

# Connecting Windows Live Writer to Your DevCentral Blog



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Although you will be submitting your blog articles via DevCentral the client that you will most likely use to compose the posts is a third party App called Live Writer. Live Writer is a part of the Windows Live bundle from Microsoft and offers a pretty clean and easy way to publish, edit and compose drafts of your blog posts on a PC.

**A Note for Mac Users:** At this time, only Window Live Writer is supported for publishing to DevCentral. Therefore we recommend using a Windows machine or VM installed on your Mac.

## 1. Download & Install Windows Live Writer

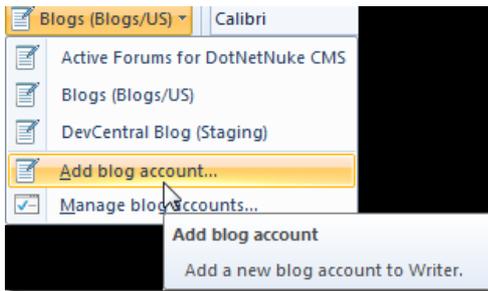
You can download Windows Live Writer from here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-au/download/details.aspx?id=8621>

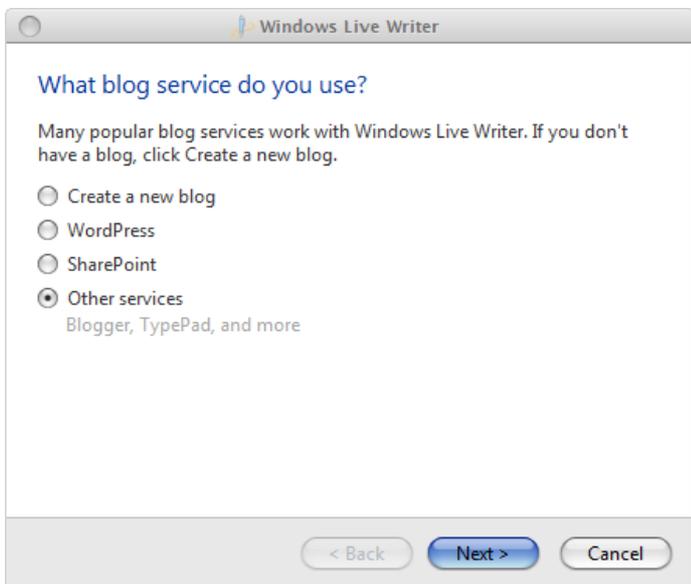
Once you have download the file, please install it.

## 2. Configure Windows Live Writer for DevCentral

- **Open Windows Live Writer** on your desktop PC.
- Navigate to **Blogs-> Add blog account**



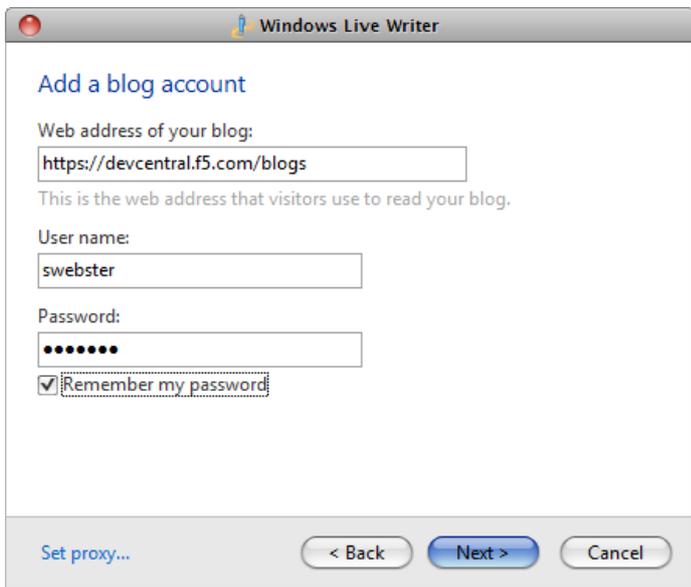
- Select **Other Service** and click **Next**



- Type in the address of your **Blog** and your **DevCentral** Username and password.

