



Bloggging Part 2

Setting up your blog.

Go to www.wordpress.org

The screenshot displays the WordPress.org homepage. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search WordPress.org" and a "Go" button. Below the search bar is the WordPress logo and the text "WORDPRESS.ORG". A navigation menu includes links for "Home", "Showcase", "Extend", "About", "Docs", "Blog", "Forums", "Hosting", and "Download".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a "Media Library" section with a camera icon. It shows a list of media items:

- All (60) | Images (59) | Video (1) | Unattached**
- Controls: Bulk Actions, Apply, Show all dates, Filter
- Item 1: File
- Item 2:  **Tybee Island Sunset**
JPG
[Edit](#) | [Delete](#) | [View](#)
- Item 3:  **Maggie at the Beach**
MP4

The right column contains promotional text:

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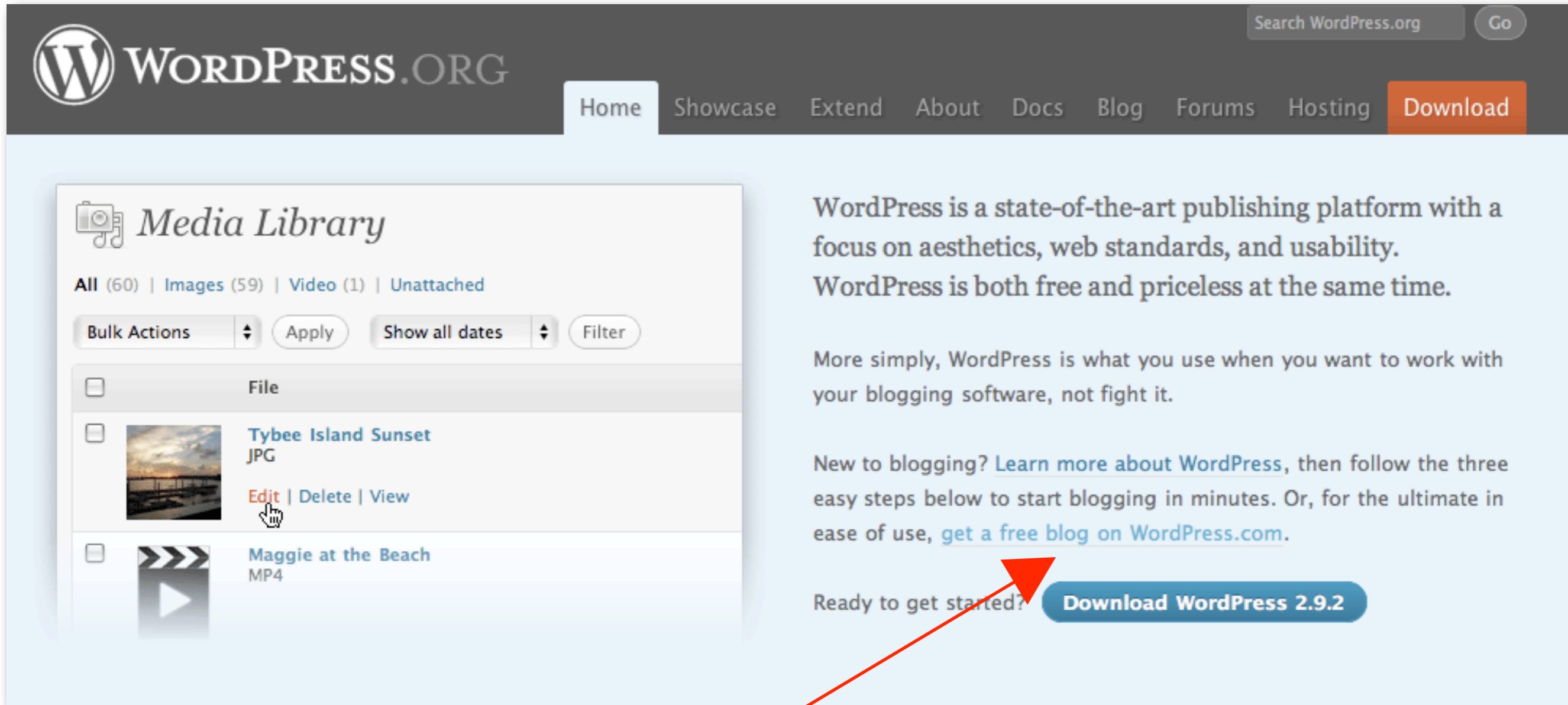
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1. Click “Get A Free Blog”
2. Enter the relevant info.
3. Write down your password somewhere safe.

Set it up.

Get your own WordPress.com account in seconds

Fill out this one-step form and you'll be blogging seconds later!

Username
(Must be at least 4 characters, lowercase letters and numbers only.)

