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Dashboard Everything

Netvibes General Documentation
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What is Netvibes?

Dashboard Everything for Everybody, Everywhere

Netvibes is the first personalized dashboard publishing platform for the Web including digital life management, widget distribution services and brand observation rooms. Interactive agencies, businesses and brands rely on Netvibes Premium Dashboards to better monitor the real-time Web. Netvibes is also a multi-lingual Ajax-based personalized start page or personal web portal. It is organized into tabs, with each tab containing user-defined modules.

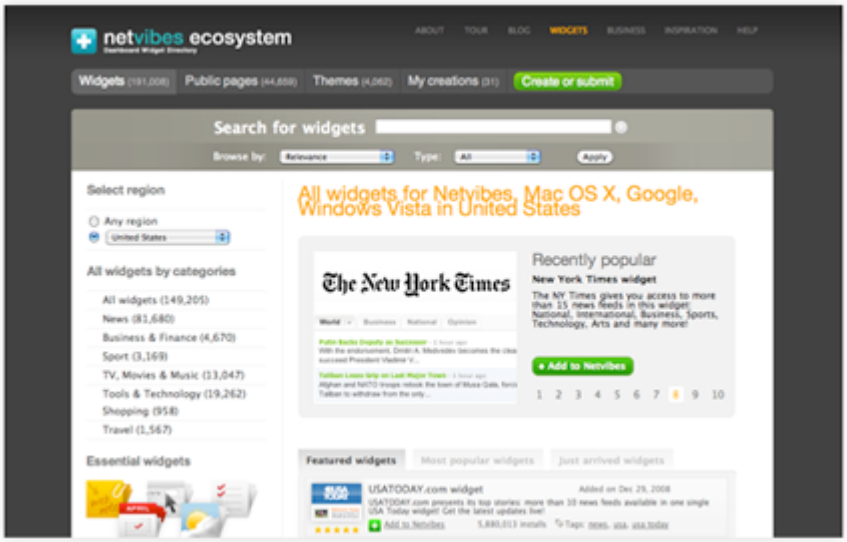
Built-in Netvibes modules include an RSS/Atom feed reader, local weather forecasts, a calendar supporting iCal, bookmarks, notes, to-do lists, multiple searches, support for POP3, IMAP4 email as well as several webmail providers including Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Hotmail, and AOL Mail, Box.net web storage, Delicious, Meebo, Flickr photos, podcast support with a built in audio player, and several others.

A page can be personalized further through the use of existing themes or by creating your own. Customized tabs, feeds and modules can be shared with others individually or via the Netvibes Ecosystem. For privacy reasons, only modules with publicly available content can be shared.

(Netvibes on Wikipedia)

Ecosystem

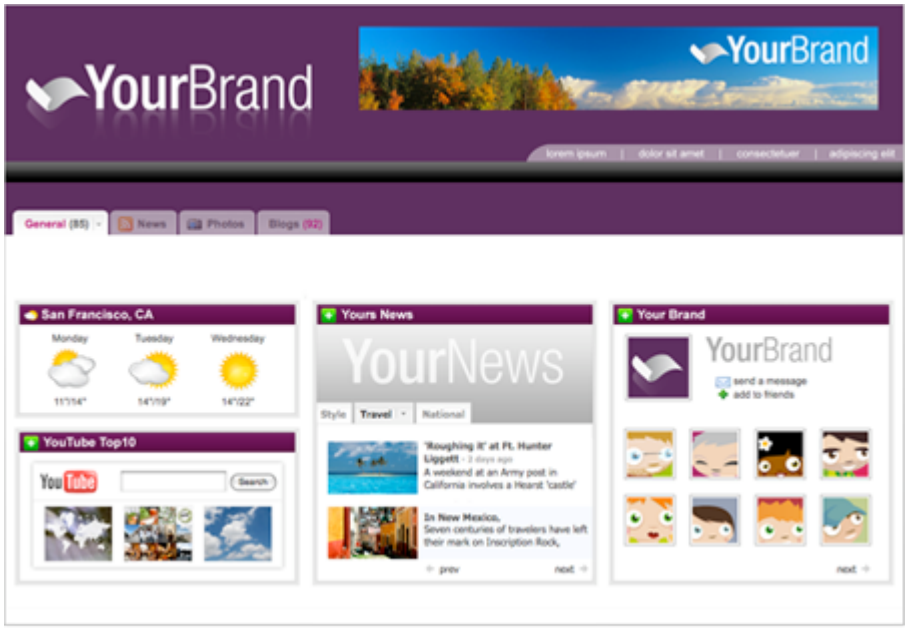
The Ecosystem is the world's largest widget directory (190,000 and growing). Widgets are created by content providers from around the world.



http://eco.netvibes.com/

Netvibes Premium Dashboard

NPDs are customized dashboards for brands and professionals who want to monitor their brand, create microsites or share their expertise through their Dashboards. For those who need a limited number of Dashboards and/or prefer not to manage servers and bandwidth. Cost is per Dashboard. Served and hosted by Netvibes. Read more on NPD on this Wiki or the Netvibes site.



http://business.netvibes.com/premium-dashboard.php

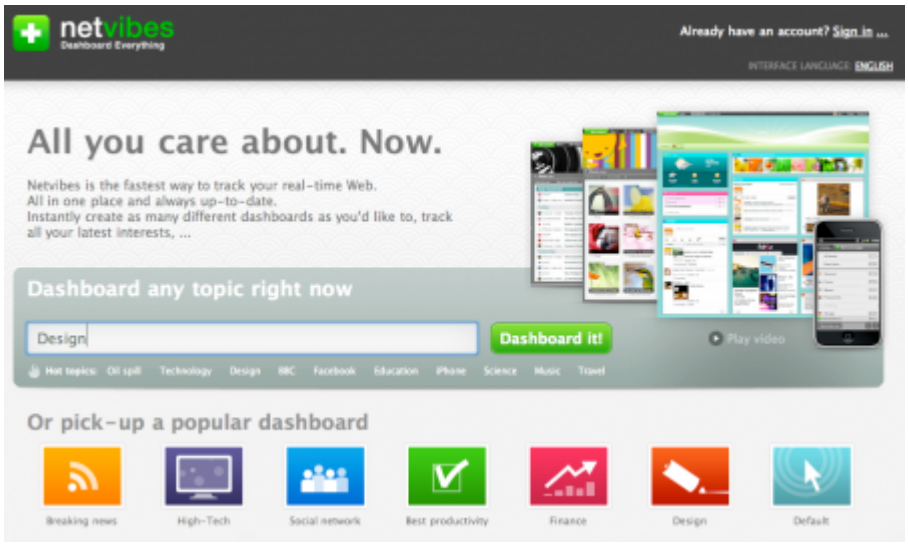
Netvibes For Enterprise

NFE are white-label and fully personalized intranet/extranet solutions for major companies and brands. If you want the ability to create an unlimited amount of Dashboards and prefer to manage your own instance of Netvibes. Cost is per Project. SaaS or on-premise installation. Total flexibility: Custom UX, widget serving, custom gallery.

http://business.netvibes.com/company-portal-intranet.php

Startpage

The first time you log on to Netvibes, you will be presented with a home page: http://www.netvibes.com/en

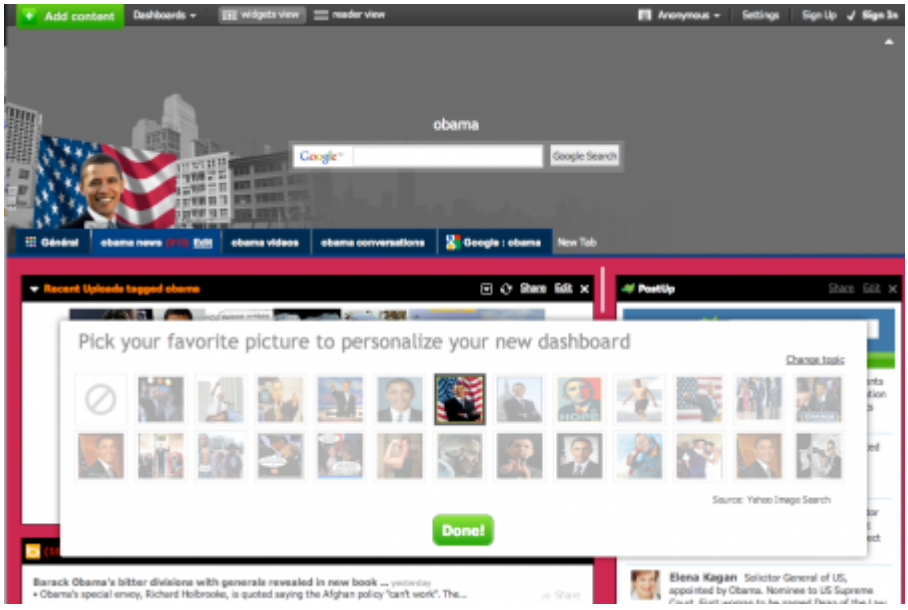


You then have the choice :

- Enter any topic in the dashboard field and press the “Dashboard it” button
- Click on a predefined dashboard (Breaking news, High-Tech, Social Network, Best productivity, Finance, Design, Default)

A dashboard will be created with the topic you have chosen.

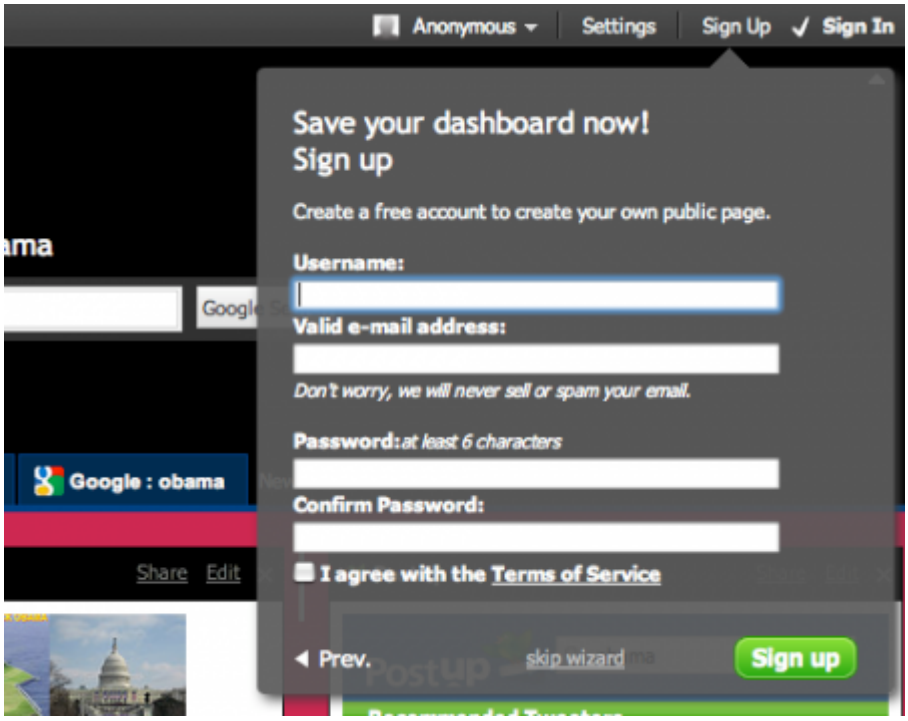
If you have chosen to enter your own topic, once the dashboard is created, you can choose a picture to personalize it.



Clicking on the picture changes your dashboard theme. Validate your choice by clicking on the **Done** button

A wizard will appear to show you how it works, you can skip it or let it play.

- First step: add content to your dashboard. Select the widgets you want to add, and click the Next button.
- Second step: manage your widgets by moving, editing or deleting them.
- Third step: manage your tabs.
- Fourth step: manage your dashboard.
- Fifth step: switch to the reader view.
- Sixth step: save this dashboard by signing up.

