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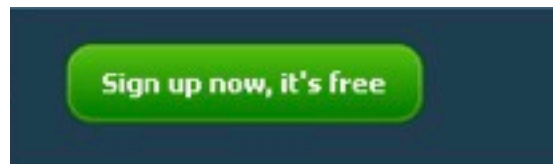
How to create your 'Personal Homepage' with Netvibes

Task 1. Sign up
Go to http://www.netvibes.com. The page should look something like this.
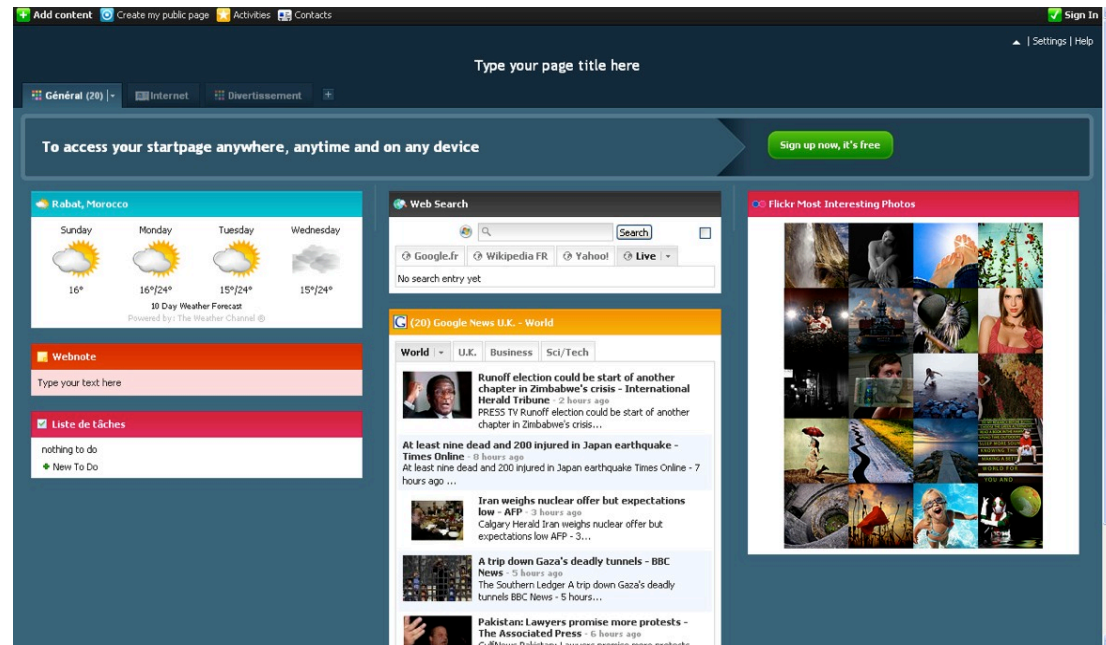
Click on the green button that says **'Sign up now, it's free'.**

You should then see the screen below. Fill in your information and make up a password. Be sure to make a note of your password. Then click '**Sign up'**
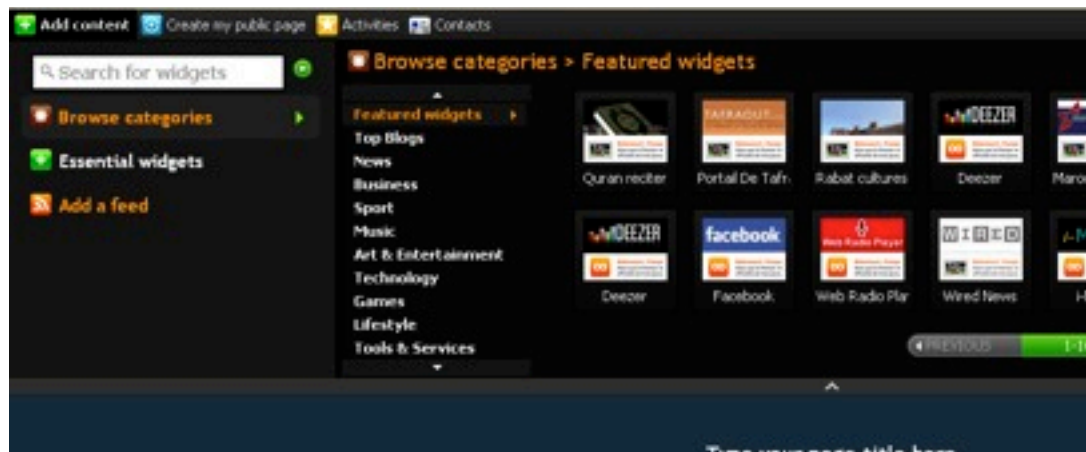

Well done! You now have your own personal homepage and feedreader.

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Task 2: Add a feed to your page

You can now start personalising the page and adding the content you want. To do this you should click on the icon in the top lefthand side of the screen that says; **'+ Add content'**. This will open a new part of the interface. See below.

