

Initial Classroom Visit for Building a WordPress Site

Lesson Outcomes

By the end of this session, students will be able to:

- Describe how WordPress is utilized at TRU
- Recognize WordPress navigation and setting features that assist with website setup
- Identify how to get a website set up through TRUBOX
- Identify where to go for additional support

LESSON PLAN (60 minutes)

Introduction

Time	Topic	Teaching Strategies
5 mins	Prior experience and background knowledge	<u>Ask questions:</u> Has anyone built a website? What platforms did you use? Who has experience with Wordpress?
	Wordpress in the real world	<u>Share information:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43% of all the websites on the internet use WordPress • WordPress is one of the most popular web-based software applications in the world • Develop a great set of transferable skills that can be used in a variety of settings (most companies have websites, right?)
	TRUBOX server	<u>Share information:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRUBOX is TRU's locally-hosted instance of Wordpress • TRU owns the server on which on wordpress content created through TRUBOX exists • Data is encrypted • What happens to sites after they graduate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They will remain live ○ Exportable if you want to move to a new server

Assessment Overview

Time	Topic	Teaching Strategies
5 mins	Project templates	<u>Screen share and display on classroom projector:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level tour of the WordPress template features that was built for this project and how it aligns with their classroom assessment
	Examples of portfolios	<u>Screen share and display on classroom projector:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of portfolios/websites that are relevant to the classroom assessment

WordPress Navigation		
Time	Topic	Teaching Strategies
30 mins	Navigating WordPress two ways	<p><u>Screen Share and display on classroom projector:</u> When working in wordpress, there are 2 ways to navigate to places:</p> <p>1) Dashboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level view: where everything is “housed” (side menu) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All your pages, all posts, all media Top places to explore: Media, Pages, Posts, Appearance, Settings Plugins: If you’re interested in a functionality that your site doesn’t offer, contact us first before downloading plugins. They can be unstable and cause your site to misperform <p>2) Your Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused/specific view: viewing pages individually (top menu) Options for editing are across the top <p>There are multiple ways to get to the same place so you have to develop your own preferences.</p>
	WordPress settings	<p><u>Screen Share and display on classroom projector:</u> Change Email Address, Password</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hover over username (top right corner) > edit profile Update email address: myTRU to start, can update to personal Update password <p>Site Title, Site Tagline, Admin Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dashboard > Settings > General Change the site title, site tagline, administration email address <p>Privacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settings > Reading Site visibility (students control how much of their site is visible and to who)
	Website building	<p><u>Screen Share and display on classroom projector:</u> Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit the theme: Appearance > Theme Use “Live Preview” rather than updating right away <p>Create a Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the “test page” as an example <p>Edit a Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add blocks (image) Talk about the connection between media gallery and images <p>Menu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to add pages How to delete pages How to add hyperlinks as menu items

Site Creation		
Time	Topic	Teaching Strategies
5 mins	Getting a website through TRUBOX	<p><u>Screen Share and display on classroom projector:</u> To setup a site on TRUBOX, the following is needed (show them the process):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MyTRU email address ● Select template when creating site ● Domain name - not changeable ● Share setup instructions with instructor to be shared with class
Support		
Time	Topic	Teaching Strategies
5 mins	Support with website development	<p>WordPress Help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help tab: Whatever page you're on in WordPress, click help to find relevant information for assistance ● Wordpress Support Guides <p>TRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office Hours: Teaching Unbound Moodle course - attend virtual office hours ● Email: learningtech@tru.ca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include your site URL ○ This email address goes to our whole team
10 mins	Questions	Answer any questions the instructor or students may have