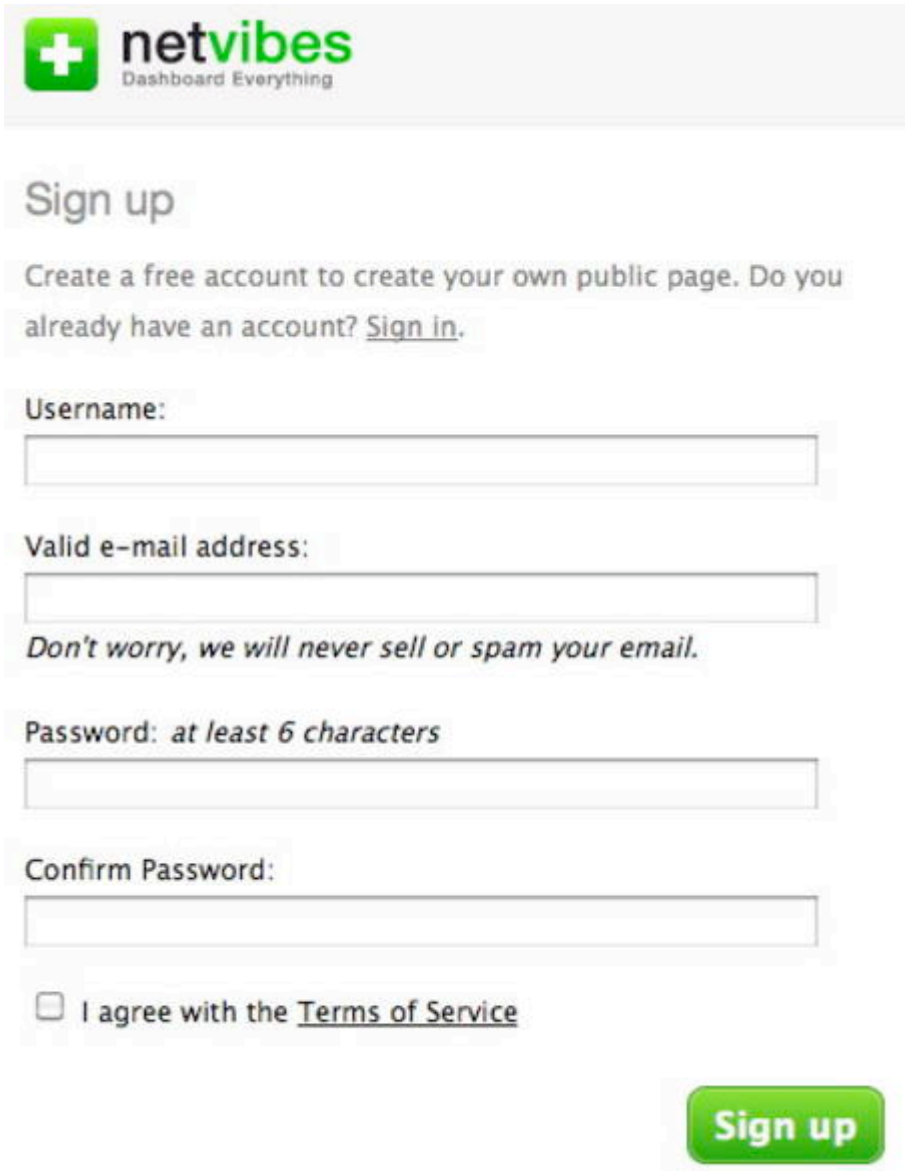


Sign Up

To setup your Dashboard, you need to create an account. This means everything will be saved, and be ready to use wherever your are.

Simple Registration

The sign up window looks like this:



To register, you will need:

- A username
- A valid email. This email will be used to confirm your registration, reset your password (in case you forget it) and to log in to Netvibes.
- A password. Enter it twice (once in each box as asked) to avoid making mistakes while typing.
- Click to agree to the terms of service.

Facebook connect

Not online yet.

Sign In

Once registered, simply sign in to use Netvibes.

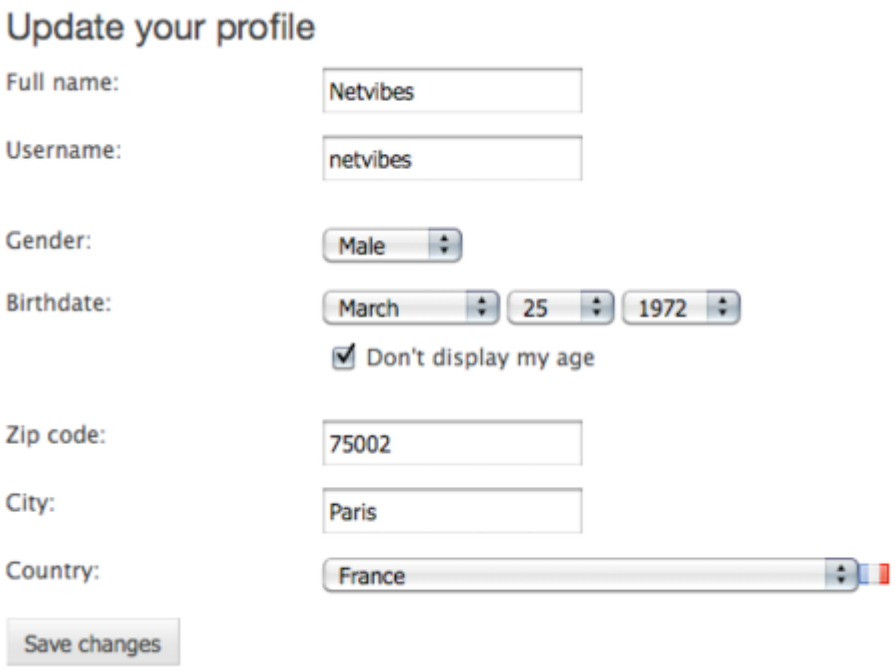
Click on Sign In, on the top right of the screen. This window will appear on the center of your screen:

Just enter your email and password to log in to your Netvibes account.

You can click on the **remember me** checkbox to be logged in automatically next time you visit Netvibes.

Profile

Edit account info



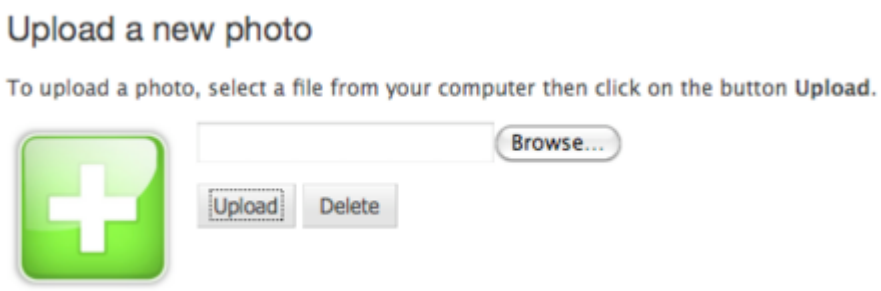
This screen allows you to edit your account information: your **full name**, Netvibes **username**, **gender**, **birth date**, **zip code**, **city** and **country** of residence.

Changing your **username** will also change the **name of your public page**, thus the URL linking to it.

If you wish to keep your age private, simply tick the box next to your **birth-date**.

Once all your details have been updated, simply press the **Save Changes** button.

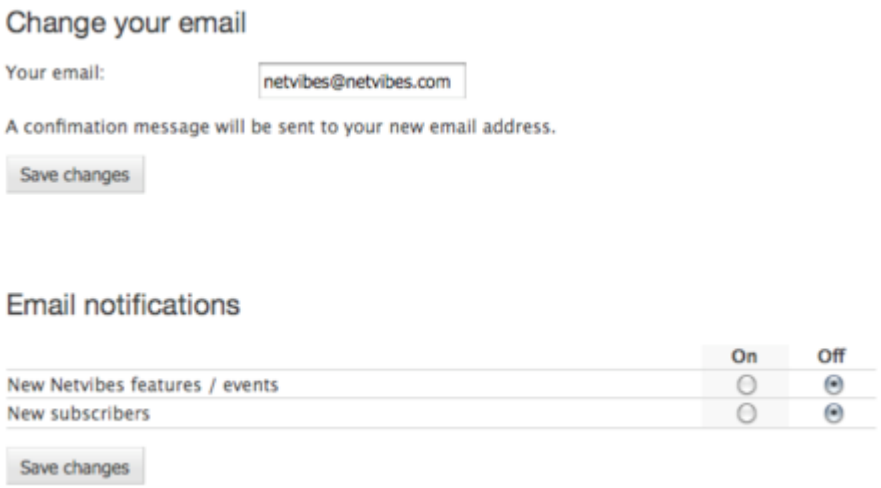
Change profile image



This screen allows you to change your **profile picture**. Click on the **browse** button, choose the picture you wish to use from your hard drive, then press **upload** to attach it to your profile.

If you wish to delete your profile picture, simply press the **delete** button.

Email settings



On this page, you'll be able to change the email address linked to your account. Just type in your new email address and click the **Save changes** button to commit. A confirmation email will be sent to your new address.

Here you can also setup your **email notifications**.

- **New Netvibes features/events**: to receive announcements about new features or events related to Netvibes, tick the **On** box.
- **New subscribers**: to be alerted whenever someone adds you as a friend, tick the **On** box.

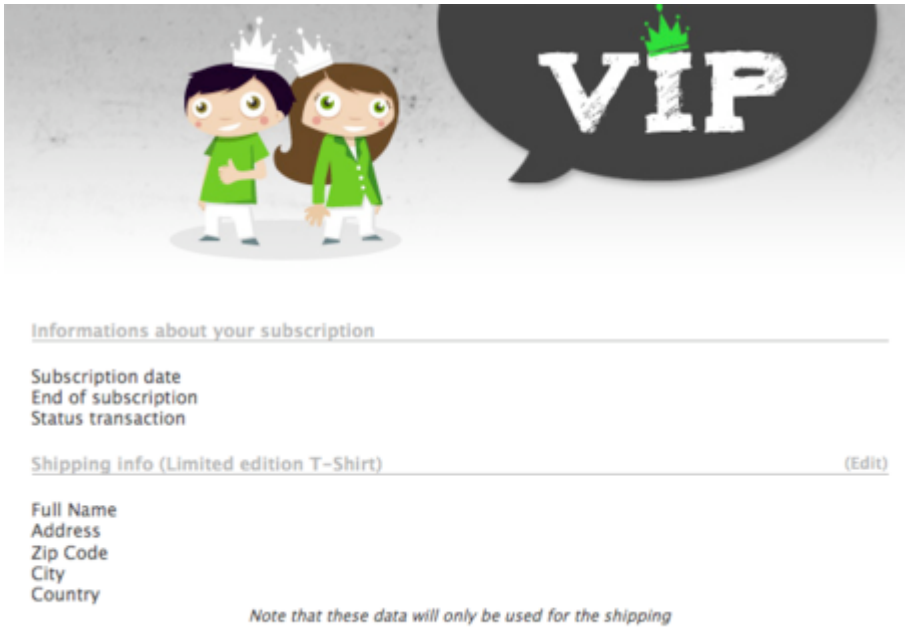
Change password

Here you can change your password. To do so, simply enter your old password, type in your new password twice and press **Save changes**. Please note that your password must be at least six characters long.

Delete account

If you wish to **permanently delete your Netvibes account**, you can do so on this page. Simply enter your password, select a reason for unsubscribing and click on **Delete my account**.

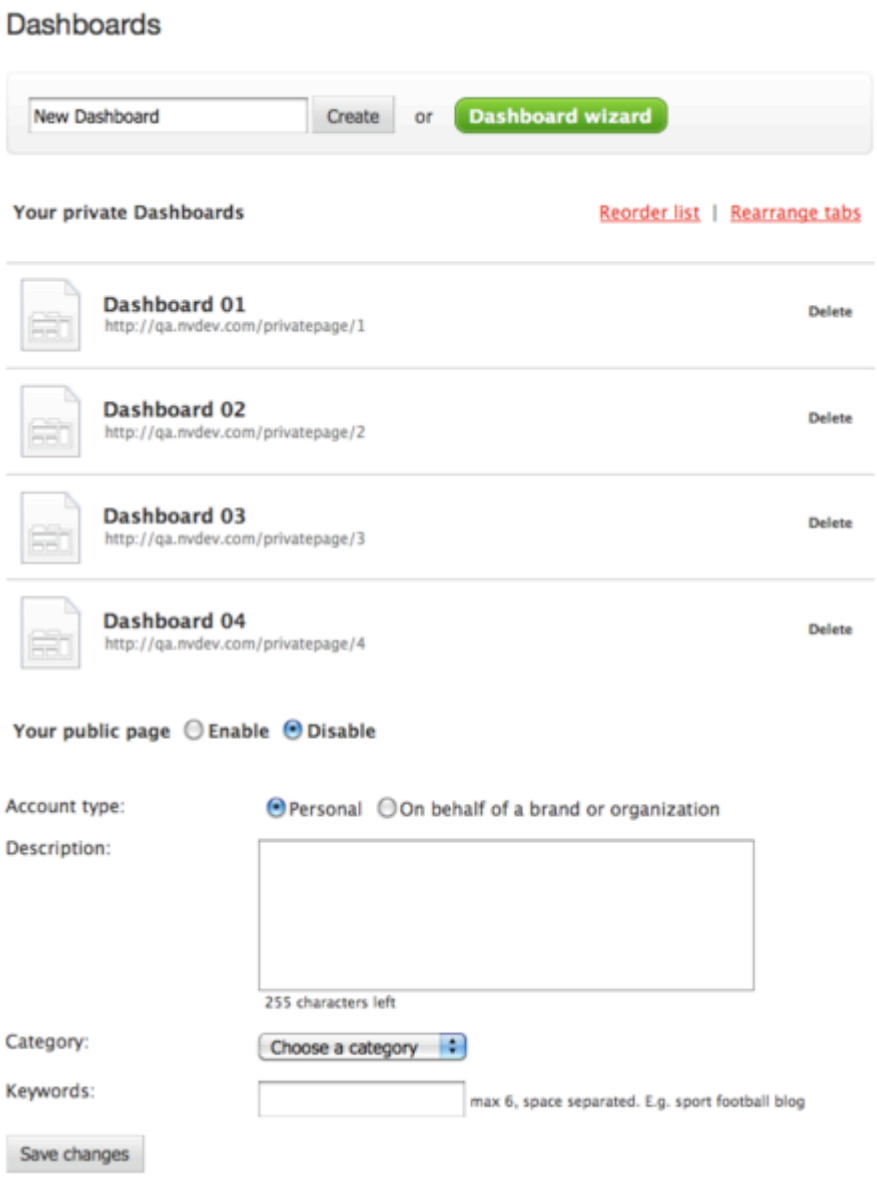
Netvibes VIP



If you have a **VIP account**, this is where you can learn about your **Subscription date**, **End of subscription** and **Status transaction** of your account.

