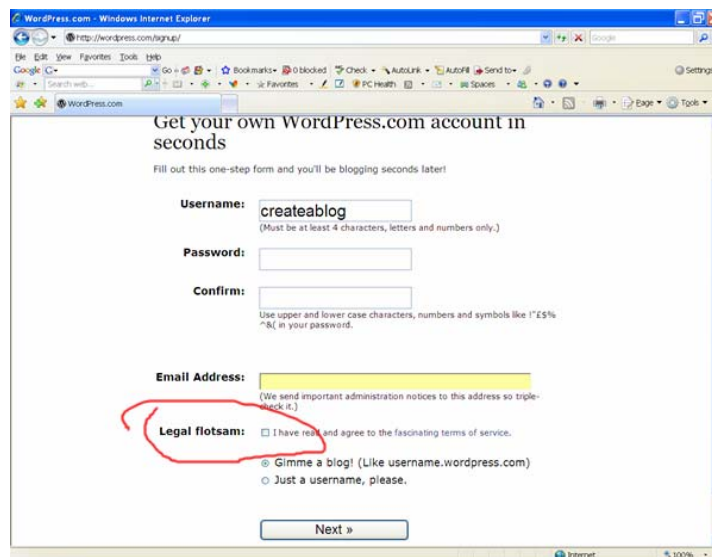
Go to the website www.wordpress.com

NOTE: *The look of the site may change from time*



Click on the **SIGN UP NOW** button/icon

you will automatically be taken to the page below



make sure you read and agree with the user agreement

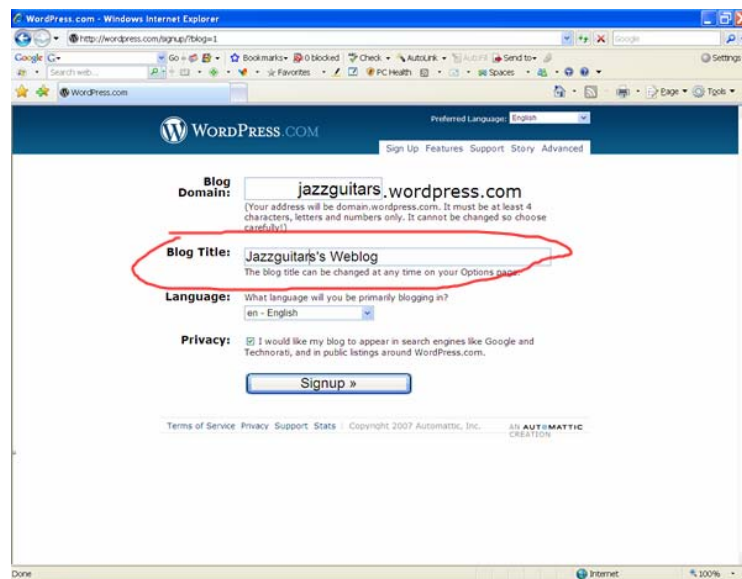
Click on the **NEXT** button at the bottom of the page

HELPFUL HINT:

I recommend that you write down your user name and password and keep it in a safe place

SIGN UP CONTINUED

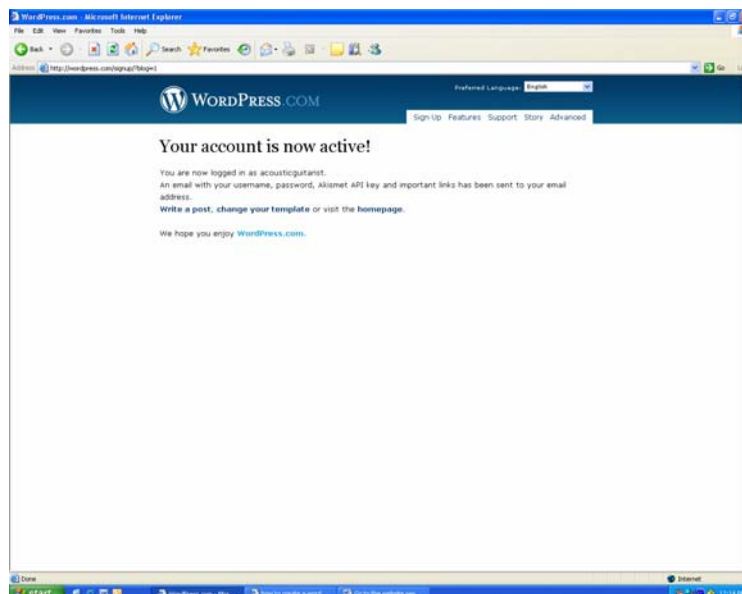
You will then be taken to the next screen



Change the name of your Blog title if you like but ***leave the Blog domain name*** as it is

Click the sign up button

If there are no errors the following screen will appear



AT THIS POINT YOU CAN MAKE A NUMBER OF CHOICES

- **Select your template**
- **Write a post**
- **Visit your homepage**

see the next page for more information on each

THE TEMPLATE PAGE

On this page you can choose the style of your Blog page – this is called a theme

THE WRITE A POST PAGE

This is where you can start your first Blog

THE HOMEPAGE

This is the page that is visible on the **world wide web**

When you click on your Homepage it will display automatically with default information.

E.g. If somebody typed in www.acousticguitarist.wordpress.com or was sent the link by email, they would see my Blog homepage

Note how there are no spaces in the address above and also note how the Blog title is flexible and it can be changed at any time.

HELPFUL HINTS

Make sure you save a copy of any of the posts you do to some other storage device. A simple approach would be:

- Create a folder on your hard drive or a pen drive and call the folder “whatever you like Blogs” an example would be “acousticguitarist Blogs”
- Copy the text of your Blog post to a Word .doc
- Name your document with a name that will be easy for you to identify what is in the doc at a later date
- Save the Word doc to your folder full of Blogs
- Keep in mind that an extra backup copy is a good idea

For more free handy hints go to:

<http://www.createablog.wordpress.com>