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## Padlet

<http://padlet.com>

### Overview

Padlet is a free online tool where anyone can build an electronic bulletin board and invite participants to add on to their “wall”. Items on a wall are posted as sticky notes. These posted notes can include linked pictures, YouTube videos, PowerPoint files, PDF documents, Excel spreadsheets or web page links.

### Privacy Levels

Privacy levels can be set for each wall so posts can be moderated.

<i>Private</i>	The owner/creator can delete, move, and edit all notes and change the “look” of the wall, and it is only accessible to the owner and people invited by email.
<i>Totally Public</i>	Online visitors can add comments to the wall by double-clicking and typing their text, and the wall shows up in Google searches.
<i>Password Protected</i>	The owner can set a password, which visitors will require to view the contents.

### Getting Started

To start building your wall, you need to sign up for a login with an email account. Although an email account is needed for the creator of a wall, an account is not needed in order to post to a wall.

To create your Padlet account:

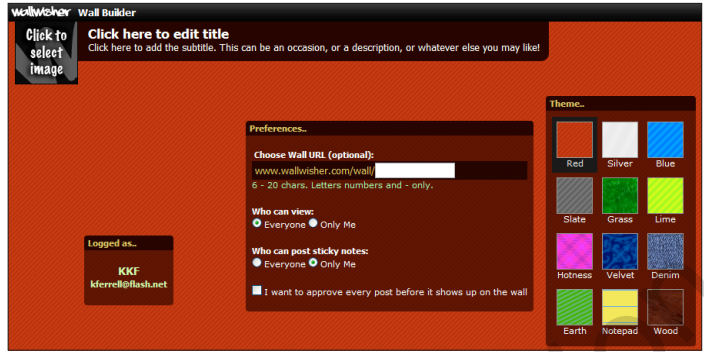
1. Go to the Padlet website at <http://padlet.com>.
2. In the upper right corner, click on the **Login or Sign Up** button.
3. Provide your email address, set your password and choose a nickname.
4. Click on **Sign Up**.

Your nickname will appear at the top of any sticky note you add to a wall. If someone not registered with Padlet adds a sticky note to a wall, their name will appear at the top of the note inside quotes.

## Building a Wall

1. Log into your account.
2. Click on **Build a Wall**.
3. At the **Modify wall** screen:
  - a. Add a corner picture. You can choose from the gallery or an image from your PC. The picture will appear instantly in the top left corner of your wall.
  - b. Enter text for a title and subtitle.
  - c. Select **Privacy**.
    - Choose your wall URL. This will be added to the web address padlet.com/wall so that people can go directly to your wall using this link.
    - Select **who can view** and **who can post sticky notes**.
 

<i>Totally Public</i>	Anyone can post. If this option is selected, monitor your wall closely so you can immediately remove any inappropriate posts.
<i>Only Me</i>	Only the creator and people you have personally added by email can post and move sticky notes. A good option for matching activities, homework walls etc.
  - d. Click on **Modify wall**. Here you can set the background wallpaper.
4. Click anywhere on your wall to save all your changes automatically.



## Adding Sticky Notes to Your Wall

1. Double-click anywhere on the wall to add a sticky note.
2. Replace the words “Your name/Post title” and “write something” with your desired text.
3. Add an image, video or website link by typing its URL after http://.

*Images*      Locate an appropriate picture on the Internet and type the URL for the image into a wall post, or upload a picture from your computer. To view an enlargement of a posted image, click on ZOOM underneath the image.

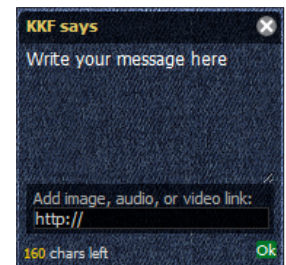
*Website links*      Copy and paste the URL.

*YouTube videos*      Copy and paste the URL from YouTube into your post. You do not need to use the embed HTML.

4. Add files.

*PowerPoint files*

*PDF documents*



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### **Deleting a Sticky Note**

Click on the red rubbish bin in the upper right-hand corner of the note.

### **Editing a Sticky Note**

Click on the green pencil in the upper right corner to edit your notes.

### **Moving Sticky Notes**

Anyone can temporarily move a sticky note, but only for that session.