You can also edit the **shipping info to get your Limited edition T-Shirt**, including full name, address, zip code, city and country.

Manage Dashboards



This page allows you to manage your Dashboard(s).

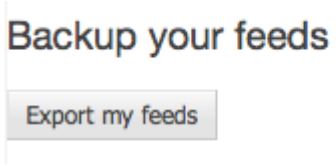
At the top of the screen, you can create a new one either from scratch or with our dashboard wizard.

- **Reorder list**: allows you to change the order of your dashboards.
- **Rearrange tabs**: allows you to rearrange the tabs inside your dashboards. If you wish to copy a tab (instead of moving it), hold down the ALT key while dragging & dropping.

If you wish to delete a specific Dashboard, simply click on the **Delete** button on the right.

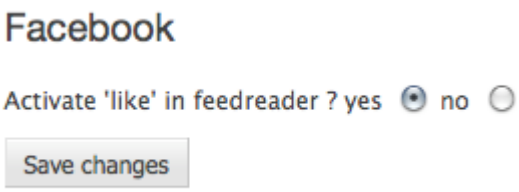
On this page, you can also enable or disable your **public page**, choose your **account type** (between **personal** or **on behalf of a brand or organization**), fill in a short **description**, pick a **category** that suits your page and enter up to six **keywords**.

Backup feeds



This screen allows you to backup your feeds on your hard drive, inside a **zipped OPML file**.

Third party services



If you would like to activate the Like functionality from Facebook in your feedreader, simply tick the **yes** box.

Dashboard

“Dashboard” is the name of a “basic” Page in Netvibes. It's a page you build, using modules called widgets. All the building can be done via drag & drop or with simple clicks.

One account can have one or more private dashboards but is restricted to one public dashboard.

The default dashboard will look similar to this:

- Topbar
- Add Content
- Private / Public Dashboard
- Manage Dashboards
- Widget View
- Reader View
- Contacts
- Activities
- Settings
  - Themes
  - Keyboard Shortcuts
- Dashboard Title
- Tab
- Widgets
- Podcast Player
- Share

Topbar

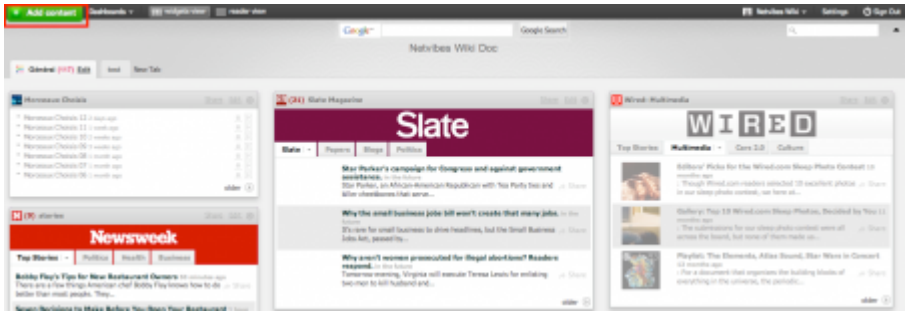
The Topbar is the menu bar that will always appear at the top of your screen.

Its content changes depending on which page you are currently using.

By default, when logged in to your account, you will find:

- Add Content
- Dashboards Menu (see Startpage)
- Widget View
- Reader View
- Profile dropdown
- Settings (see Themes too)
- Sign Out

Add Content



On the top left of the screen, the green **“Add Content”** button lets you add widgets to your Dashboard. See the **Widgets** section for more information.

Private / Public Dashboard

What is a Public Dashboard?

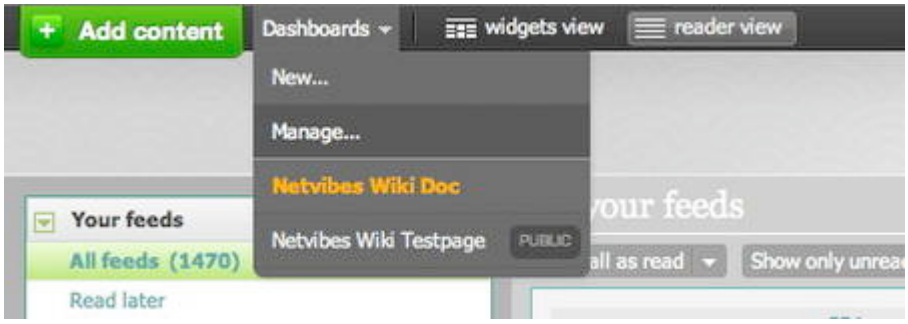
A Public Dashboard is viewable to the world at large. Once you have finished your registration, you will land on your Private Page. At the top left is the Dashboard menu where you can access your Dashboards, private or public. Public dashboard is deactivated by default.

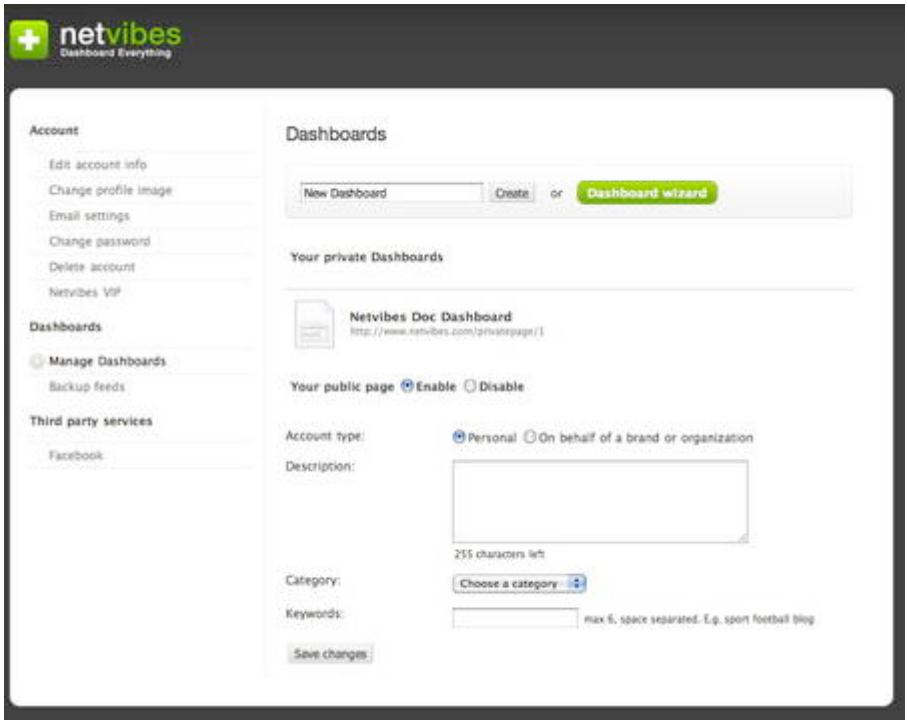
Create your Public Dashboard for:

- Online Profiles
- Instant Messaging badges
- Photos and videos
- Cool Public Widgets
- Showcase your widgets in a branded environment on Netvibes with a Netvibes Premium Dashboard
- Control the design experience: arrange your public page using drag & drop
- Easily add widgets and other content from the Ecosystem
- Users can subscribe to your updates
- Users can browse your selection and pick the widgets they want for their page

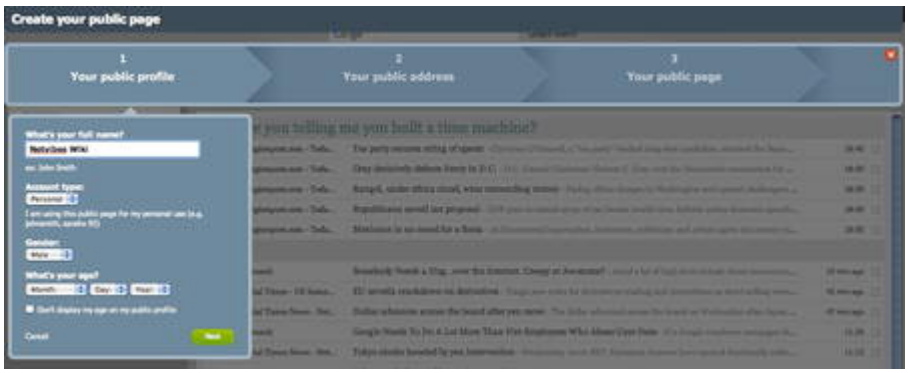
How to activate a Public Page?

- Click on the Dashboard menu at the top left of your Private Page. Select “Activate my Public Page”, or, go to the **Manage...** menu. In the Dashboard management page, select **enable** for the **Your Public Page** setting, then press **Save changes**.



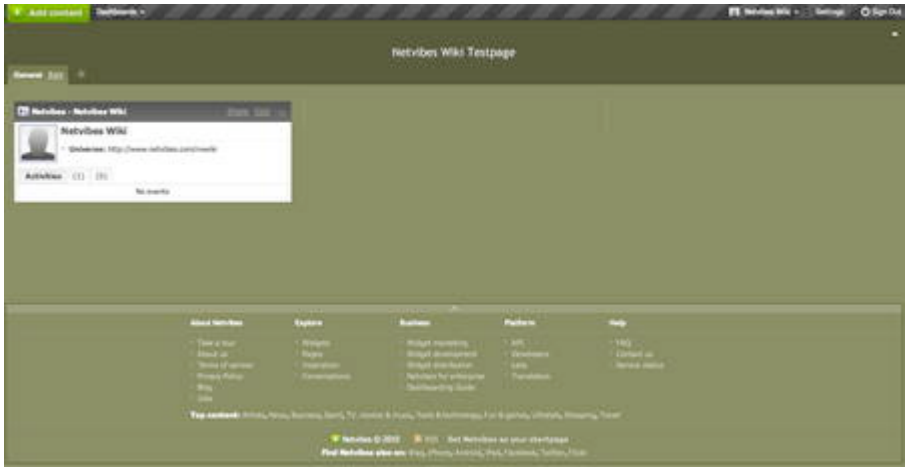


* Follow the wizard prompts: enter your name, the type of account you have, your gender and your age. You can also choose to hide your age from your public profile. Next, choose a name that will define the URL of your page and upload a profile picture.



* The last part of the wizard lets you choose a title, a description, a category and keywords (like tags) for your public page.

- Your public page has been created at http://www.netvibes.com/thenameyouchoose
- Your public dashboard will be accessible to you in the dashboard menu, like the private ones.



- You can then add content on your public page. It works exactly like the private ones.
- You can have one public dashboard per account.

You can of course deactivate a public dashboard, by selecting **disable** in the settings. The dashboard itself is left untouched when deactivated.

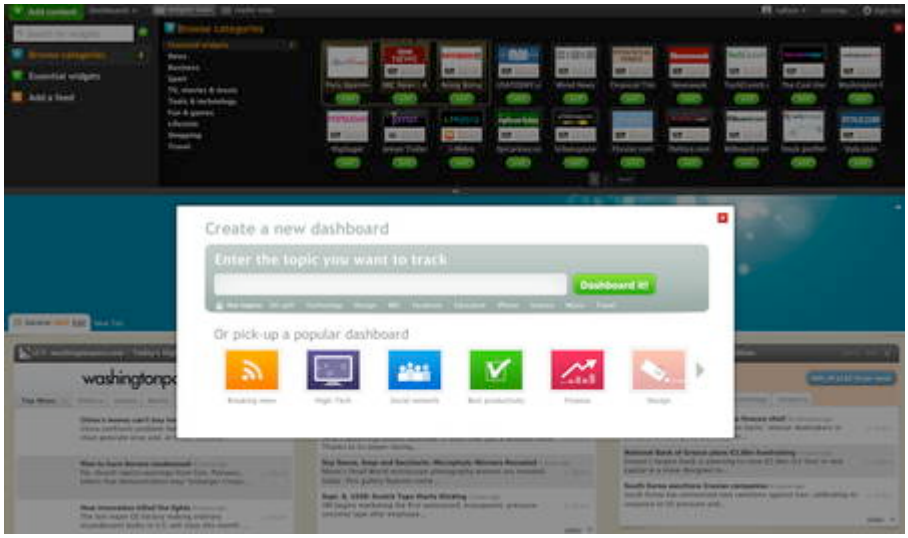
Manage Dashboards

Netvibes really shines when you start to use more advanced features like tabs and multiple Dashboards. You can organize your content and keep track of every piece of information this way.