Password

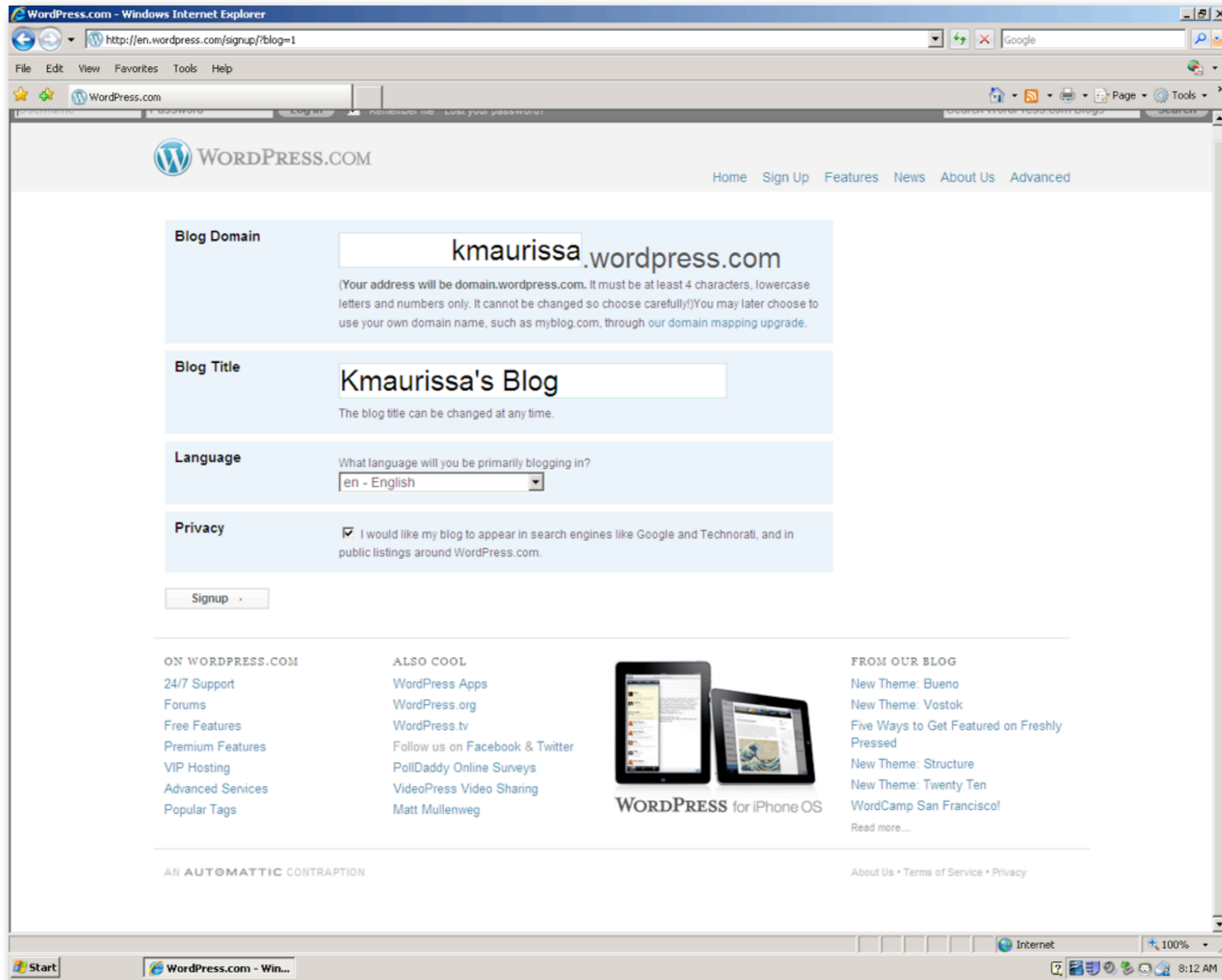
Confirm
Use upper and lower case characters, numbers and symbols like !"\$%&() in your password.
Password Strength:
Strong

E-mail Address
(We send important administration notices to this address so triple-check it.)

Legal flotsam I have read and agree to the [fascinating terms of service](#).

Gimme a blog! (Like mrisakson.wordpress.com)
 Just a username, please.

1. Go to www.wordpress.org
2. Sign up for a free blog. You'll need an email address.
3. **Don't use your full name.** Your handle can be totally fictitious—perhaps “elfwarrior2010”



1. Enter your domain. This **cannot** be changed. **Don't use your name!**
2. Enter your Blog Title. This **can** be changed.

Log in!



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1. Open up your dashboard – this is where you'll edit your blog.

The Dashboard

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for 'MrIsakson's Blog'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the site name, a search engine blocked notice, a 'New Post' button, and user information ('Howdy, mrisakson | Log Out'). Below this is a sidebar menu on the left with categories like Dashboard, Posts, Media, Links, Pages, Comments, Ratings, Polls, Appearance, Users, Tools, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features a yellow announcement banner for a new WordPress theme. Below the banner are several widgets: 'Right Now' showing content and discussion statistics; 'QuickPress' for creating new posts; 'Recent Drafts' showing no drafts; 'Recent Comments' with a comment from 'Mr WordPress'; and 'Incoming Links' showing no links. At the bottom right is a 'Stats' widget with a line graph for 'Views per day'.

MrIsakson's Blog Search Engines Blocked New Post Howdy, mrisakson | Log Out

Screen Options Help

Dashboard

WordPress.com announcement: [New Theme: Structure](#)

Right Now

Content	Discussion
1 Post	1 Comment
1 Page	1 Approved
1 Category	0 Pending
0 Tags	0 Spam

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Akismet blocks spam from getting to your blog, but there's nothing in your spam queue at the moment.

QuickPress

Title

Upload/Insert

Content


Tags

Save Draft Reset Publish

Recent Drafts

There are no drafts at the moment

Recent Comments

 From Mr WordPress on [Hello world!](#) #
Hi, this is a comment. To delete a comment, just log in, and view the posts' comments, there you will have ...

View all

Incoming Links

This dashboard widget queries [Google Blog Search](#) so that when another blog links to your site it will show up here. It has found no incoming links... yet. It's okay — there is no rush.

Stats

Views per day

Day	Views
30	1
01	0
02	0
03	0
04	0
05	0
06	0
07	0
08	0
09	0
10	0

Making a post.

