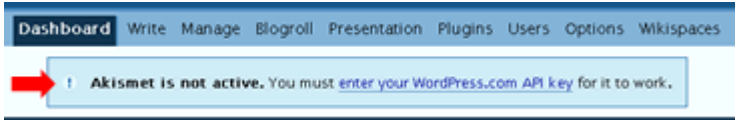


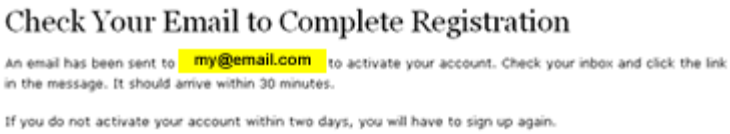
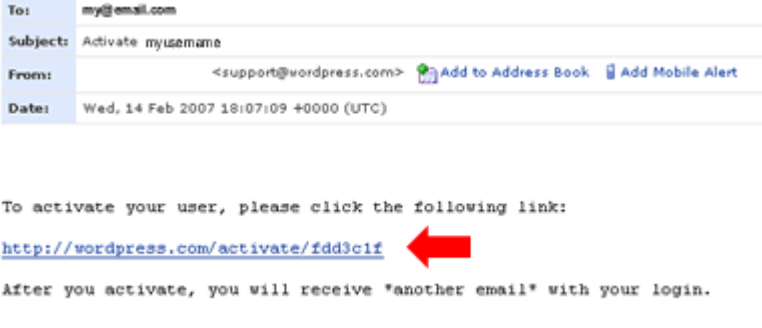
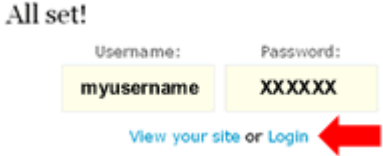



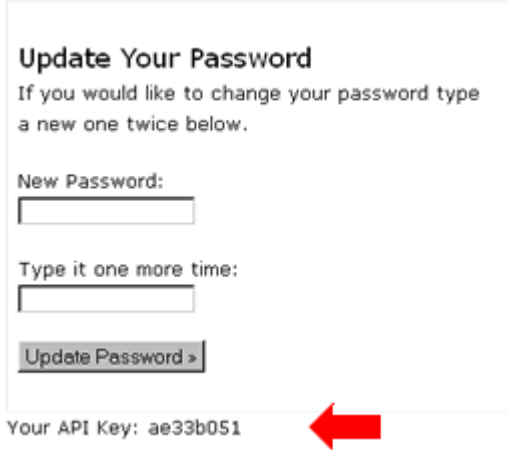


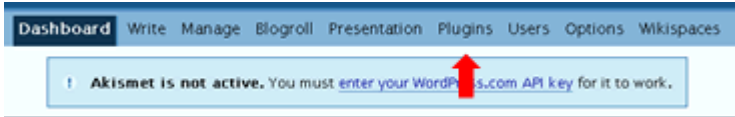

Activate and Configure Akismet for your EduBlogs Blog

Akismet, is a spam filtering service created by Automattic, the corporation which employs most of the main developers of the weblog platform WordPress. Akismet attempts to filter link spam from blog comments and spam TrackBack pings. The filter works by combining information about spam captured on all participating blogs, and then using those spam rules to block future spam.

It is important that you take the time to configure and activate your Akismet plugin in your EduBlogs blog. Doing so will greatly reduce the amount of spam you receive in your comment sections.

<p>Step 1</p> <p>When you log into the Admin panel of your EduBlogs blog site, you may notice a warning bar informing you that Akismet is not active. You will need a free API key to activate Akismet. You can obtain a key by setting up a free WordPress account.</p>	
<p>Step 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the WordPress website at http://wordpress.com. • If you do not already have a WordPress account, click on the badge that says “Start your WordPress Blog”. • If you already have a WordPress account, skip to Step #7 	
<p>Step 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a username that will be associated with your WordPress account. • Enter a valid email address. • Check the Legal flotsam. • Check “Just a username, please” if you already have a blog set up • Click “Next”. 	
<p>Step 4</p> <p>A message will be sent to the email address you provided that will allow you to activate your account.</p>	

<p>Step 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access your email and open the message from WordPress. • Click on the link in the email to activate your account. <p>You will receive another email shortly that contains your login information.</p>	 <p>To activate your user, please click the following link: http://wordpress.com/activate/fdd3c1f</p> <p>After you activate, you will receive *another email* with your login.</p>
<p>Step 6</p> <p>By clicking on the link in your email you should be brought back to the WordPress web site and your account information should be displayed. Write this information down, and keep it someplace safe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on the Login link. <p><i>If for some reason you were not directed back to the WordPress site, open the second email you should receive, it will contain your account information as well.</i></p>	 <p>All set!</p> <p>Username: myusername Password: XXXXXX</p> <p>View your site or Login</p>
<p>Step 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the WordPress Homepage, enter your username and password then click on “Login”. 	 <p>Already Hip?</p> <p>Username: myusername</p> <p>Password: XXXXXX</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Remember me <input type="button" value="Login"/></p> <p>Lost your password?</p>

<p>Step 8</p> <p>Your API Key is found on this screen, write it down.</p> <p>You can also create a new password to be associated with your WordPress account if you so desire.</p> <p>Note: If you already have a blog set up through WordPress you need to complete the next two steps to locate your API key.</p>	
<p>ONLY FOLLOW THESE STEPS IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BLOG SET UP THROUGH WORDPRESS</p>	
<p>Once you have logged into your account, place your mouse over the “My Account” link, then click on “Edit Profile”</p>	
<p>Your API key is found on this page.</p>	
<p>Step 9</p> <p>Now that you have your API key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log back into the Admin panel of your blog. • Click on the “Plugins” link. 	
<p>Step 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on the “Akismet Configuration” link. 	

<p>Step 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter your API key.• If you'd like for spam comments to be automatically discarded, check the box.• Click on the "Update options" button.	<p>WordPress.com API Key</p> <p>Please enter an API key. (Get your key.)</p> <p>123a45a678a90 (What is this?)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatically discard spam comments on posts older than a month.</p> <p>Update options »</p>
<p>Step 12</p> <p>If everything is successful, you should see the following message.</p>	<p>WordPress.com API Key</p> <p>Your key has been verified. Happy blogging!</p>