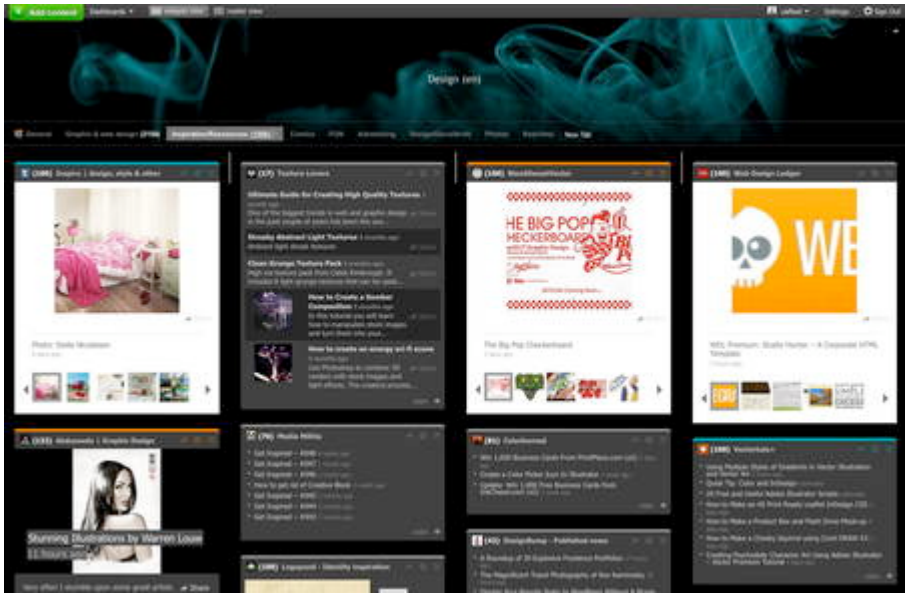
Let's say you are passionate about cooking, politics and cars (why not!): you can create 3 Dashboards dedicated to those subjects and inside each of them, create tabs for specifics topics: sports cars, racing, mechanics and classified ads for the Cars Dashboard for example. Inside each of those, you'll place the relevant widgets from your favorite websites.

That way, you will have access to all the latest news with a simple glance on one webpage.

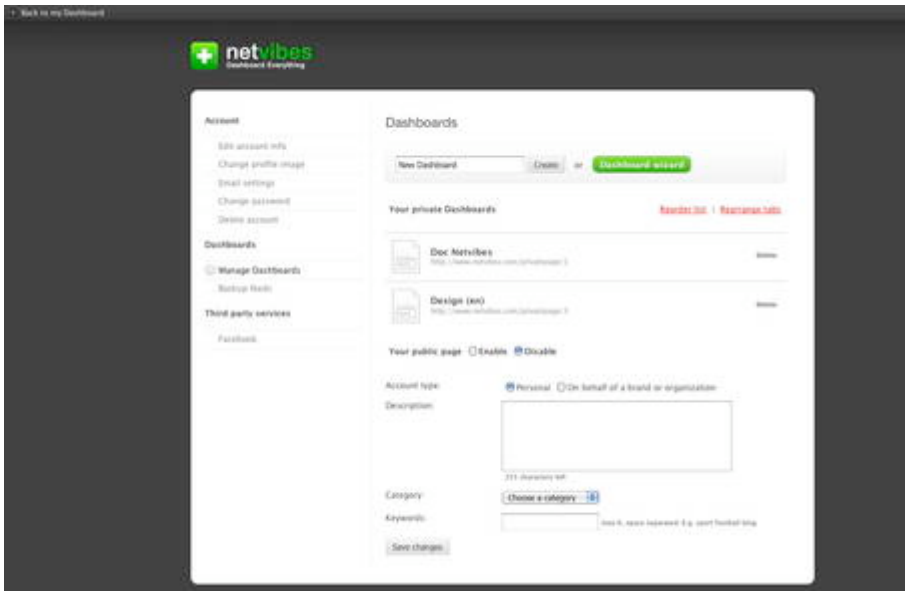
- To create a new Dashboard, click the **Dashboards** menu, just next to the green **Add Content** menu on the top left of your browser. Click on the **New...** item. A window will open:



- You will find a set of predefined dashboards on it (News, Hi-Tech, Social Networks, etc.) and a search box to generate a new Dashboard around the subject of your choice. Every predefined Dashboard comes with its own look. Here is the Design Dashboard for example:



- To create a blank Dashboard, go to the Manage menu: click on **Dashboards** menu on the top left, then click on **Manage...**. This page will appear:



- Here, you can manage the dashboards, as explained in the Startpage section.

Widgets View

The widget view is one of the 2 views available in Netvibes, the other is the reader view. The widget view displays the information using widgets, sorted by tabs.

For all tab and widgets management, see the Widgets and Tab sections.

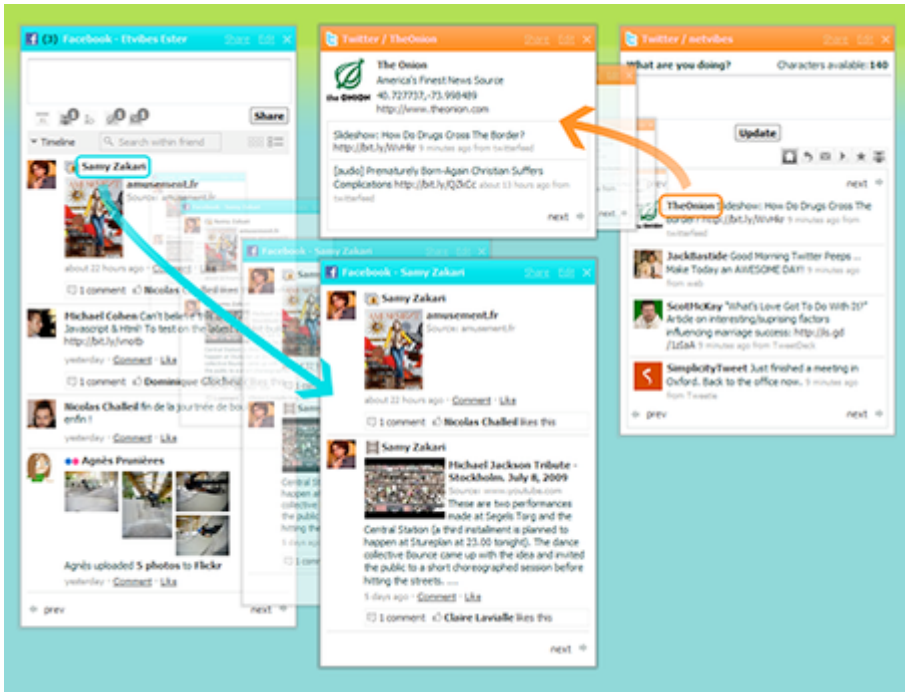
Drag and drop

You can move widgets around by clicking their top bar (when the pointer becomes four arrows). Drag and drop them to easily arrange your dashboards.

Drag and follow

A video is helpful to quickly understand this feature.

First showcased in the Twitter and Facebook widgets, this technology allows you to instantly create separate new widgets to follow any interesting new conversation, topic or friend. Drag an item and drop it on your dashboard to create a new widget following just that item.

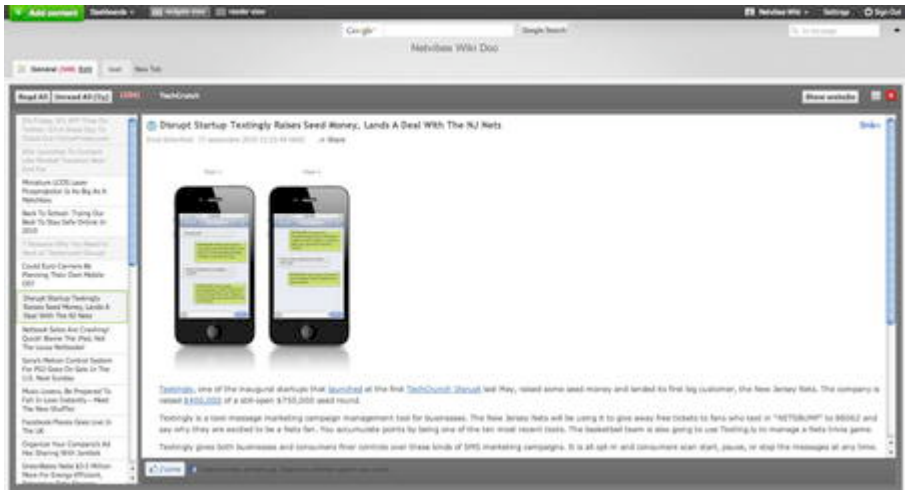


Adjust column widths

Place your mouse between two columns. You'll see a vertical separator appear, and your mouse pointer will become a double headed horizontal arrow. Click and drag to adjust the width as you see fit.

Quick feedreader

When you click a feed item in a widget, it will open the **Quick Feedreader**.



It allows you to read the whole entry in a new window, and manage many things:

- Mark as read: on the top left, the **Read all** button will mark every item as read.
- Unread all: will mark all items as new.
- Share: if you mouse over a news title (on the left), an arrow will appear. Click it to share that entry.
- The number next to the **Unread all** button tells you how many news item are unread. Click it to mark all as read. (same as **Read All** button).
- Show Website: the **show website** button on the right will open the website (source of the news items) in the page. It will change to **go back to the feed view** so you can revert the process.
- Maximize: on the right of the **Show Website** button is the maximize button. It will maximize the Feedreader size, hiding the top bar / Dashboard title.
- The red cross on the top right will close the feedreader and allows you to go back to the widgets view.

Reader View

The reader view is one of the 2 views available in Netvibes, the other is the widget view.

Reader view is the typical way to consume RSS feeds and uses a display similar to that used in most aggregators. It allows you to have a quick overview of all your feeds but does not use Netvibes widgets. The items are ordered by date, the newest at the top.

It offers three different views: **list**, **expanded** and **mosaic**.

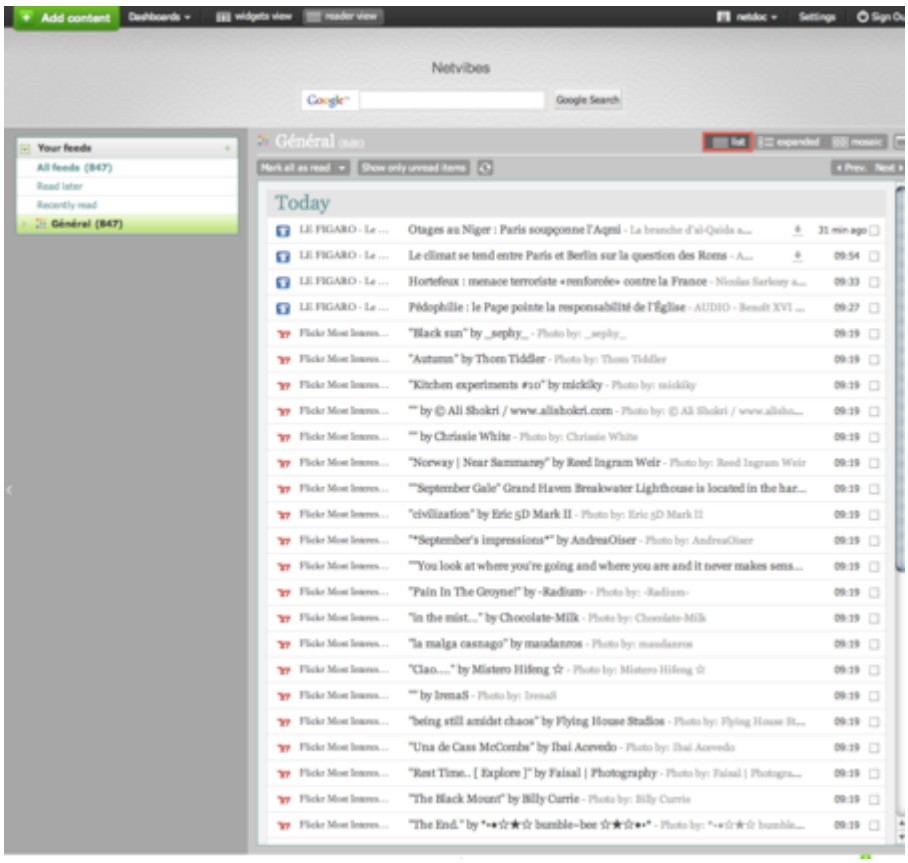
You can also read through an entire article via the **website** view.

You can create new tabs while in reader view by simply clicking on the **+** sign next to “your feeds” and you can drag & drop feeds from one tab to another.

Widgets other than feeds are listed in the **other widgets** section. You can browse through widgets by clicking **previous widget** or **next widget**.

You can edit tabs by clicking on the **edit** link next to their title.