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11/09	0
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All (1) | Published (1) | Trash (1)

Search Posts

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Bulk Actions

This is a list of all your posts to date.

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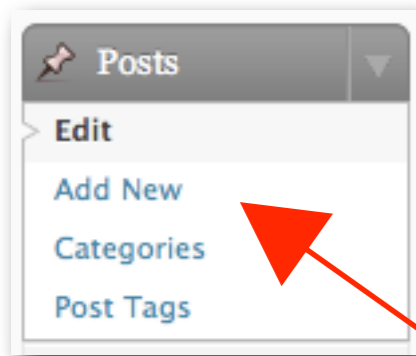
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Click on “Add New”

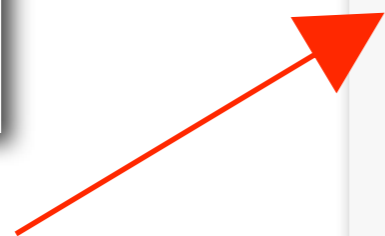
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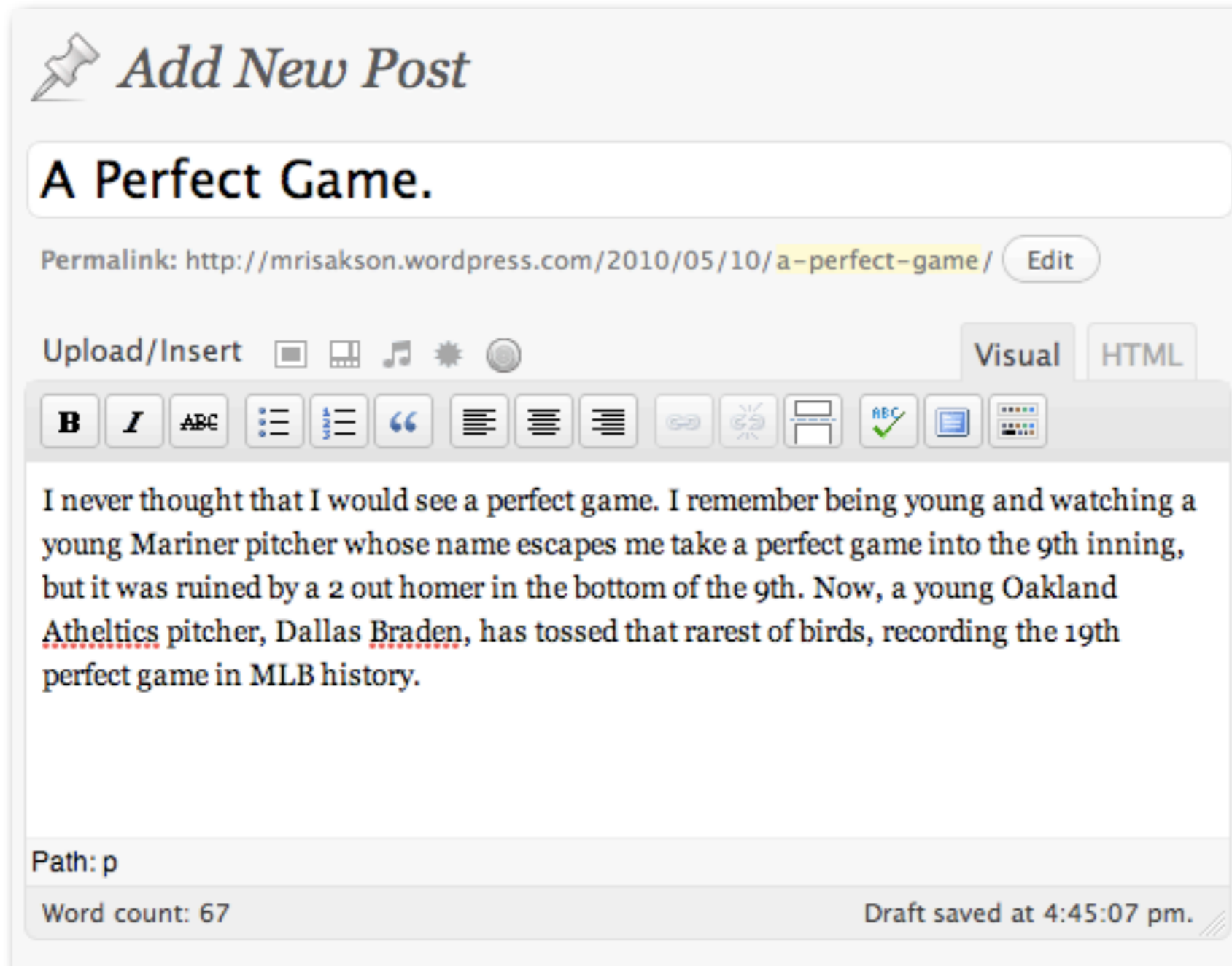
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








 *Add New Post*

A Perfect Game.

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Here's my sample post.

