

Sit back and put your feet on the dash, as we explore Netvibes!



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“Tech Tools with Tine” Webinar Series Presents:

netvibes

An EVERYTHING application

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What is netvibes?

Netvibes provides a customizable start page for your web browser.

- Dashboard
- Mashup
- Aggregator

No matter what you call it –

Using a tool like netvibes provides connections through widgets and news feeds creating an information rich environment to use as your window to your internet world.



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Quick Start

- Connect to netvibes –
<http://www.netvibes.com>
- Create your own free account
- Choose the type of dashboard you want
 - Topic oriented
 - Default to make your own
- Weed through the provided content
- Choose your own!!



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Starting Up!

Create a new dashboard

Enter the topic you want to track

Dashboard it!

 **Hot topics:** Oil spill Technology Design BBC Facebook Education iPhone Science Music Travel

Or pick-up a popular dashboard



Breaking news



High-Tech



Social network



Best productivity



Finance



Design



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Deciphering the Dashboard

The screenshot shows a dashboard interface with several key components highlighted:

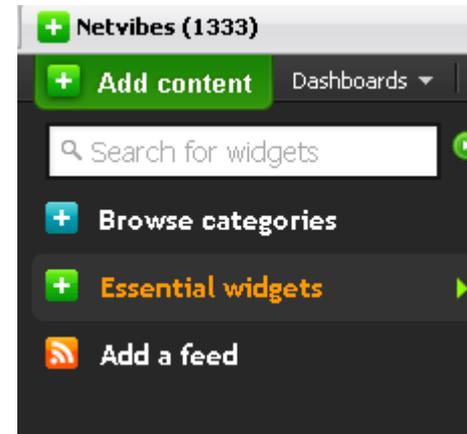
- Dashboard options:** A red box highlights the top navigation area containing a plus sign, a "Dashboards" dropdown menu, and icons for grid and list views.
- Settings / Profile:** A purple box highlights the top right corner containing a dropdown arrow, a gear icon, and a "Sign O" link.
- Widget Control:** A green box highlights the widget header for "iVillage" which includes an "i" icon, a count "(312)", and the text "iVillage - latest Blog Posts and Slideshows Entertainment".
- Widget Options:** An orange box highlights the "Share" and "Edit" links in the top right of the widget header.
- General (1312) Edit:** A blue box highlights the "General (1312) Edit" link and the "New Tab" button in the widget management area.
- Dashboard options (text):** A black box highlights the text "Dashboard options" in the top center.
- Settings / Profile (text):** A black box highlights the text "Settings / Profile" in the top right.
- Widget Control (text):** A black box highlights the text "Widget Control" in the center.
- Widget Options (text):** A black box highlights the text "Widget Options" in the center right.

The dashboard content includes a search bar with "Google" and "Google Search" buttons, a "Type your page title here" field, and a "Shopping.com Search - ipod" widget. The shopping widget displays two Apple iPod touch 4th Generation models: an 8 GB MP3 Player for \$210.00 and a 32 GB MP3 Player for \$275.00. The iVillage widget displays a "News" section with articles such as "Dr. Phil: Ted Williams...", "Carrie Fisher Dieting...", "Justin Bieber Returns...", and "Giamatti Talks...".

