

Blog software comparison chart

Updated May 18, 2006: This chart is a companion to the article "[Time to check: Are you using the right blogging tool?](#)," published July 14, 2005 in the [USC Annenberg Online Journalism Review](#). Do note that this chart reflects only standard features of the tools' installation, and not every possible extension, plug-in modification... or hack.

Functionality	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
Comments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Categories	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subcategories	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trackbacks	Yes (Backlinks)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RSS	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Atom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Search	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blogroll/Lists	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Number of blogs	Unlimited	1	3	Unlimited	1	1 (more with WordPress MU)	Determined by license	Unlimited
News Aggregation	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Extras	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
Moblogging	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Photo Galleries	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Non-blog pages	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Maintenance	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
API	Blogger	Blogger, MetaWeblog, MT, Atom	Blogger, MetaWeblog, MT, Atom	Blogger, MetaWeblog, MT, Atom	MetaWeblog	Blogger, MetaWeblog, MT	Blogger, MetaWeblog, MT, Atom	MetaWeblog, Blogger, MT
Logs	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Data Storage	Database	Database	Database	Database	Database	Database	Database/No database	Database
Spam Fighting Tools	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
Blacklist	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Visitor registration/login	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Captchas	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Moderation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
URL NOFOLLOW	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IP/User/URL banning	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Comment Notification	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Design	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
Skins	33	25	25	26	23	2	7	27
Admin panel design configuration	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Admin panel layout configuration	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Publishing Interface	Blogger	TypePad Basic	TypePad Plus	TypePad Pro	Blogware	WordPress	Movable Type	Expression Engine
User Levels	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Multiple authors	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Image uploading	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Image thumbnailing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Post scheduling	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Save without posting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bookmarklets	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Edit Templates Online	Yes	No	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edit Templates Offline	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
File uploading	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Password Protection	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Localization	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Work offline	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No