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ATHLETICS 4, RAYS 0

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By TYLER KEPNER

Published: May 9, 2010

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Carlos Avila Gonzalez/San Francisco Chronicle, via Associated Press

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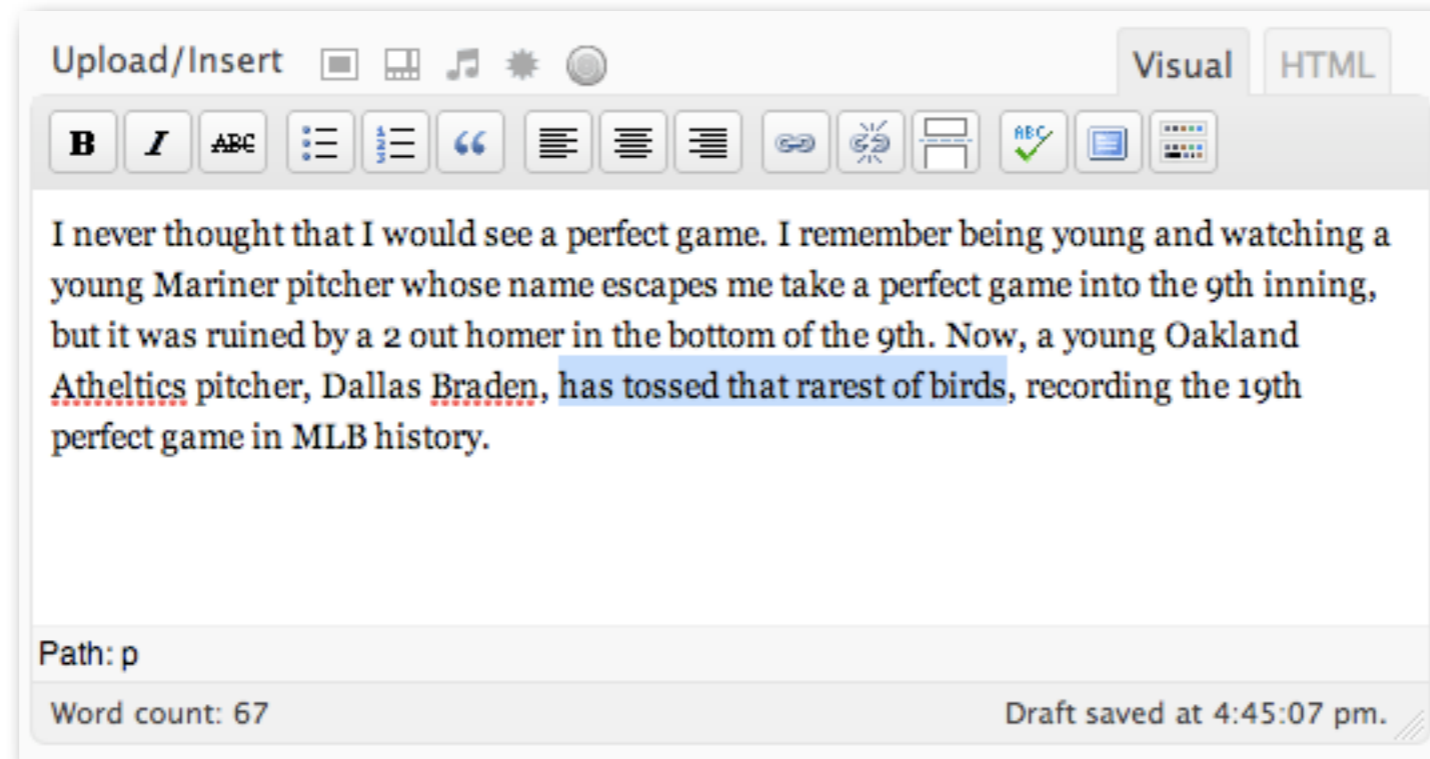


