

Creating a Professional Learning Community Wiki



Step 1: Create a PBworks Account

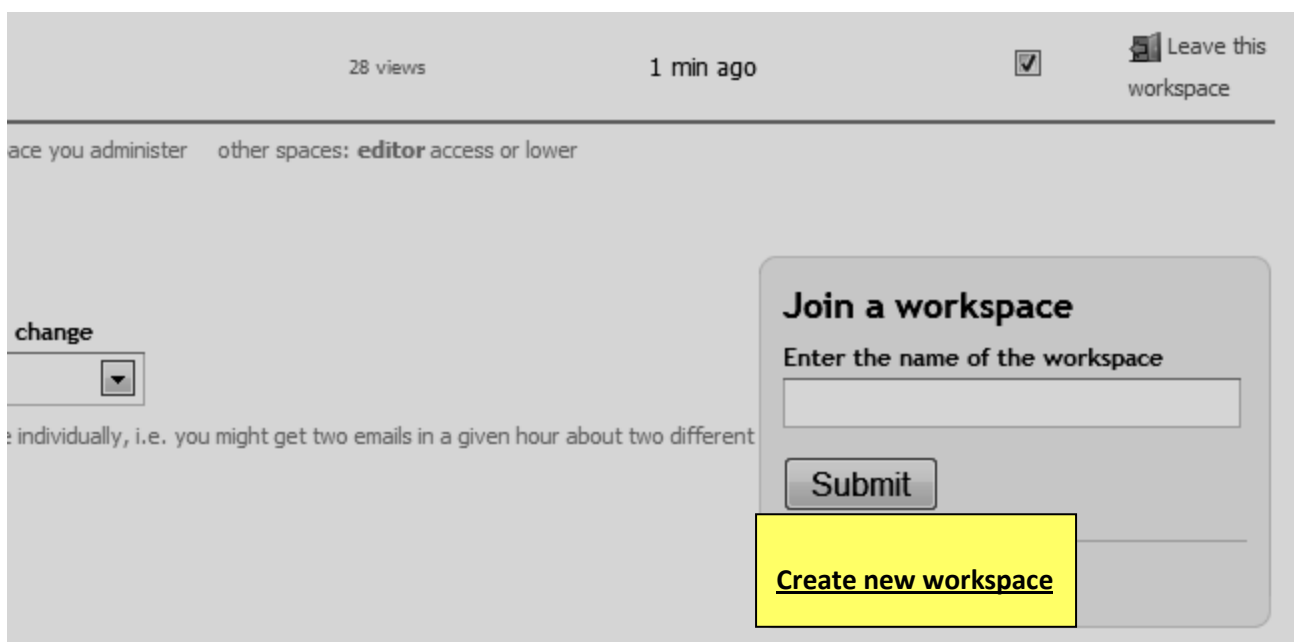
- Visit this link to create a new PBworks account with your email address.

<https://my.pbworks.com/?p=create>

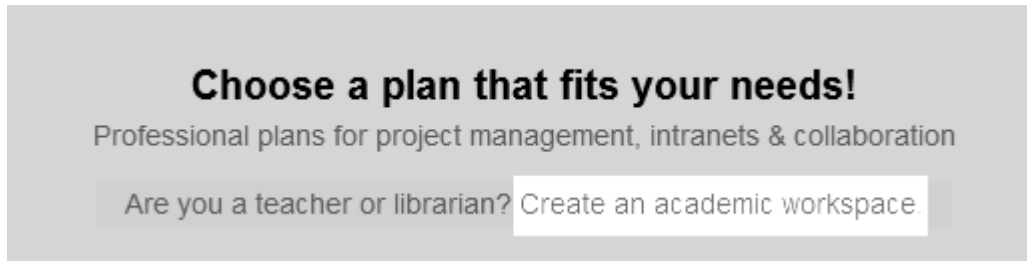
- In the form provided, fill out your email address, name, and password and click Submit.
- You'll receive an email from PBworks Registration with a link you must click to activate your new account.
- Finally, log in to my.pbworks.com to access your new account.

Step 2: Create a new workspace

Once you are able to log in to my.pbworks.com, you'll be able to create a new workspace. When logged in to my.pbworks.com, click the "Create a new workspace" link in the lower right corner, in the yellow box.