List View



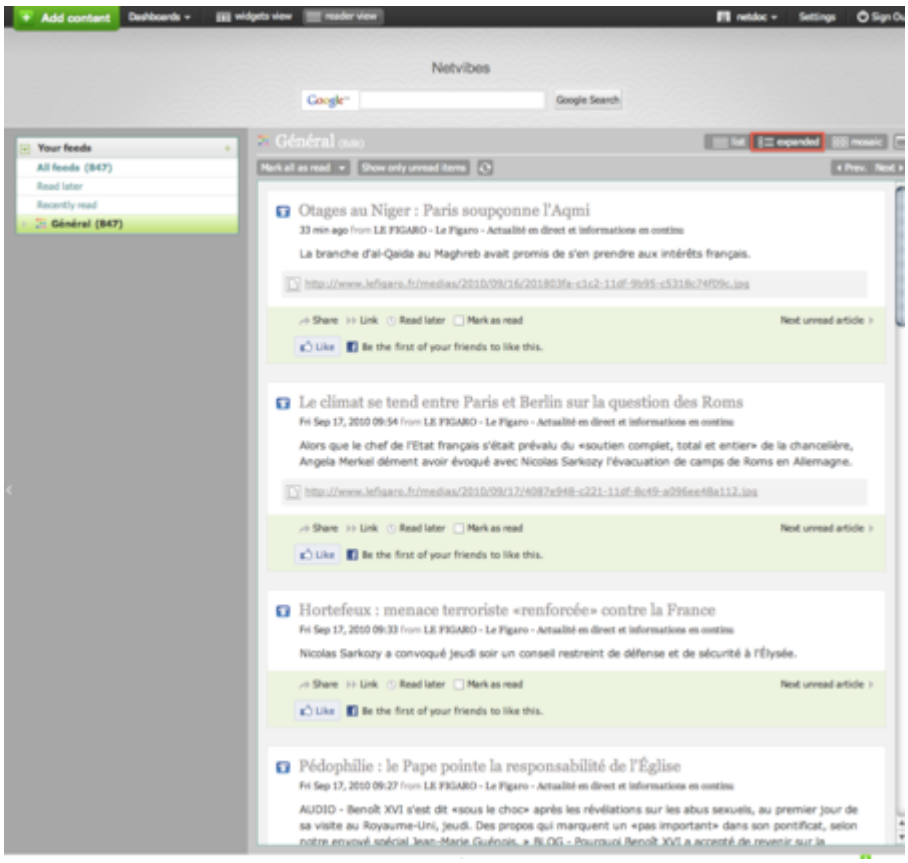
The **list view** allows you to display RSS feeds in the most compact way.

From left to right, columns display the following information:

- Favicon
- Source website
- Post title
- Publication date and/or time

Clicking on a post title will expand the current post to the **Website view**. Clicking on it again will bring it back to the **List view**.

Expanded View



The **expanded view** allows you to display RSS feeds in a more detailed way.

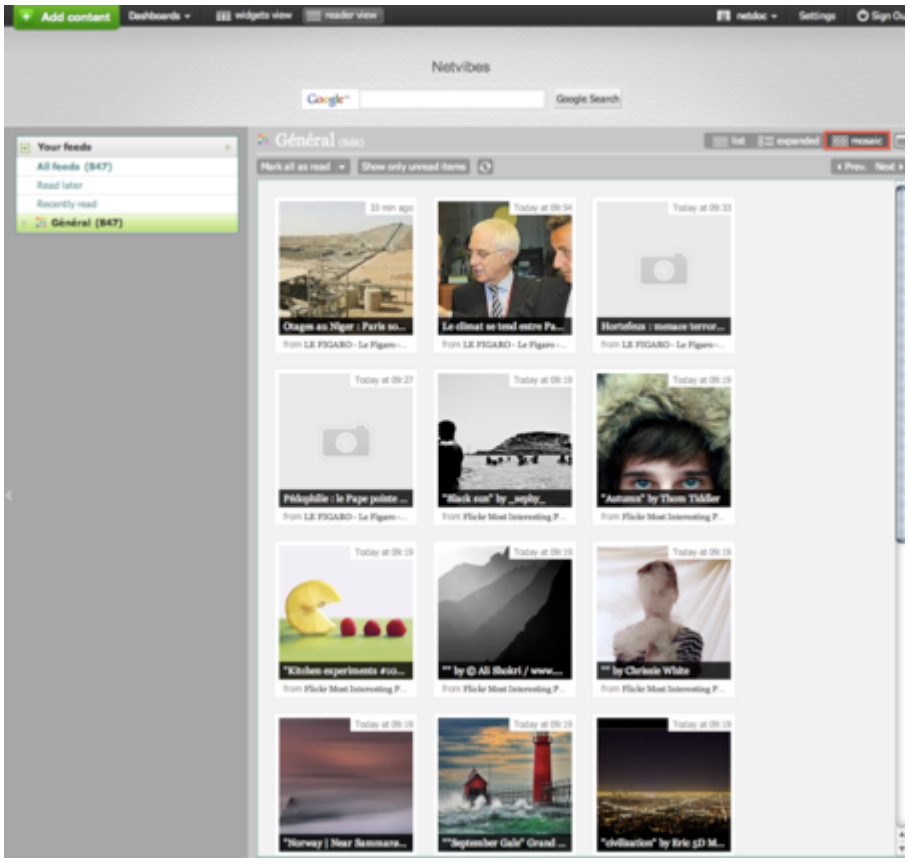
From top to bottom, the view displays the following information:

- Favicon
- Post title
- Publication date and/or time
- Source website
- Post excerpt

The bottom banner allows you to share the post, go to the original post, mark it to read it later or mark it as read. If it is actived, it will also show the Facebook Like button.

Clicking on the post title will open the original post from the source website in a new window.

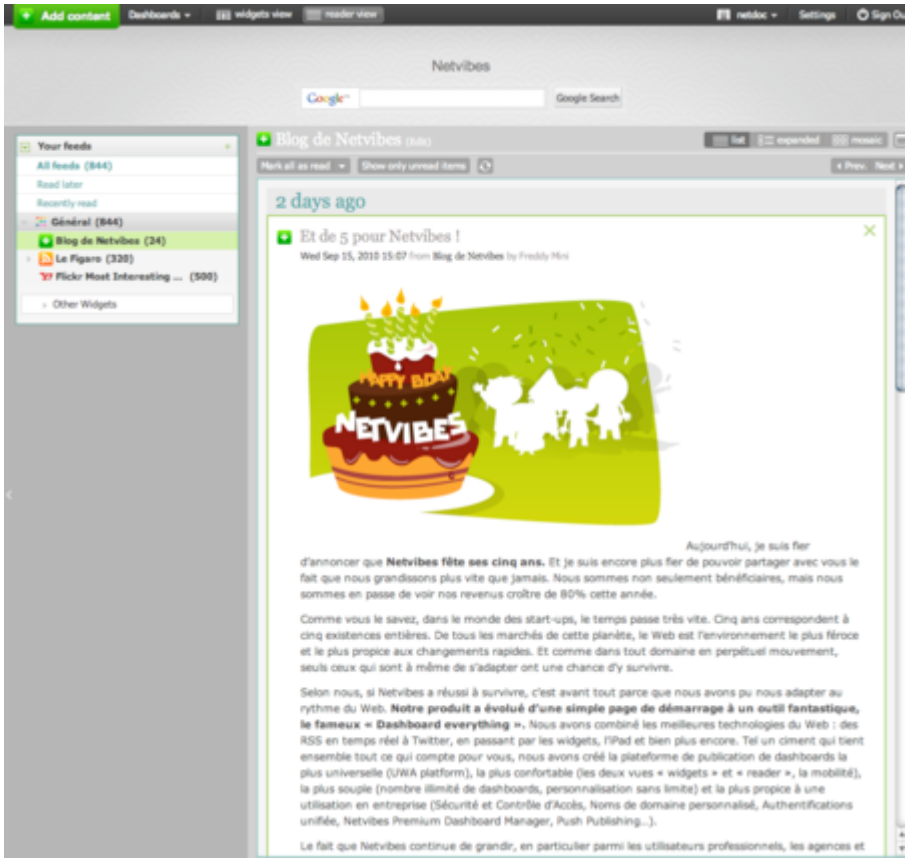
Mosaic View



The **Mosaic view** displays a series of thumbnails with the main picture from the original post (when available), the post title and source website on the bottom of the image, and the publication date and/or time in the top right corner. This view is ideal for image focused content.

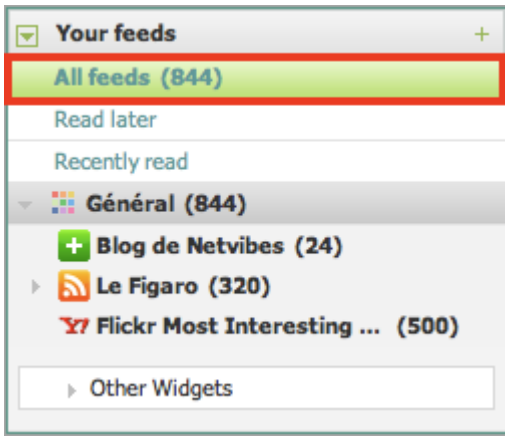
Clicking on a post title will expand the current post to the **Website view**. Clicking on it again will bring back the **Mosaic view**.

Website View



The **Website view** is the most detailed view available. It shows the complete content of the RSS post.

All Feeds

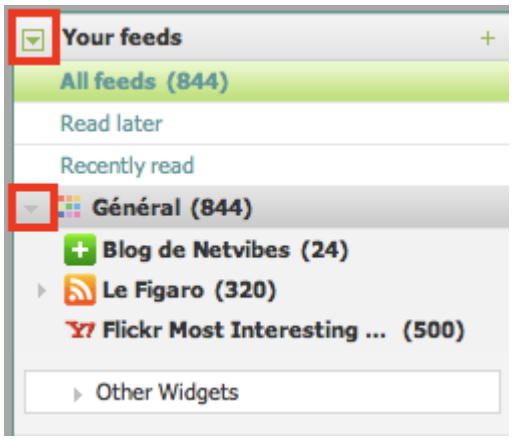


By clicking the **All feeds** tab in the sidebar, the Reader view will display the latest items from all if your feeds. If you wish to view posts only from a particular tab or source website, simply click on its name in the sidebar.

Minimize / Maximize

The **minimize/maximize** button allows to you to hide/show the top banner of your dashboard.

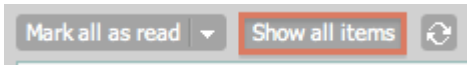
Sidebar



You can collapse/expand certain elements of the sidebar by clicking on the little arrow on the left.

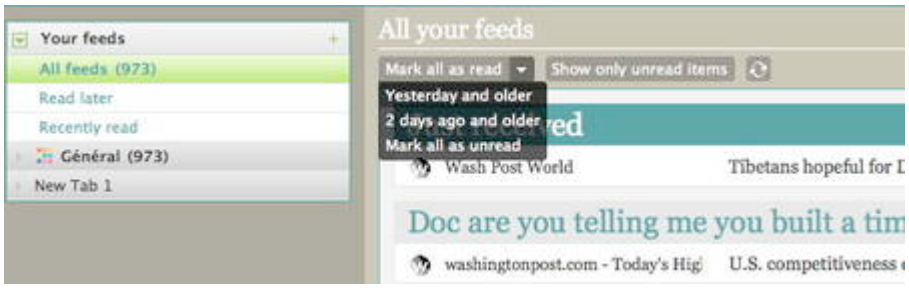
Show only specific items

Whether you're on a particular tab, source website or on the All feeds tab, you may choose to display all items



or only unread items.

Feed flags



For every item in your feeds, you can decide to share it, mark it for later reading, mark as read, go the related website. If there's a podcast, you will see icons for listening and downloading.

When an item is marked as “read later”, it will appear in the **read later** list below **All feeds**.

When marking items as read, you can choose whether to **mark all** items, only items **from 2 days**

ago and older or from **yesterday and older**.

If an item has a future date, it will be listed in the *Doc are you telling me you built a time machine?* section.

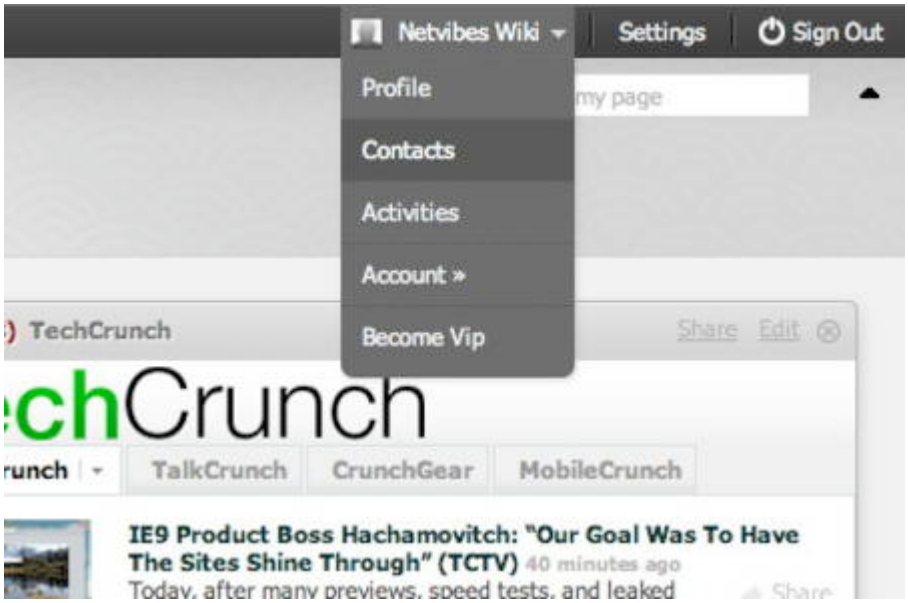
Items delivered live will appear in the **Just Received** category. If you're busy reading your feeds and can't see the new items that have just arrived, you will get a specific message (on an orange background) telling you that you have **xx new item(s)** to read. Simply refresh the page to see them.