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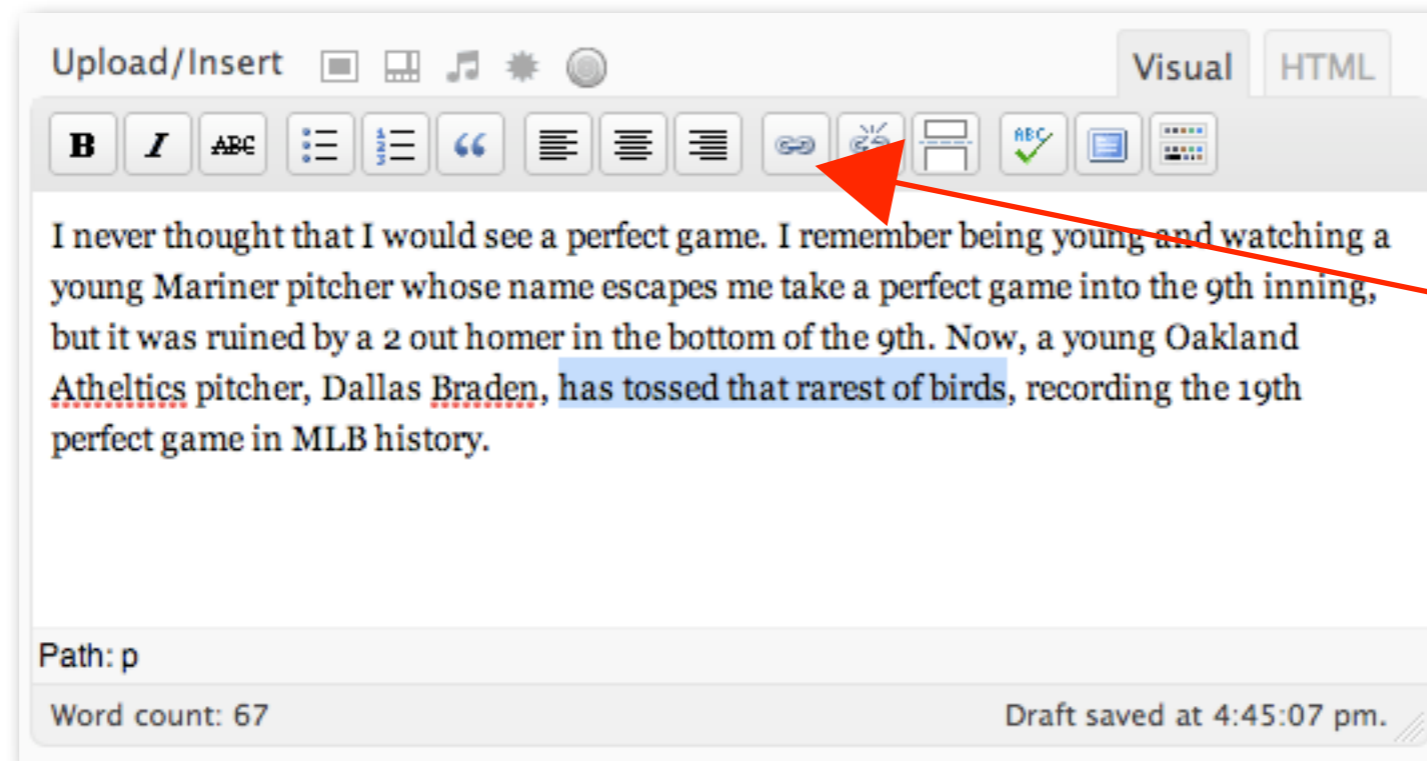
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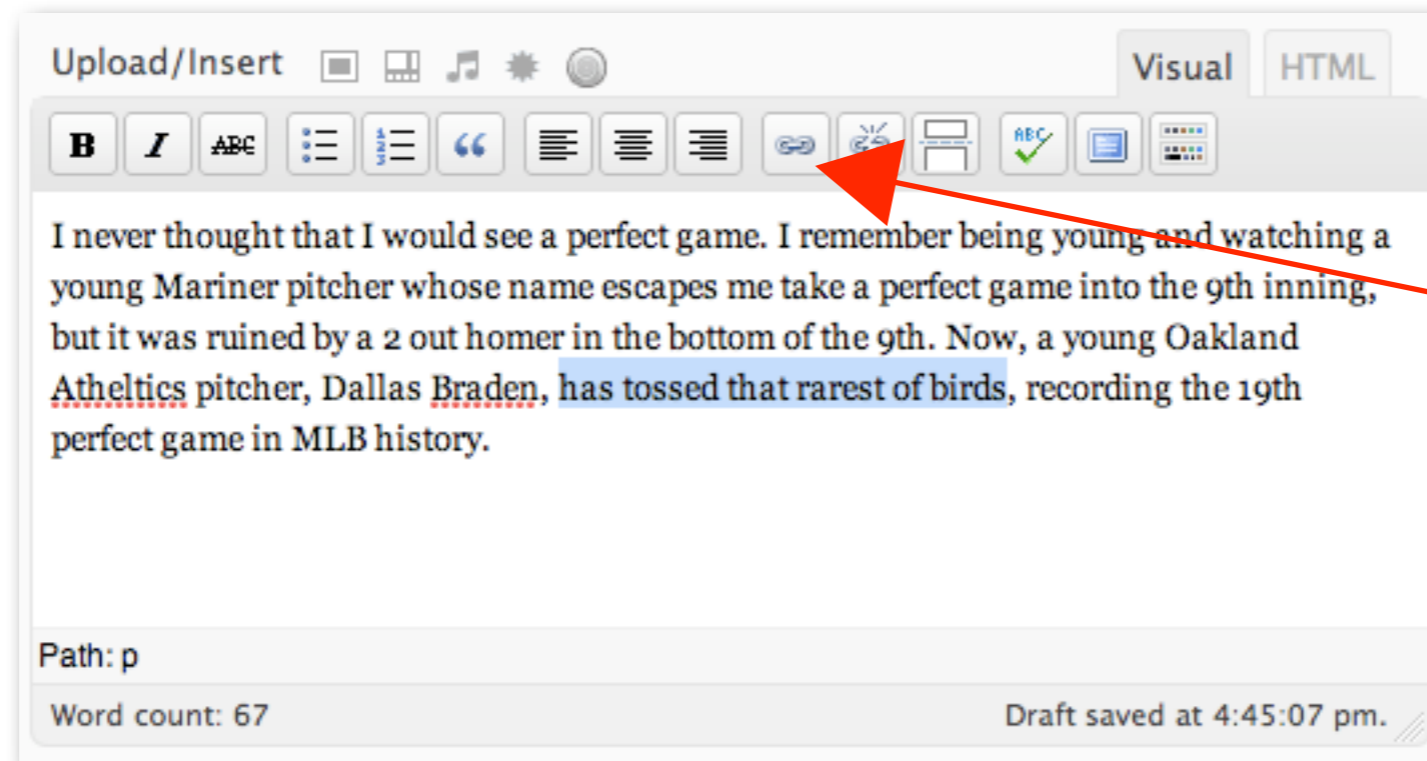