To start adding feeds to your homepage clcik on the **'Add a feed'** icon. You should then see this (See below)

You can now paste a URL into the field where it says **'Add feed'** then click on the grey button.

Try adding this URL: http://nikpeachey.blogspot.com/
You will then see a sign saying that the feed is loading. Followed by the screen below.
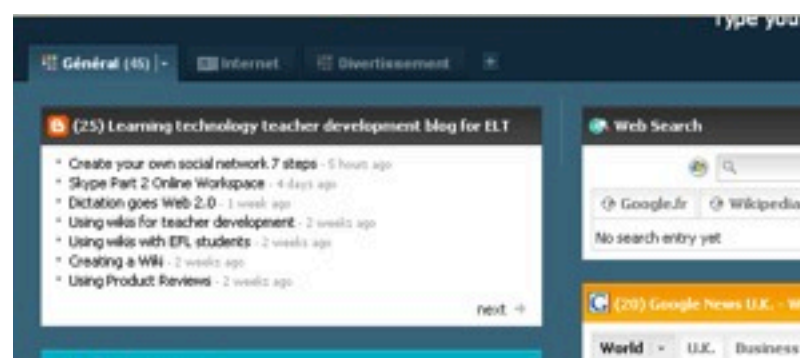

Click on the first of the four boxes that appear. You should then see a window that looks like the one below. Click on where it says **'ADD TO MY PAGE'.** If the feed doesn't load then try the next box along.

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The **'widget'** should then appear in your page looking like this (See below):

Well done! You've added you first feed.

Task 3: Adding more feeds
Here are some other sites that I recommend you add now as this will give you some practice and also supply some really valuable resources:

- Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day…
  http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/
- Learning with Computers
  http://learning-with-computers.blogspot.com/
- Free Technology for Teachers
  http://freetech4teachers.blogspot.com/
- Jane's E-Learning pick of the day
  http://janeknight.typepad.com/
- Absolutely Intercultural
  http://www.absolutely-intercultural.com/
- Life is a feast
  http://lifefeast.blogspot.com/

Task 4: Adding other widgets

NetVibes also has a number of other really useful features.

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Click on **'+ Add content'** and then **'+ Essential widgets'**. You should see a long selection of widgets that you can add to your page. At the time of writing, there were more than 40.
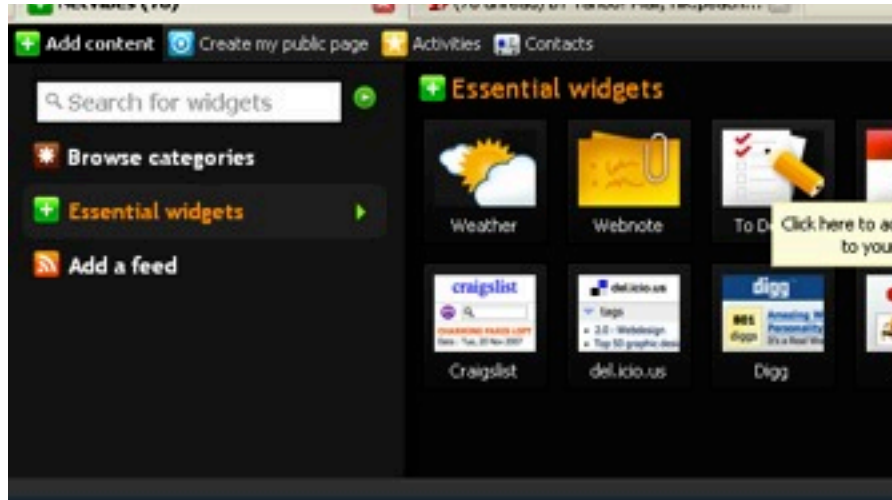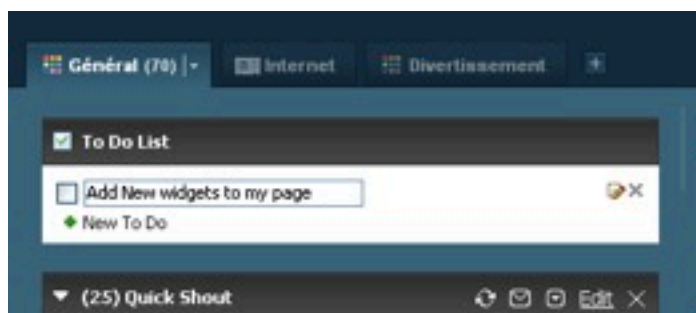

Add a **'To Do List'** to your page.