Please note that the **read later** section can't hold more than 500 items.

Items that have been read will be listed in the **recently read** section.

Contacts

The contacts menu is in the profile dropdown:



This feature allows you to connect with, keep track of and share content with other Netvibes users.

Search for contacts

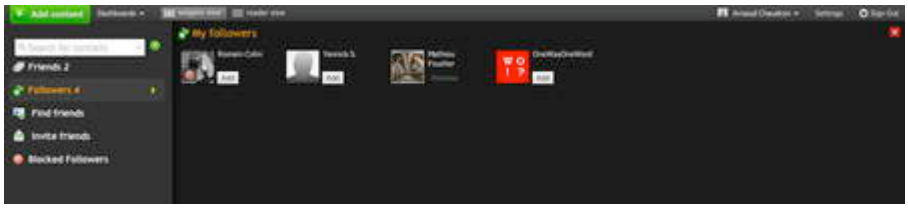
If you know the name of the user you want to be friends with, you can simply search for it in the search field. Browse the results, click on the avatar to confirm it's the person you're looking for, then click on the **add friend** button to add the user to your friends list or directly click on the **add** button on the results page.

Friends

Here, you can manage your friends list.

- To add a friend, follow the instructions in the Search / Find and Invite a friend sections.
- To remove a friend, click the **remove** button in the friends list panel under the friend's name you want to delete from the list. You can delete a friend from their profile view too: click the **remove friend** button on the left.

Followers



A follower is someone who reads your public activity updates. You can manage them from this page.

- To block a follower, place your mouse cursor on their portrait. Click the block button that appears.
- To follow back a follower, click the **add** button on the right of their avatar.

Find friends

With this function, you can search through your contacts in Gmail, Facebook, Hotmail, Yahoo Mail or desktop mail software (such as Outlook) to add friends quickly. Simply click on the green Start button and follow the instructions for your service.

You will need to log in to the desired service, or upload a .cvs file if you are using the desktop mail helper.

Invite friends

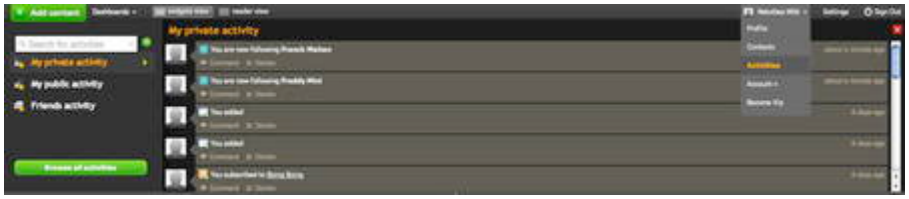
You can manually invite friends to Netvibes with this tool.

- Enter the person's email address in the first box. You can enter more than one address but each one must be separated with a comma.
- Type a personal message in the second box.
- Select the language of the email.
- Click on **Send the invites**

Blocked followers

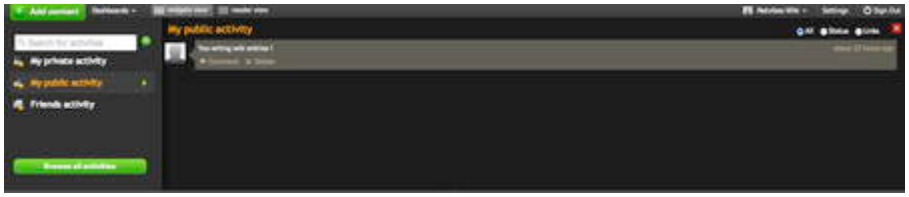
All the followers you have blocked will be stored here. You can unblock any of them by pressing the **unblock** button on the right of their avatar.

Activities



Activities allow Netvibes users to share links and make status updates. You can both broadcast articles you find interesting and what you are doing as well as see what other users choose to share.

Public activities



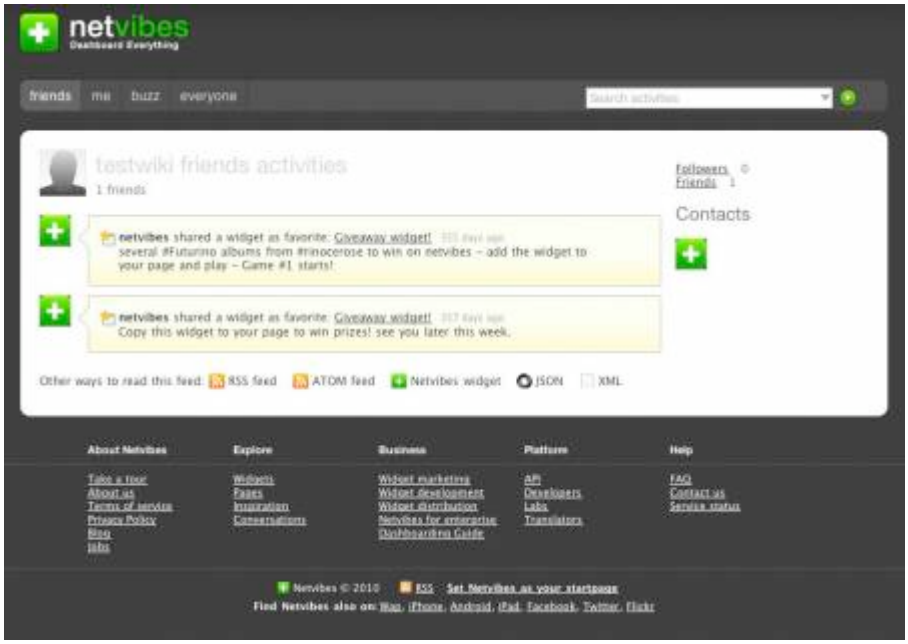
Your **public activities** are the things you publish to be seen by anyone. These can include:

- Item sharing (“share as favorite” feature on news) with or without comments
- Status updates

Friends activities

Friend activities are the **public activities** of the people you follow. These consist of the same as above; item sharing and status updates.

Browse activities



If you click the green button **Browse all Activities** on the bottom left (you can see it on this screenshot for example), it will open this minisite, showing all activities (from friends, from yourself, from all Netvibes users, etc.)

Actions on activities

Depending of the type of activities, you can interact with them in different ways.

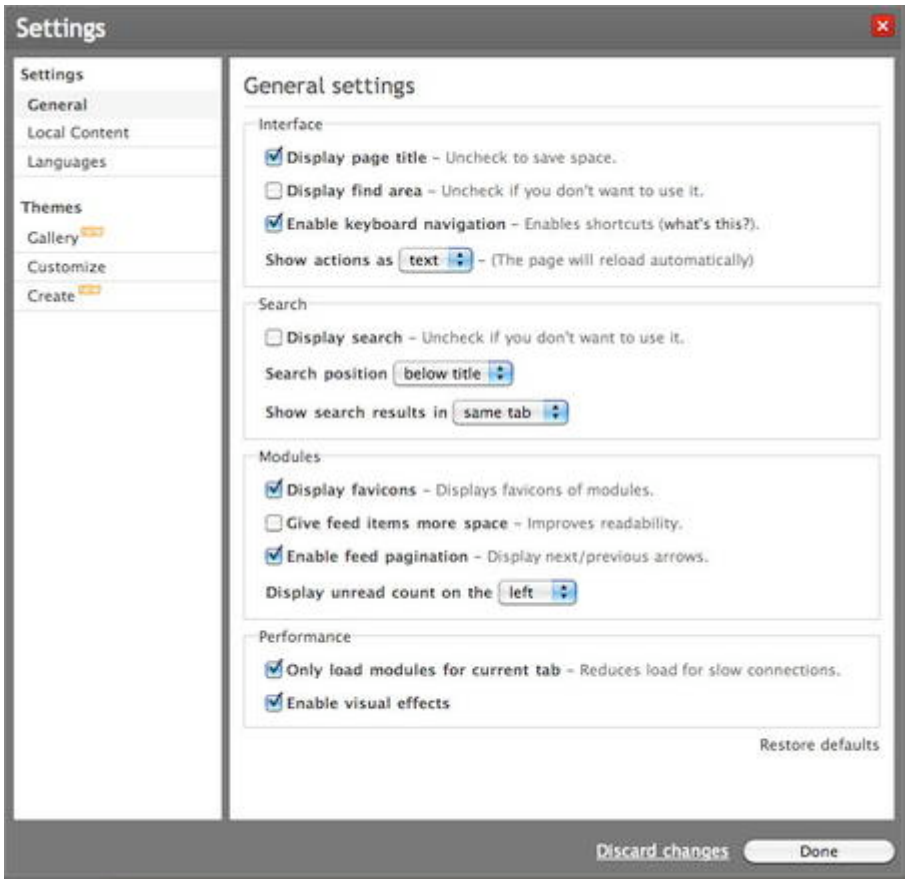
* **My Public Activity**: You can comment on or delete them by using the links below each one. You can also filter them to see all of them, or only the status or links. This menu is on the top right of the window.

* **Friends Activity**: You can sort them (see **public activity**), share them again with your friends and followers and reply to the authors. As always, the links for these actions are below the text of each activity entry.

Settings

At the top right, near the “Sign Out” button, is the “Settings” button. Clicking it will open a window where you can set various options.

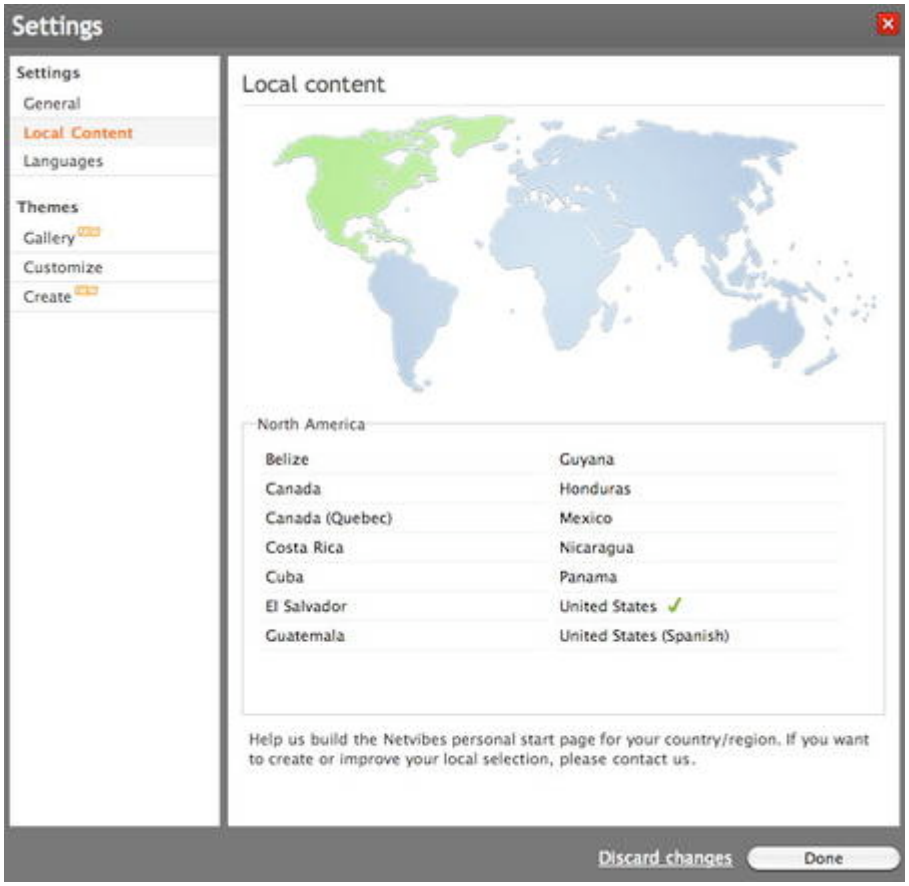
General



Here you can configure basic display options:

- Display page title: will show or hide the page title. Hide it to save space on your page.
- Display find area: will display a search box on the top right of the page. Use it to highlight keywords you want to find.
- Enable keyboard navigation: enable the keyboard shortcuts.
- Show actions as text / icon: will replace text on some widget and tab menus (e.g. `share` and `edit`) with icons.
- Display search: display the search box and let you chose how it will be shown (above / under page title) and how the results are presented (in a new tab for each new search or reusing the same one).