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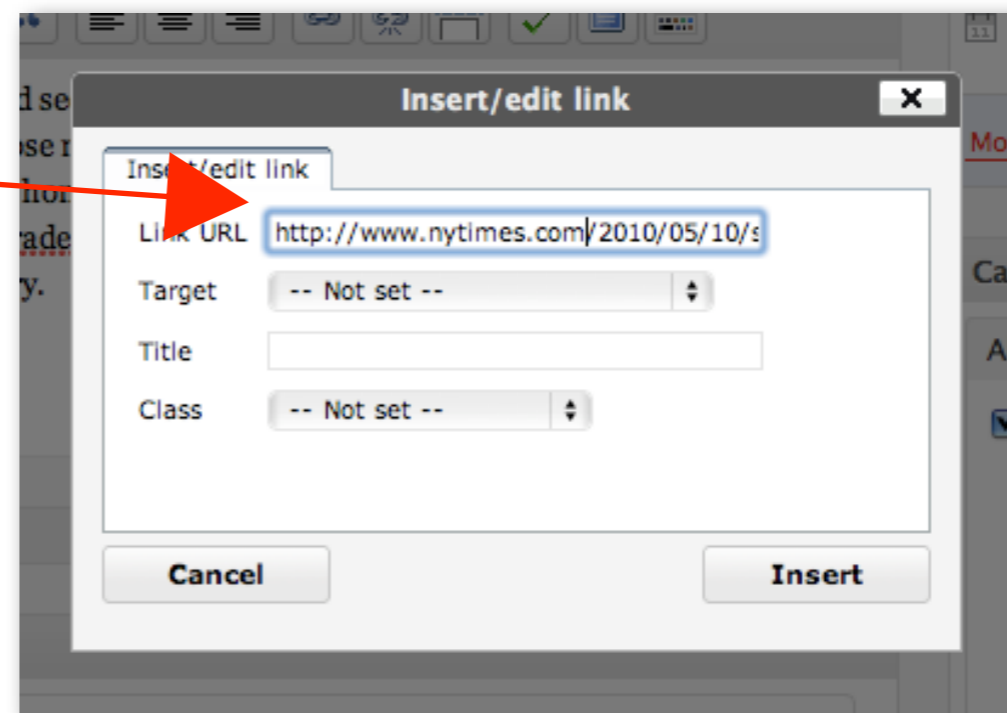
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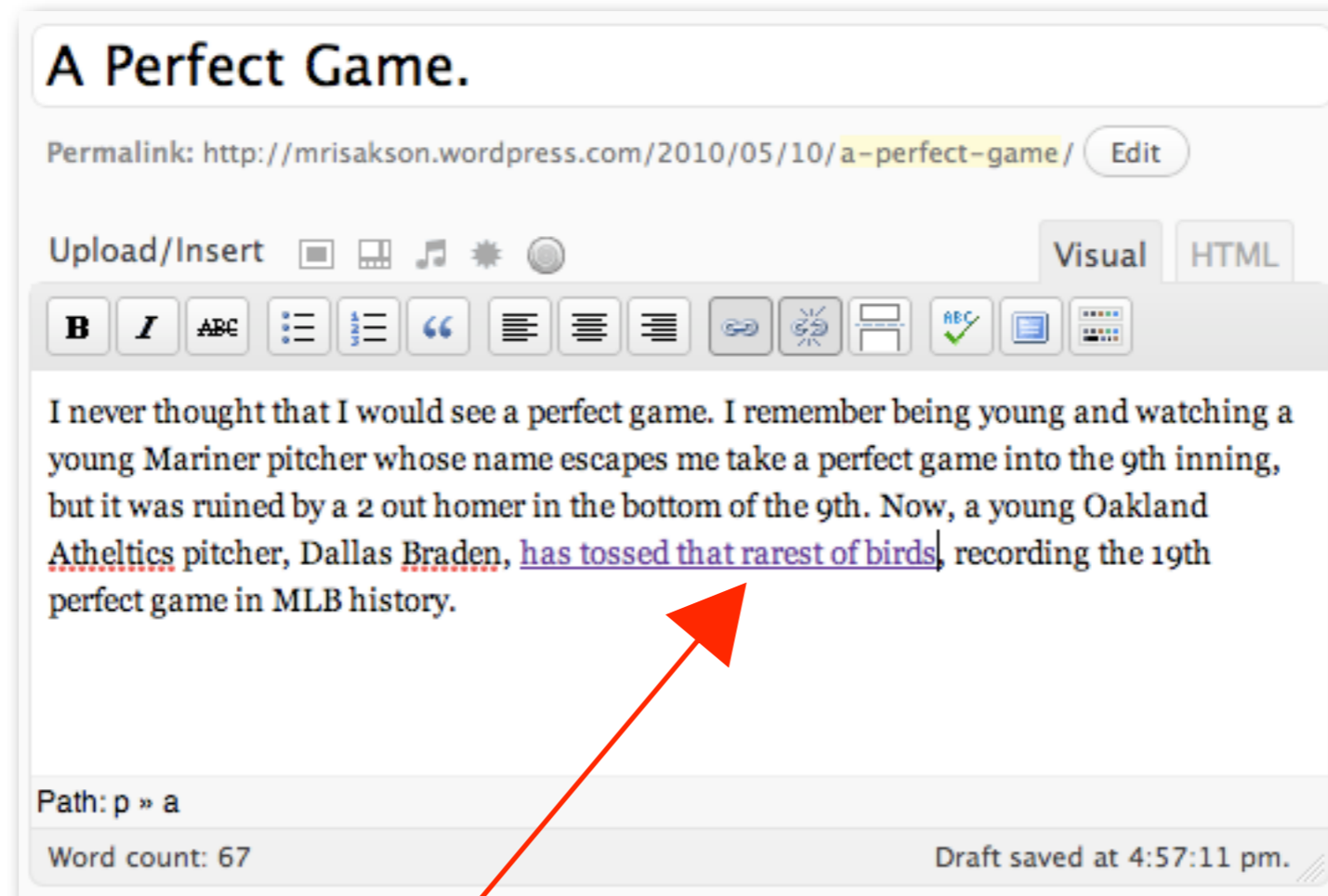