**Optional:** Check Remember my password

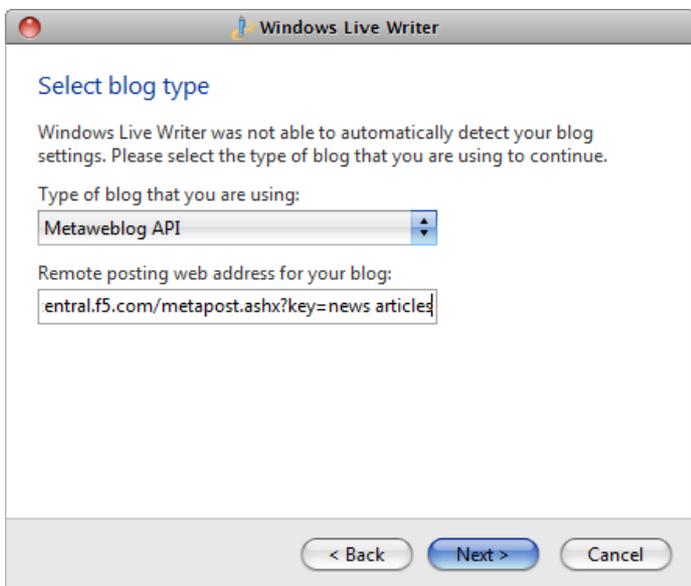
- Click **Next**



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add a blog account" from Windows Live Writer. It contains the following fields and options:

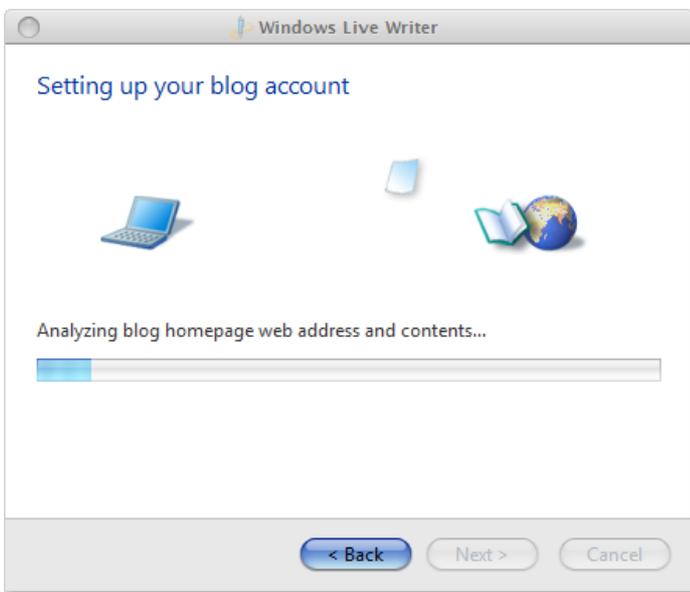
- Web address of your blog:** A text box containing "https://devcentral.f5.com/blogs". Below it is a note: "This is the web address that visitors use to read your blog."
- User name:** A text box containing "swebster".
- Password:** A text box with masked characters (dots).
- Remember my password:** A checked checkbox.
- Buttons:** "Set proxy..." (link), "< Back", "Next >" (highlighted), and "Cancel".

- Select **MetaWeblog API** and enter **https://devcentral.f5.com/metapost.ashx?key=news articles**
- Click **Next**



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Select blog type" from Windows Live Writer. It contains the following fields and options:

- Message:** "Windows Live Writer was not able to automatically detect your blog settings. Please select the type of blog that you are using to continue."
- Type of blog that you are using:** A dropdown menu with "Metaweblog API" selected.
- Remote posting web address for your blog:** A text box containing "entral.f5.com/metapost.ashx?key=news articles".
- Buttons:** "< Back", "Next >" (highlighted), and "Cancel".



- Select the **blog** you would like to connect to

**Note:** DevCentral will only display the blogs you have access to post in. If you don't see the blog you want to use, please contact DevCentral team

- Click **Next**

- The writer will now complete the configuration (*including importing the template theme!*)
- Click **Finish**



### 3. Using Windows Live Writer for DevCentral Blogs

Now that you have it configured, you should be able to post new articles, retrieve existing articles (and update them). You won't even need to visit the site!

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