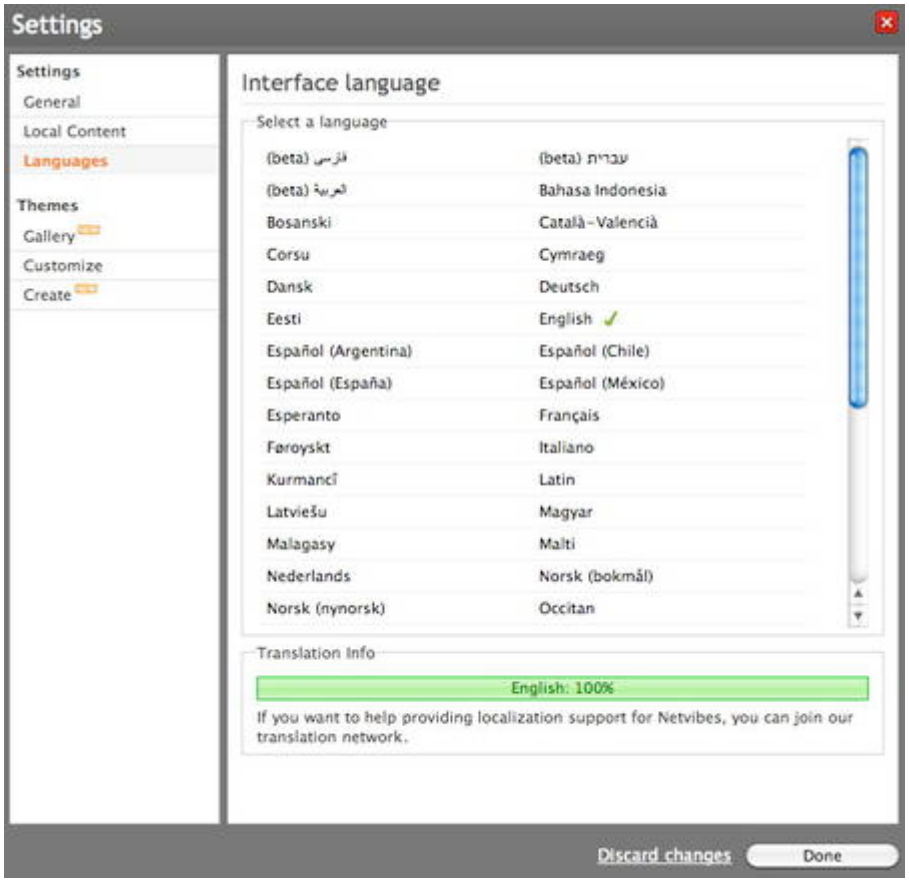
Local Content



Allows you to set your location by country. It will change the widgets we propose by default. The available areas are:

- Belize
- Canada
- Canada (Quebec)
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- United States
- United States (Spanish)

Languages

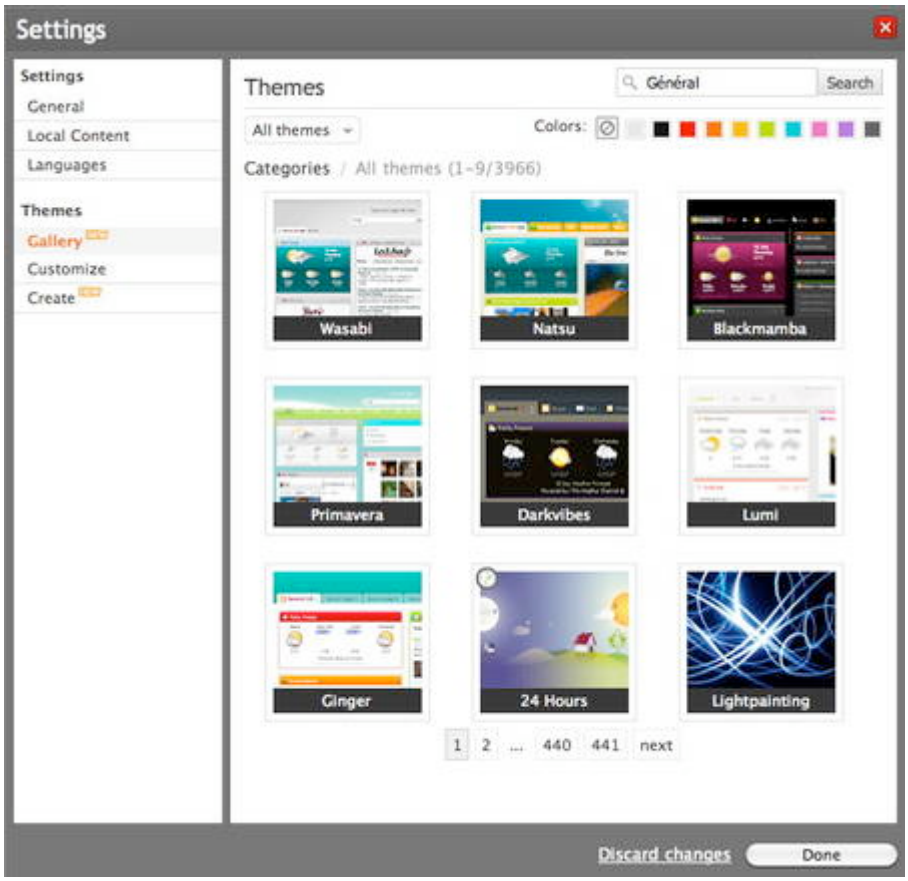


Lets you choose the language for the dashboard interface. It will show you the status of the translation of the language you choose. Around 48 languages are available, some still in beta stage. For anything related to translations, check Translators.

Themes

In this section of the settings, you will find all the tools to customize the look of your Dashboard.

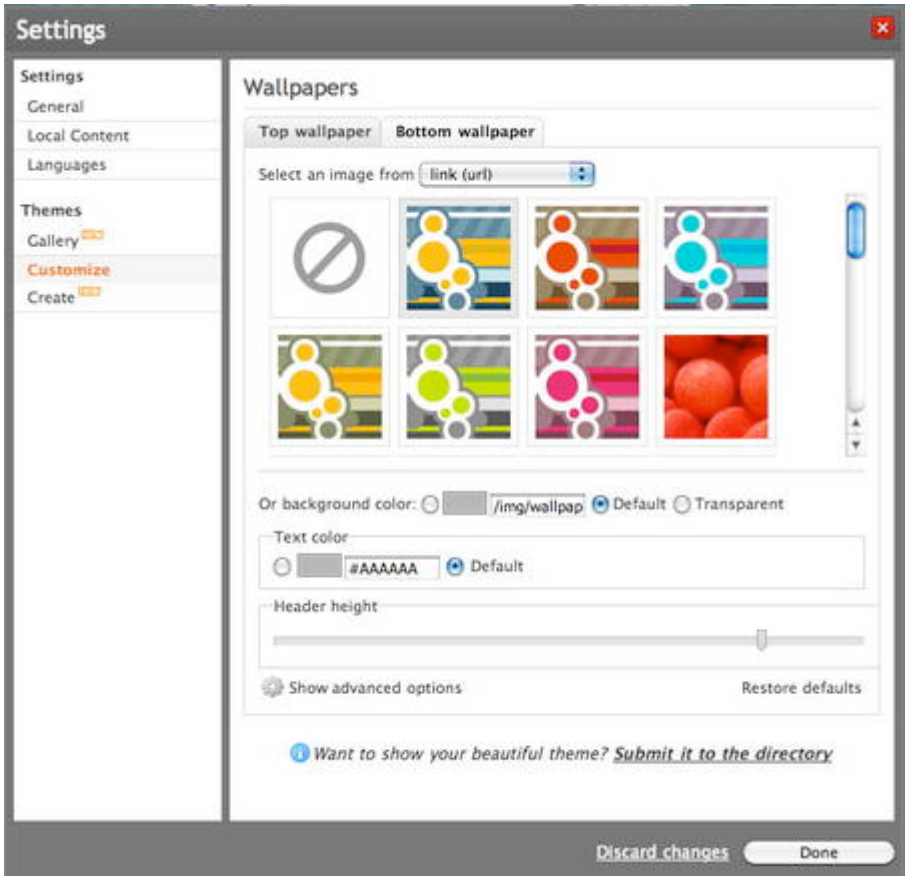
Gallery



Lets you define the look of your Dashboards from a set of predefined templates.

- Search: you can search templates by names / tags / colors
- Colors: each block will sort themes by the corresponding dominant color
- The drop-down menu allows you to sort themes by category (All themes, Official, Animals, Art, Cars, Computer, Film, Food, Landscape, Literature, Music, Places, Plants, Sports, Textures, Transport, Universe, Video game)

Customize



Here you can personalize an existing theme:

Top Wallpaper

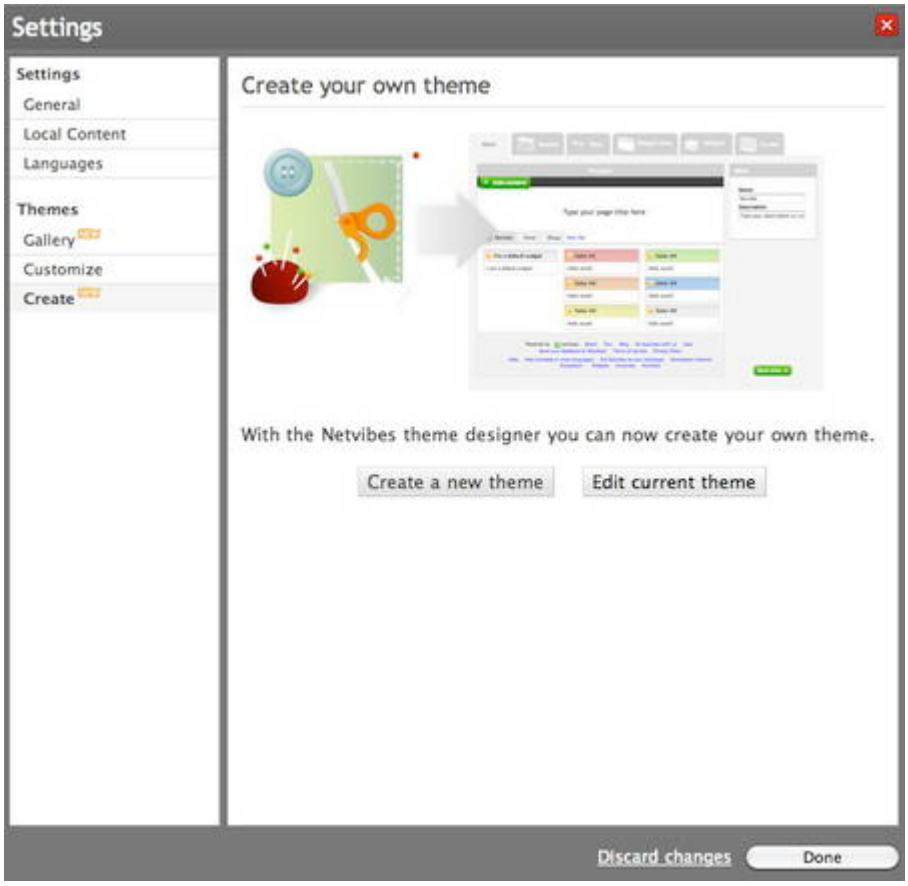
Define the look of the top of your page (where the title is). You can choose from a selection of images provided by Netvibes, a specific link, an image hosted on Flickr, or a background from MySpace or Twitter (just enter the relevant URL). You can also choose to simply use a background color and text color.

- Click on the color box to define the colors you want. **Default** will use the wallpaper of the theme selected. **Transparent** will render that area transparent (the Bottom Wallpaper will be visible instead).
- Header Height: lets you choose the space occupied by the header
- Advanced options: lets you choose how the image will be displayed (tile or centered, aligned with top / middle or bottom).

Bottom Wallpaper

Define the look of the “bottom” of the page. In fact it's the main part of the page, starting just under the top wallpaper. You can choose from a selection of images from Netvibes, a specific link, an image hosted on Flickr, or a background from MySpace or Twitter (just enter the related URL). You can also choose to just use a background color and text color. Click on the color box to define the colors you want.
* Advanced options: let you choose how the image will be displayed (tile or centered, or fixed wallpaper - the page will scroll but the image will not move).

Create



You can build your own theme for your Dashboards. This menu will redirect you to http://eco.netvibes.com/themes/create (see the Ecosystem user guide for more information).

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts allow you to work faster by using your keyboard. Here is a list of available shortcuts. Note that they will change depending where you are on the site. You can press h to list them when you are on Netvibes.com.