- a. Click on **Create an academic workspace**. Or, click "free solution" at the bottom of the page to create a free workspace.



- b. Once you've selected the version you want, you'll be presented with this screen. First, give your site a name (only letters and numbers are allowed). This will be the location (URL) for your site on the internet. All workspaces have a name that is accessible through <http://XXXXXXXX.pbworks.com>, where XXXXXXXX is your workspace name.

CHOOSE A PLAN ● SET UP DONE

Choose your address http:// .pbworks.com

Tell us about your workspace What is this space for?

- For individuals
Personal use, groups, clubs
- For education
Classrooms, libraries, schools, universities
- For business
Teams, workgroups, enterprise

Company type

Workspace purpose

Your account You are logged in as @pbworks.com
[logout](#)

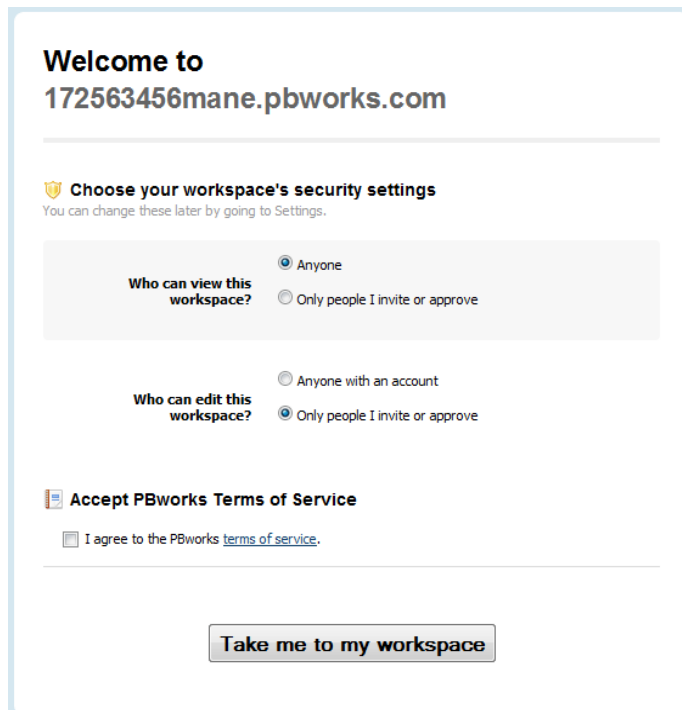
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- c. Next, select the category you're creating this workspace in, and select a company type and purpose from the dropdown selections. Finally, click Next to go to the next step of Workspace Set up.

Step 3: Workspace set up

This final step lets you set the security standards that need to be enacted on the new workspace. Please make these decisions carefully, as they determine if your data is private or publicly available. *If you're making a site you want to be viewable to the public, select "Anyone" for the "Who can view this workspace?" question.* If you want any of your data to be private, set this setting to "Only people I invite or approve". Please be aware that by setting this setting to "Anyone", all pages and content will be available to be read by the public. In the free editions of PBworks, this is the only setting that you can use to control if your pages will be private or public.

Next, choose who can edit your workspace. Making your workspace editable by anyone with a PBworks account is generally not a good idea, since PBworks accounts are very easy to make and workspaces with such permissive settings can be easily vandalized. To maintain control of your workspace, keep this option set to **"Only people I invite or approve"** unless you're starting a site for a very large audience and a large number of participants.



The screenshot shows a web interface for setting up a workspace. At the top, it says "Welcome to 172563456mane.pbworks.com". Below that is a section titled "Choose your workspace's security settings" with a sub-note: "You can change these later by going to Settings." There are two main sections for security settings. The first is "Who can view this workspace?" with two radio button options: "Anyone" (which is selected) and "Only people I invite or approve". The second is "Who can edit this workspace?" with two radio button options: "Anyone with an account" and "Only people I invite or approve" (which is selected). Below these is a section titled "Accept PBworks Terms of Service" with a checkbox labeled "I agree to the PBworks [terms of service](#)". At the bottom of the form is a button labeled "Take me to my workspace".

Once you've set your security settings, and have checked the box to agree to the terms of service, click the "Take me to my workspace" button to complete the set up.