You can only permanently move the location of a sticky note if you:

- a. Created the wall
- b. Posted the sticky note

To move a sticky note, simply click and drag the sticky note to its new place.

### **Editing a Wall**

Once your wall has been created, you can edit any or all of these settings by logging in and selecting **Modify wall**.

### **Saving Your Wall**

As information is added to your wall, it is automatically updated and saved.

If you registered for a user login, all your walls will be saved.

Each time you log in, a list of the walls you have created will be displayed.

## Sharing Your Wall

Walls can be embedded into a web page, blog or wiki, or you can link directly to the wall at the Padlet site. You can also share your wall via a variety of social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter, or export it as a PDF.

To link to the wall on the Padlet website, use the wall URL you created when you built your wall (i.e. **<http://www.padlet.com/wall/polygonmatching>**).

To embed a wall:

1. Click the share icon (an arrow) in the menu list on the right-hand side.
2. Copy the HTML code from the **Embed** window.

## Your Padlet Home Page

1. To go to your Padlet Home Page, click the account icon in the upper right-hand corner of the menu.
2. This page will:
  - a. Display a list of your walls
  - b. Show how many sticky notes are on each wall
  - c. Give you the opportunity to:
    - Delete a wall
    - Build a new wall
    - Edit a wall
    - Edit your profile
    - Log out



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## Padlet Activities

### Class Survey

1. Create the wall.
    - a. Add a title (i.e. Mrs Ferrell's Class Survey).
    - b. Have the subtitle contain the question that each student will answer.
    - c. Under **Privacy** and **Sharing**:
      - Give the wall a unique URL.
      - Set **Visibility** as **Totally Public**.
      - Choose **Can write** from the dropdown menu.
      - Tick the box next to **Moderate posts**.
  2. Share the wall.
    - a. Provide the students the URL for the wall. A simple way to do this would be to include the wall as a link or embed it in your teacher website.
    - b. Give students a specific deadline for adding their information to the wall.
  3. Sort the data.
    - a. Display the completed wall for all the students to see.
    - b. Click and drag to sort the data.
    - c. Have students tally how many of each student had the same response to the question.
    - d. Graph the results:
      - Draw it by hand.
      - Use an interactive graph creation site.
      - Use a spreadsheet.
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### Problem of the Day

1. Create the wall.
    - a. Add a title.
    - b. Add a subtitle with the topic, week etc.
    - c. Under **Privacy** and **Sharing**:
      - Give the wall a unique URL.
      - Set **Visibility** as **Totally Public**.
      - Choose **Can write** from the dropdown menu.
      - Tick the box next to **Moderate posts**.
  2. Add the problem of the day to the wall (or a week's worth of problems).
  3. Have students respond and post their answers.
  4. Approve all the posts so they will be displayed.
  5. Sort the data by clicking and dragging to sort the sticky notes by the answers given.
  6. Discuss the correct answers with students, explore possible rationales for incorrect answers and work on another similar problem.
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## KWL Chart

1. Create the wall.
  - a. Add a title.
  - b. Add a subtitle with the KWL topic.
  - c. Under **Privacy** and **Sharing**:
    - Give the wall a unique URL.
    - Set **Visibility** as **Totally Public**.
    - Choose **Can write** from the dropdown menu.

2. Add information to the wall.

Either share the wall and have students add their own sticky notes.

### **OR**

Have students make suggestions and you add sticky notes and the information as students dictate it to you.

3. Sort the data by clicking and dragging to sort the sticky notes into three categories:

*K*      What they Know about the topic

*W*      What they Want to know about the topic

*L*      What they need to Learn about the topic

4. Follow up after the lesson on the topic has been presented.
  - a. Open the wall.
  - b. Re-sort the existing sticky notes under K, W and L.
  - c. Add more sticky notes as needed (especially under K).

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## Message Board from Teacher to Students

1. Create the wall.
  - a. Add a title.
  - b. Add a subtitle with the class subject, period etc.
  - c. Under preferences:
    - Give the wall a unique URL.
    - Set **Who can view** as **Everyone**.
    - Set **Who can post sticky notes** as **Only me**.

2. Add information to the wall.

- Assignments
- Due dates
- Links to tutorial videos
- Calendar of school events
- Reminders (test tomorrow, outline due etc)
- Notes

3. Sort the data by clicking and dragging to sort the sticky notes by date, subject, class period etc.