

Nature of difference	WordPress.com	WordPress.com Business Plan	WordPress.org
Cost	Free	Paid	Free
Management	Publishers using WordPress.com focus on content and rest is managed by the employees of WordPress.com	It is the mix of WordPress.com and WordPress.org. The users can focus on content while a website with advanced features is managed by the WordPress.com employees.	WordPress.org offers a free software, WordPress. The user can use this software to build a website but has to take care of hosting and all the regular maintenance activities.
Domain	Websites/blogs running on WordPress.com work on sub-domain. (Example, test.wordpress.com)	Websites/blogs having a business plan can choose custom domain while upgrading to the business plan. (Example, test.com)	As it is an open-source software, publishers have to buy a custom domain and hosting from the third party. Thus, the user can have a custom domain (Example, test.com) and also use WordPress.
Themes	The users can choose a theme of own choice from the offered theme library and customize it using the custom design. The users can not use outside themes.	The user can either choose a theme from the WordPress theme library or install an own custom theme.	The user needs to install an own custom theme. They can build it using PHP and CSS.
Plugins	The users can not use plugins and have to abide the Terms of Service .	The users can install plugins to enhance site's functionality.	To extend site's capabilities, the user can install plugins.
Sharing	The users can easily connect their websites/blogs with social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr etc. and can effectively share the site content without a delay.	The sharing function of WordPress.com is included in WordPress.com Business Plans too.	The use of a plugin like Jetpack enables sharing functionality.
Support	Can take help from WordPress.com support .	Can take help from 24 hours chat and email support.	Can take help from WordPress.org support .
Registration	Required (at WordPress.com)	Required (at WordPress.com)	No registration needed.