### Creating a Blog Avatar

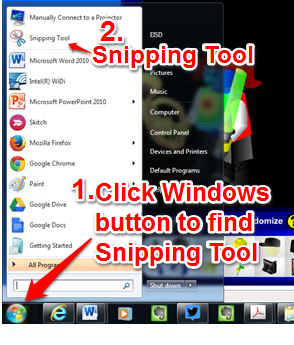
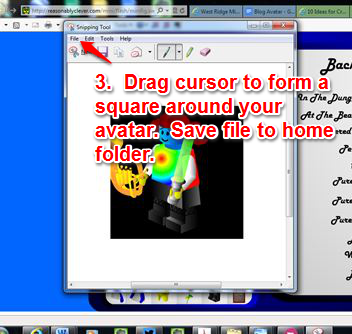
### An AVATAR is a visual representation of you.

Your **BLOG AVATAR** will show on the front page of your blog.

Go to <http://pickaface.net> and create your avatar.

DO NOT SIGN IN OR REGISTER with the site in order to save your avatar.

Instead, use the **snipping tool** (found by clicking Windows menu of the school computer) to clip and save your image to your home folder.

If you are on a computer that does not have a snipping tool, take a screen shot (PrntScrn button) and crop your avatar. Want this tool on your own computer? All Windows 7 operating systems come with the Snipping Tool (search **applications** to find it); other operating systems can support download and installation of the tool.

### Avatar tip:

### Most online avatar tools create rectangular images whereas your user and blog avatar are square. When you use the crop your image from the screen, crop and save a square shape.

**Uploading your Blog Avatar**The following instructions are from The Edublogger website.

Uploading your blog avatar is as simple as:

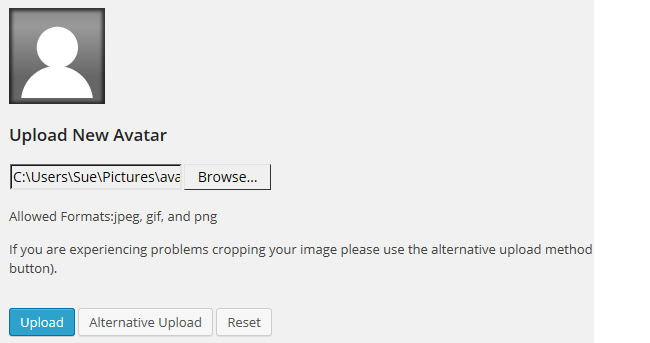
1. Resize your image to **200 pixels wide by 200 pixels high** (recommended, but not always necessary).

2. Go to **Settings > Blog Avatar**.



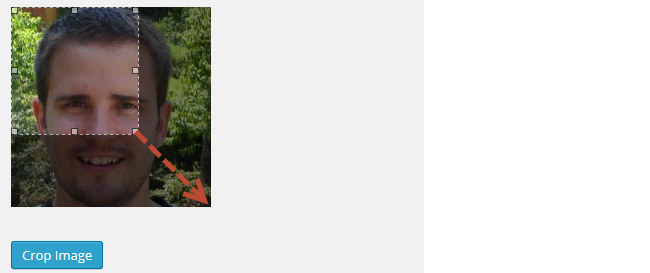
3. Click on **Browse** and locate the avatar you have saved.

4. Click on **Upload**.

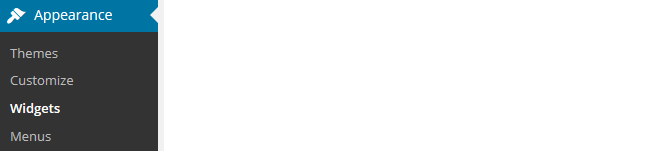


**IF YOUR IMAGE WILL NOT UPLOAD, CLICK ON THE “ALTERNATIVE UPLOAD” BUTTON (it’s right next to the blue UPLOAD button).**

5. Move the crop area to one corner, then expand the crop area to include your full image and click **Crop image**.

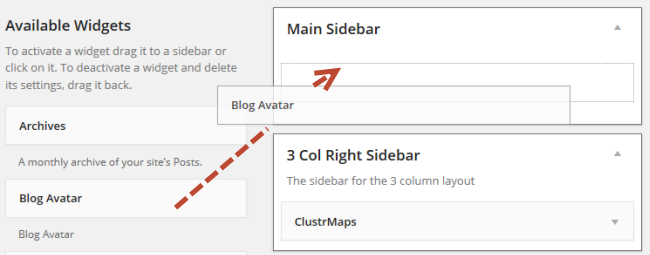


6. Go to **Appearance > Widgets**.



7. Drag the Blog Avatar widget from the Available Widgets into the desired Sidebar (**NOTE: If you were in class on Tuesday, we already did steps #6 through #9)**

*You drag by click on the widget with your left mouse and moving the widget.*



9. Drop the widget when you see a dashed line appear – this indicates the widget is in place.

10. When you view your blog you’ll now see your blog avatar displayed in the sidebar.