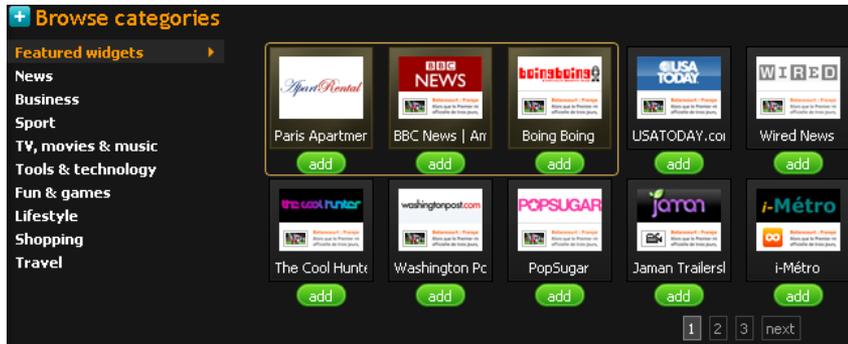


Adding Content

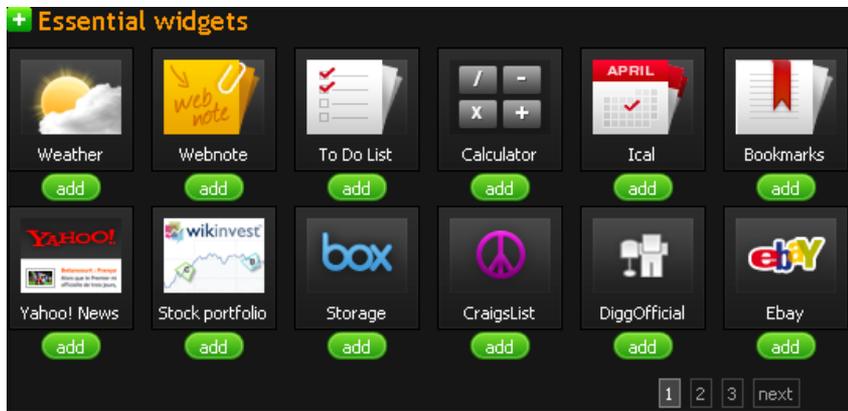
- Select widgets through a search or the browse feature
- Peruse the Essential widgets
- Add your own content from an existing news feed



Choosing Widgets

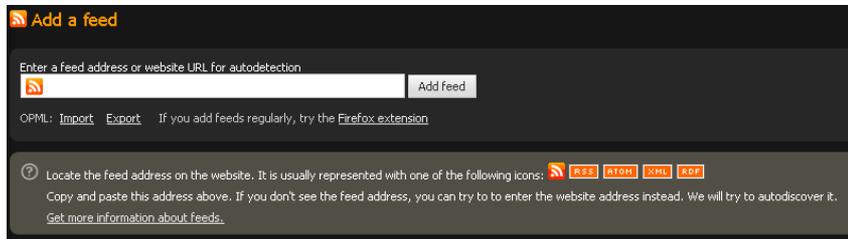


- Browsing provides a complete list of categories

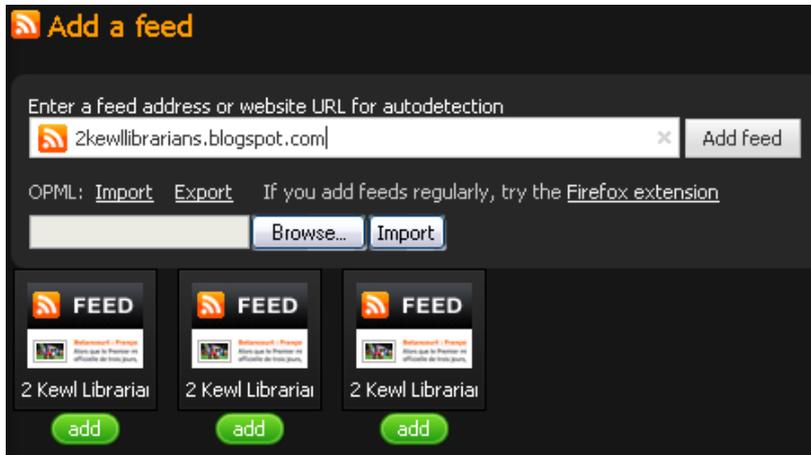


- Essential widgets provides a collection of tasks most internet users complete regularly

