

ASSIGNMENT #1:

Choose a domain... get feedback.

Use a site like register.com to make sure the domain is available. Use thesaurus.com to find alternative word combinations. When you're ready share you name ideas with the group and get feedback. Be sure to google any names and check social media for similar accounts. You'll can buy the domain anywhere but if you don't have hosting yet, hold off, you might get it for free as part of your web hosting package.

ASSIGNMENT #2:

Buy the domain, hosting & set up WP

If you're already set up for your blog, you can just double check everything is correct using the checklist.

Once you have settled on a domain it's time to buy hosting, a domain and get WP installed. There are links to Blue Host and their setup guides in the resources section, but you can use any webhost. Query the FB group for feedback on hosts if you're not sure.

ASSIGNMENT #3:

Get your two plugins installed & run a speed test

Install Akismet and Jetpack. Keep your theme as the default. Run a speed test at <http://www.webpagetest.org/>

This will be your baseline. You should definitely be below 10 seconds. This will give you an idea as you start to build your theme if you are slowing down your site unnecessarily.