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








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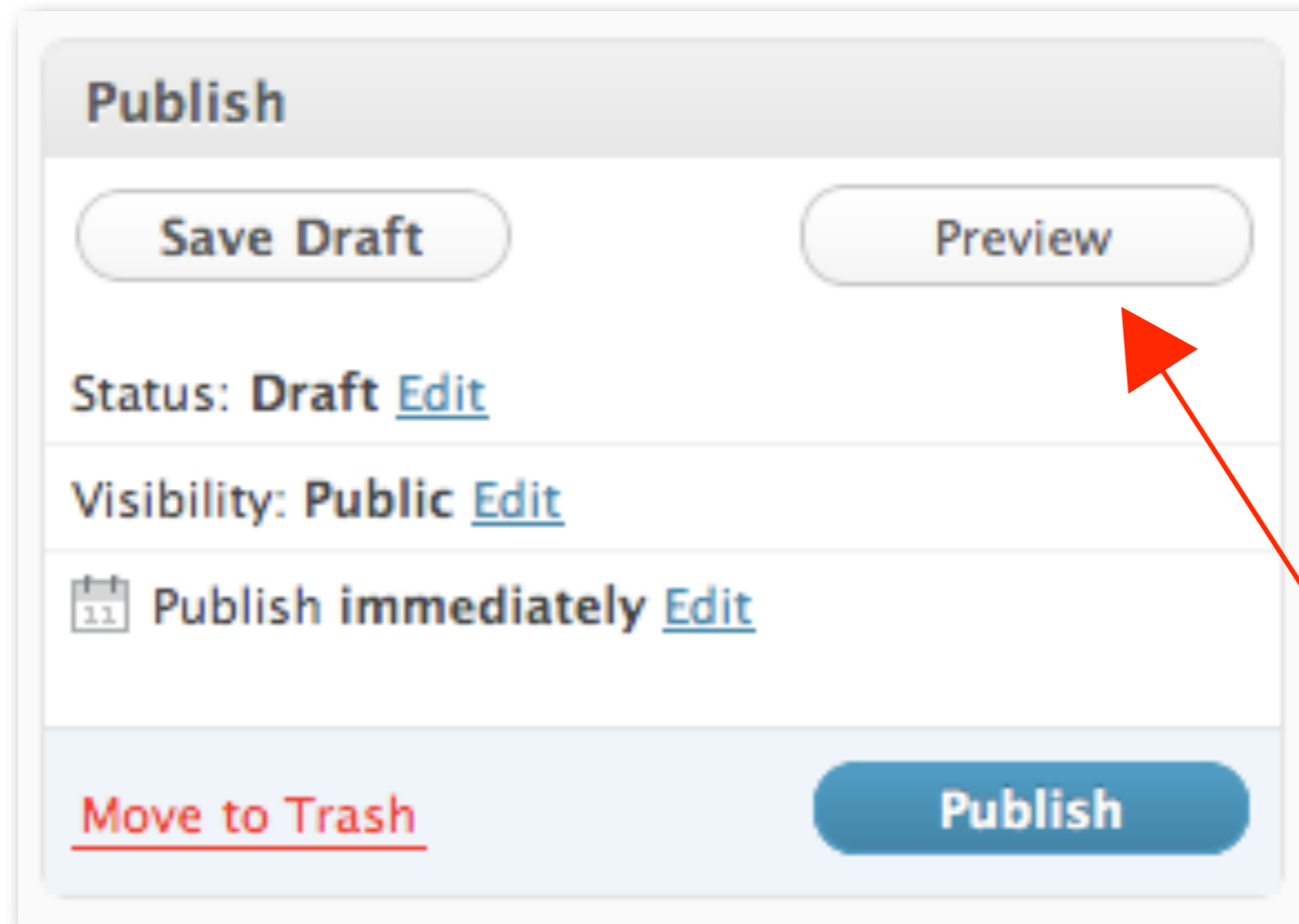
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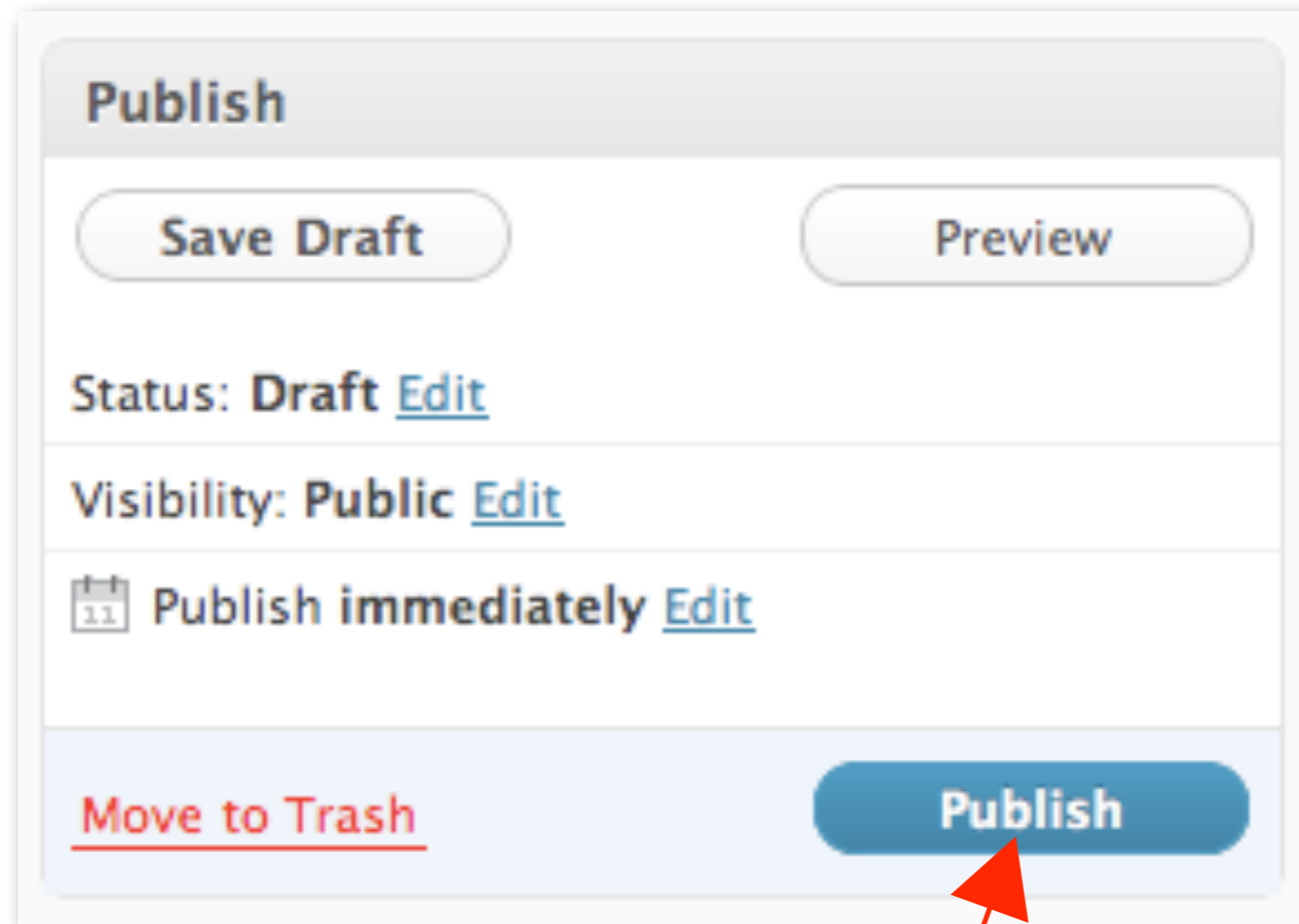
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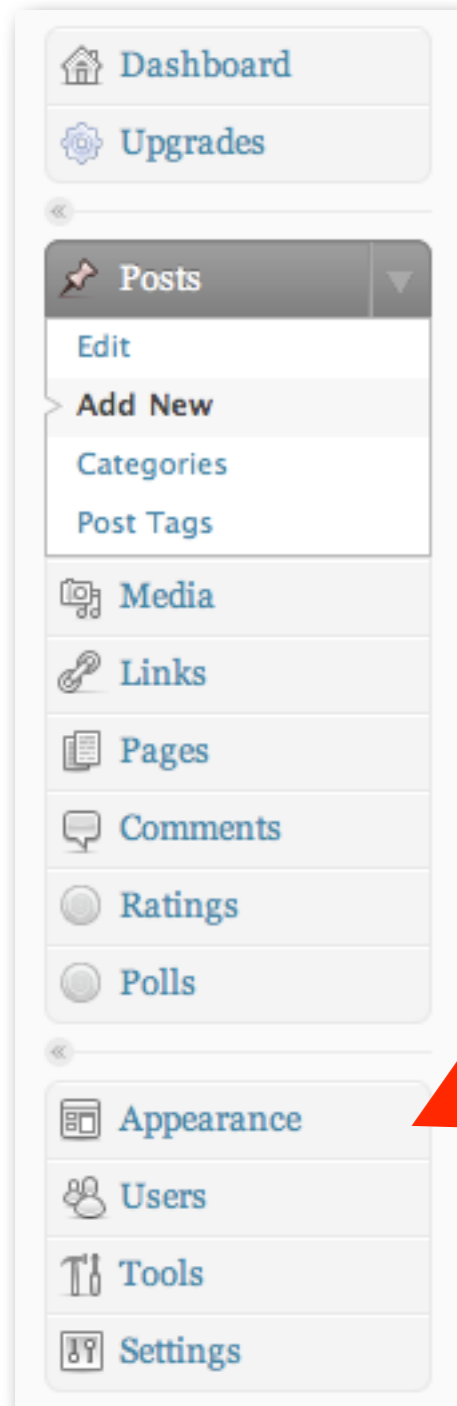
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To publish it, click publish.

Changing Appearance



Click on **Appearance** to bring up a menu of the readily available choices. You *can* install more themes, but you'll need to do them on your own, from your own machine.

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<p>Silver is the New Black Activate Preview</p> <p>A clean two-column fluid-width greyscale theme with rounded corners.</p> <p>Tags: two-columns, flexible-width, silver, white, light, right-sidebar, widgets, sticky-post, rtl-language-support</p>	<p>Motion Activate Preview</p> <p>Dark and colorful theme with sweet transparency characteristics. Drop-down categories menu, 2-column layout and widget-ready footer and sidebar.</p> <p>Tags: black, blue, green, dark, two-columns, sticky-post, threaded-comments, fixed-width, right-sidebar</p>	<p>Vigilance Activate Preview</p> <p>A lean and clean WordPress theme featuring standards and search friendly code. Theme Options Menu allows for serious customization. Designed and coded by Jestro.</p> <p>Tags: fixed-width, two-columns, white, red, rtl-language-support, right-sidebar, theme-options, custom-header, custom-colors, widgets, light, sticky-post, translation-ready</p>
		



Click "Activate" to install a theme.

Review

1. Set up a blog.
2. Make a post.
3. Add a link.
4. Play with themes.

End Part 2