Selecting your own feeds



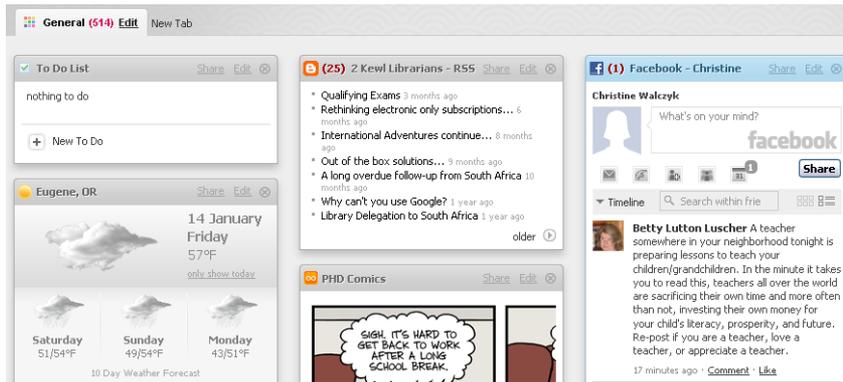
- Copy and paste the feed information



- Type in the website where the feed originates from

Determine Your Reading Style

- Widget view - Expanded
- Widget view - Collapsed



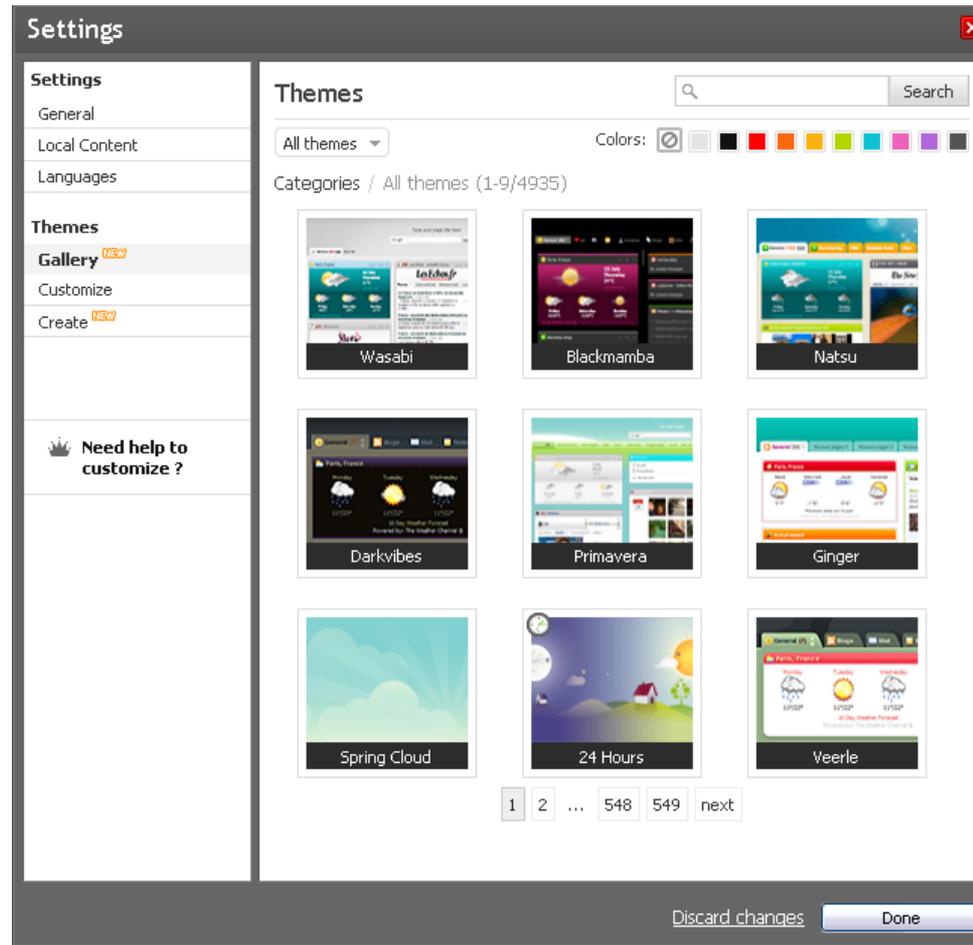
- Widget view - Collapsed



- Reader view

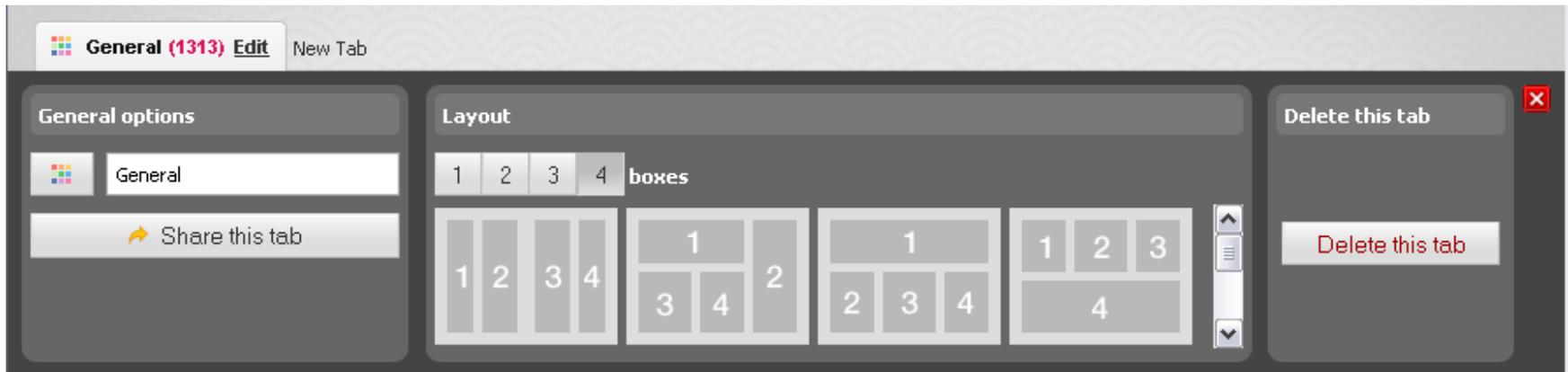
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Choose your own Theme



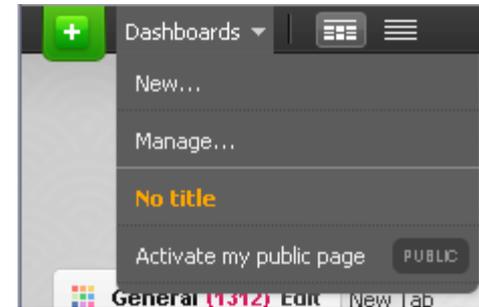
Layout and Tabs

- Decide how many columns
- Have multiple pages for different types of information



There CAN be more than one...

- Dashboard options
- Multiple Looks
 - Personal
 - Work tools
 - Special Project
- Create a Public Page to share



Sharing netvibes as Home Page

- Create a Public Page
- Set browser to use as the default page
- Good for creating Library Specific start pages
- Share with Friends



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References and Libraries to Look at

- Example Library --
<http://www.netvibes.com/dublincitypubliclibraries#Home>
- Research presentation on using netvibes in Libraries --
<http://www.slideshare.net/giadaadaig/research-on-the-use-of-netvibes-in-public-libraries>
- Netvibes User Guide --
http://faq.netvibes.com/downloads/Netvibes-User_Guide.pdf
- Library usage of netvibes –
<http://blog.netvibes.com/using-public-pages-as-virtual-libraries/>



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Gotta dash! 😊

Once you've got your dashboard set, I hope your patrons see the web in a whole new light!

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Answers to Webinar Q & A

| Question | Answer |
|--|---|
| Do I have to log into netvibes every time I start the patron browsers? | No. You should create a public netvibes page. The process will generate a specific URL for you to use as the start /home page option in your browser. You will have to configure this once on all of the public machines, but after that point, all changes you make to the public page will be automatically reflected on the patron machines and no login will be required. |
| Can I create a public page without having a private page? | Unfortunately, no. Someone must have a netvibes account (a private page) in order to create a public dashboard. |
| Can I have more than one public page? | No. Although you can have multiple private dashboards, you can only have one public dashboard. |