You do this by clicking on the widget. It will then open and you will be asked if you want to add it to your page. Click where it says **'ADD TO MY PAGE'**
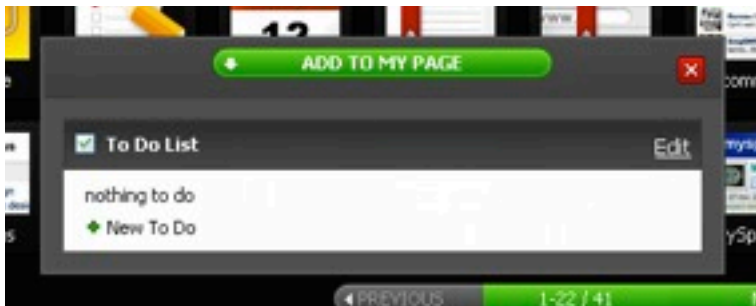
The widget should then appear in your page. Click on where it says **'New To Do'** and type in **' Add new widgets to my page'**
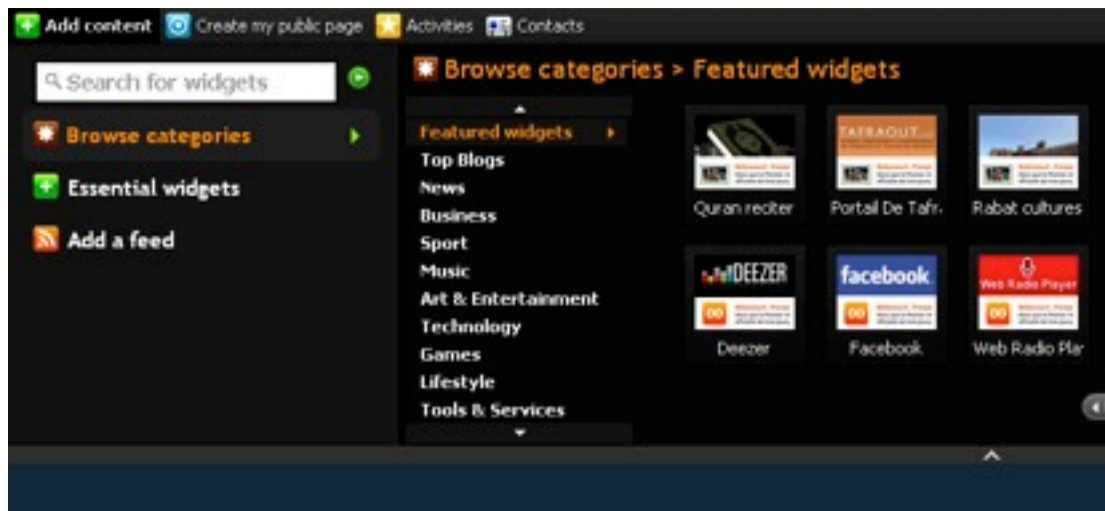

Well done! You've added your first widget.

Task 5: Adding Topical content

Go back to **'+ Add content'** and click on **'Browse categories'.** This will show you a range of widgets that you can add to your page.
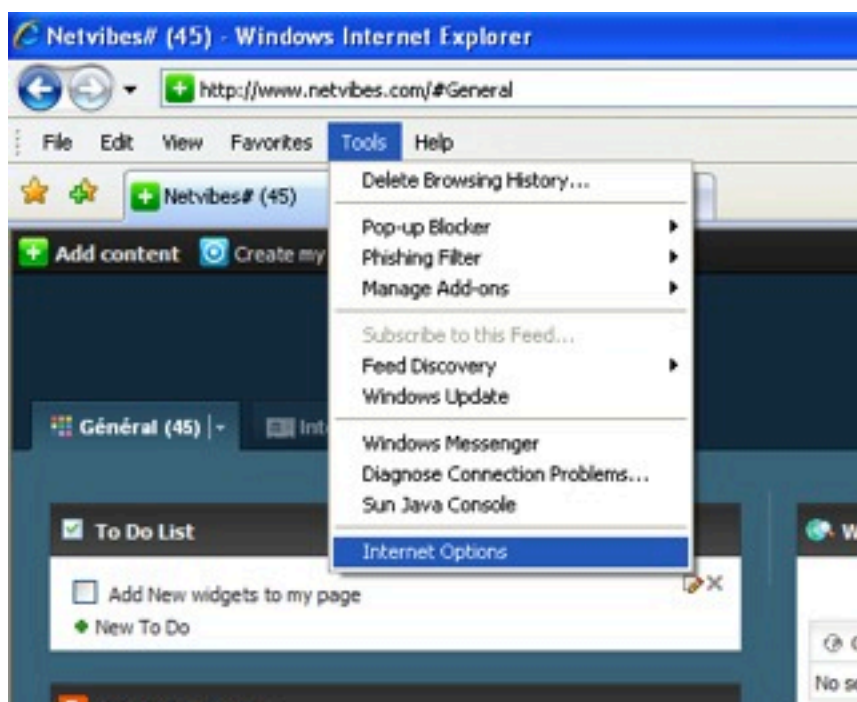
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Click on **'Featured widgets'**, this will show you widgets which should be of local interest wherever you are.

See if you can find something that your students might be interested in and add one to your page.

Task 6: Making your homepage you web browser start page

Lastly, make this personal homepage your **'start page'.** On your web browser tool bar go to **'Tools'** and click on **'Internet Options'**

You should see the window below. Click on the button that says **'Use current'**. The next time you open your web browser it will automatically come to this page.

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Now explore your page some more and try to find out what else it can do. See if you can find out how to add your email client to the homepage, so that you can check your email from this page.

Good luck.