Widget view shortcuts

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
h	Show contextual help	Displays the list of available keyboard shortcuts for the current context
Up,Down,Left, Right	Navigate through modules	Moves the focus from one module to another
Enter	Perform module action	Performs an action on a module: open feed reader for RSS, start editing for a webnote, etc.
e	Edit module	Opens the edit panel for the current module
r	Refresh module	Refresh the current module
d	Delete module	Remove the module from your page
Esc	Remove focus	Removes focus from current module
1,2,...,0	Go to tab 1 to 10	Switch quickly to the tab you want
j,k	Navigate through tabs	Switches to the previous/next tab
f	Page search	Search in my page
s	Open settings pannel	
t then h	Tab help	Opens the Tab help panel
a	Add content	Opens the content panel that allows you to add new content to your Netvibes page

Advanced module shortcuts

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
Shift-Up,Down,Left, Right	Move module around	Moves the current module arround
Shift-t	Move to top	Move the current module to top
Shift-b	Move to bottom	Move the current module to bottom
Shift-a	Mark all item as read	Only for RSS modules
Shift-u	Mark all item as unread	Only for RSS modules
Shift-d	Duplicate this module	ake an exact clone of the selected module
Shift-c	Collapse/Expand	Collapse/Expand the selected module

Tabs shortcuts

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
tthenn	New tab	Append a new tab to your tabs

tthend	Delete tab	Deletes the current tab, modules will be moved to another tab (hold shift/alt to delete modules too)
tthenr	Rename tab	Renames the current tab
tthenp	Publish tab	Submit this tab to the Netvibes ecosystem
tthen1, 2,3,4	Change column number	Sets the number of columns to 1, 2, 3 or 4 for the current tab
ttheno	Tab options	Opens current tab options

Content panel

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
h	Show contextual help	Displays the list of available keyboard shortcuts for the content panel
a	Add new feed	Opens the content subscription popup
e	netvibes ecosystem	Go to the netvibes ecosystem
Esc	Escape	Close the content panel

Feed reader shortcuts

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
h	Show contextual help	Display the list of available keyboard shortcuts for the feed reader
p	Previous	Read previous feed item
n	Next	Read next feed item
Up	Previous	Scroll in content and read previous feed item
Down	Next	Scroll in content and read next feed item
Space	Next unread item	Scroll in content and read next unread feed item
a	All read	Marks all items as read
u	Unread	Mark the selected item as unread
Shift-u	Unread al	Marks all items as unread
Esc	Close the feedreader	Closes the feedreader window and goes back to your Netvibes page.
i	Show website	Display the full website into the feed reader
f	Reader size	Switch reader size

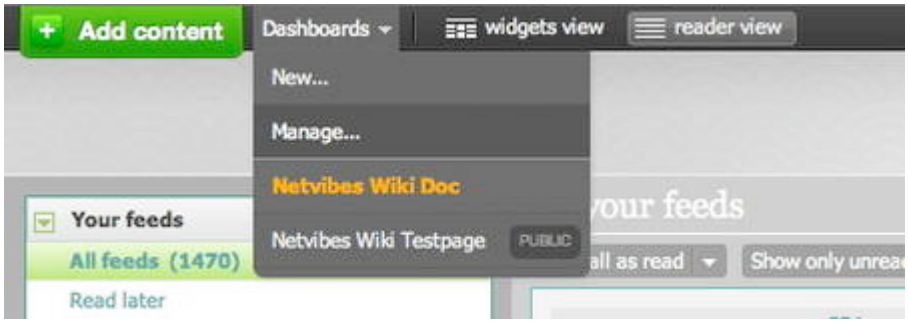
Reader view shortcuts

Shortcut key	Definition	Action
	Feeds	
j, k	Navigate through article	Previous/Next article
Up	Previous	Previous article with smooth scroll in article
Down	Next	Previous article with smooth scroll in article
Space	Next unread item	Scroll in content and read next unread article
L, Right	Show website	Open article link in new windows
w, f	Switch feedview	Switch to website/feed view
a	All read	Marks all current article as read

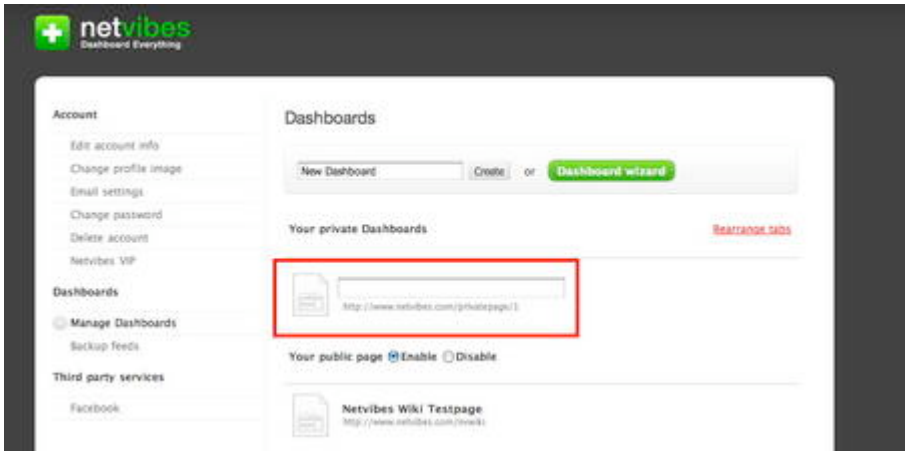
Shift-a	All unread	Marks all current article as unread
u	Read/Unread	Marks current article as read/unread
r	Flag/Unflag	Flag/unflag current article to read it later
1,2,3	Switch view	List/Expanded/Mosaic view
	Sidebar	
s	Sidebar	Toggle sidebar
Shift-up/down	Sections	Navigate through the sections and feeds
Shift-right	Sections	Expand the focused section if collapsed or load it
Shift-left	Sections	Collapse the focused section
Enter, Shift-O	Sections	Load the focused feed or section

Dashboard Title

You can change your dashboard title by clicking on it, writing the new title, and clicking outside the box to finish the edit process.



- You can also click on the manage menu.
- Click on the Dashboard title you want to change. It will switch into an edit box where you can type the new title. Press Enter to finish. See Startpage for the other settings here.



- You can hide the title completely, as explained in the settings.

Tab

Tabs are the heart of each dashboard. You can have multiple tabs per dashboard to organize your widgets.

Managing tabs

- To create a tab, click on the link **New Tab**. It's the one on the right of the last tab.
- To rename a tab, just click on it, and change the text inside that edit box.
- To move a tab, click on it and drag it where you want it on the tab bar.
- To delete a tab, click the edit link right next to its name. Then on the new dialog that will slide open below it, click on the **Delete this tab** button on the right.
- You can also rename / move and delete them in your Profile.

- To mark **all as read** on a tab without clearing each widget manually, simply click the number in the tab then answer Yes to the popup asking you if you want to mark all as read.

Customizing the layout of a tab

You can choose how your widgets are arranged on your Dashboard. This is done by defining the layout of each tab.

- For the tab you want to customize, click on `Edit`, on the right of its title.
- A dialog will open below your tab, with the different layouts available.
- Choose the one that fits your needs. The **boxes** buttons on top (labeled “1” to “4”) define the number of boxes used by the layout, and so will define the number of vertical columns available.
- Click on `Edit` again to close it.

Sharing a tab

The **share this tab** button will open the share window: See the Share section.

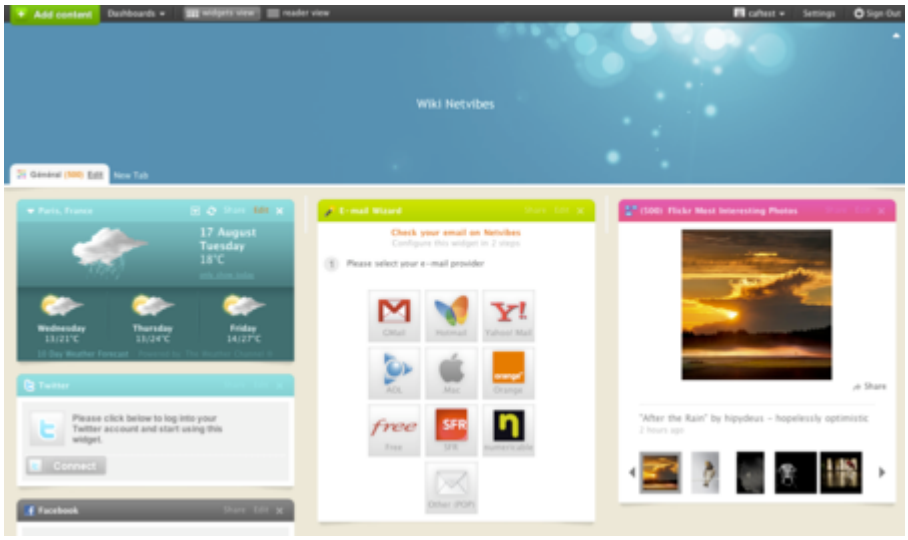
Widgets

What is a widget?

A widget is a small application that you can use on your dashboard to get specific information or functionality. There are over 190,000 widgets available for Netvibes, covering every use and every subject: sport, movies, technology, gossip, cooking, showbiz, books, cars, local news, politics, science, non-profit, calculator, post-it, stock quotes, translation, calendar, public transportation, traffic info, urban guide, video search, photo album, gaming news, shopping, music player, flash game… The list goes on.

Looking for a cool widget? Find it in the Ecosystem, the widget directory!

You'll start with a basic dashboard, waiting to be customized to your needs.



Each widget can have its own set of features, like tabs (inside the widget), etc.

- Each widget can be placed where you want: drag it by its title bar to move it. You can move a widget to another tab. Just drag it to the tab name you want. The tab itself will be highlighted by a dotted-line. Drop the Widget: it is now available in that specific tab.

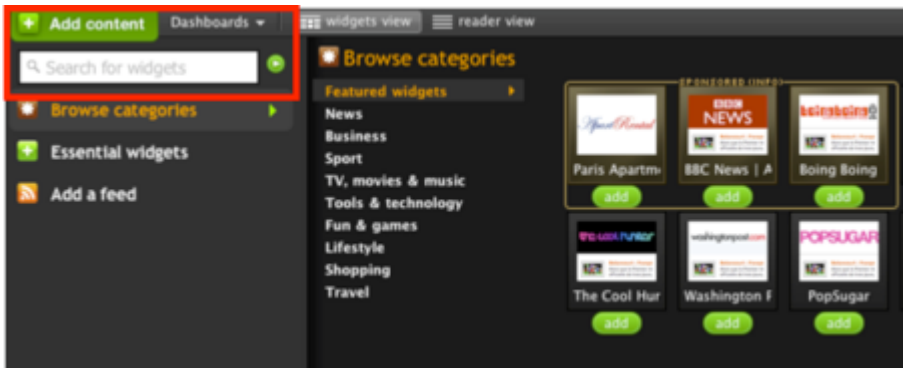
Add a widget to your Dashboard

To add a widget, the easiest way is to click on the green link (top left of the window) **"Add Content"**. This will display a panel so you can browse and add whichever ones you want to use. Click again to hide it. In that panel, their are a number of ways to browse for new widgets, we'll cover them in detail below.

For every view, you can check the dsecription of a widget by hovering over it with your mouse. A popup with a complete description will be shown.

Search for widgets

When you click the **"Add Content"** button, the first thing you see in the panel will be the search box. Using the search box, you can search for a specific widget (for your favorite websites, etc.) very easily.



Browse widgets categories

Selecting **Browse Categories**, you will see all widgets, sorted by category. You can then sort them even more, by country, popularity, date and type, using the dropdown menus that are just above the widgets.

Essential widgets

The **Essential Widgets** are, like the name suggest, the ones used by most of our users. Ranging from Weather to Facebook, you will find here some gems that will always have a place in your dashboards.

Add a feed

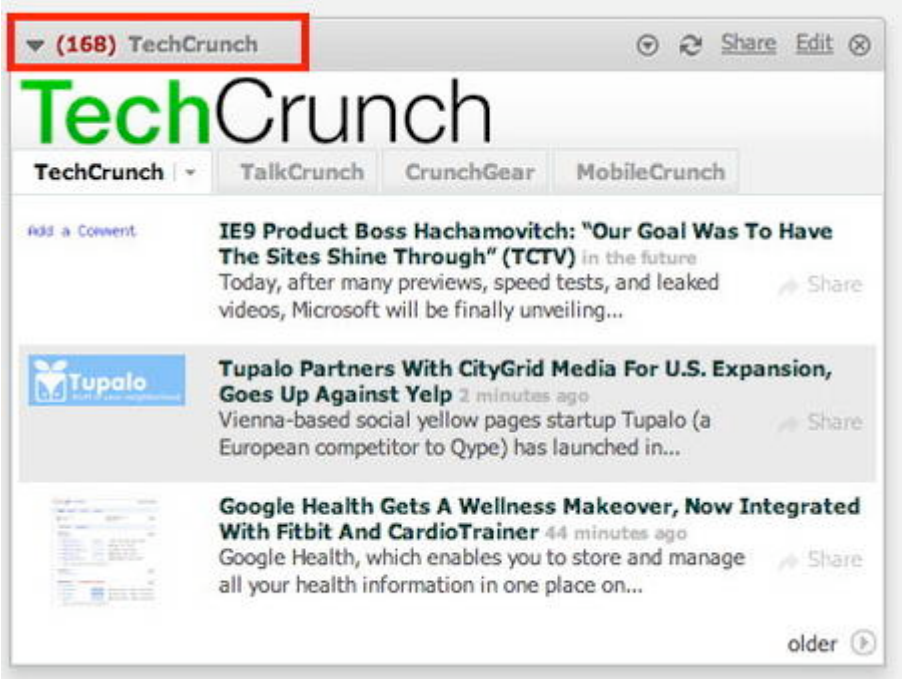
The **Add Feed** allows you to create a simple widget from a RSS feed.

- Locate the RSS feed of the website you want to add as explained under the input box.
- A widget is created from that feed.
- Add that widget to your dashboard.

If you don't know the URL of the RSS feed you want to add, try simply adding the website URL. It automatically finds the RSS feed for most sites.

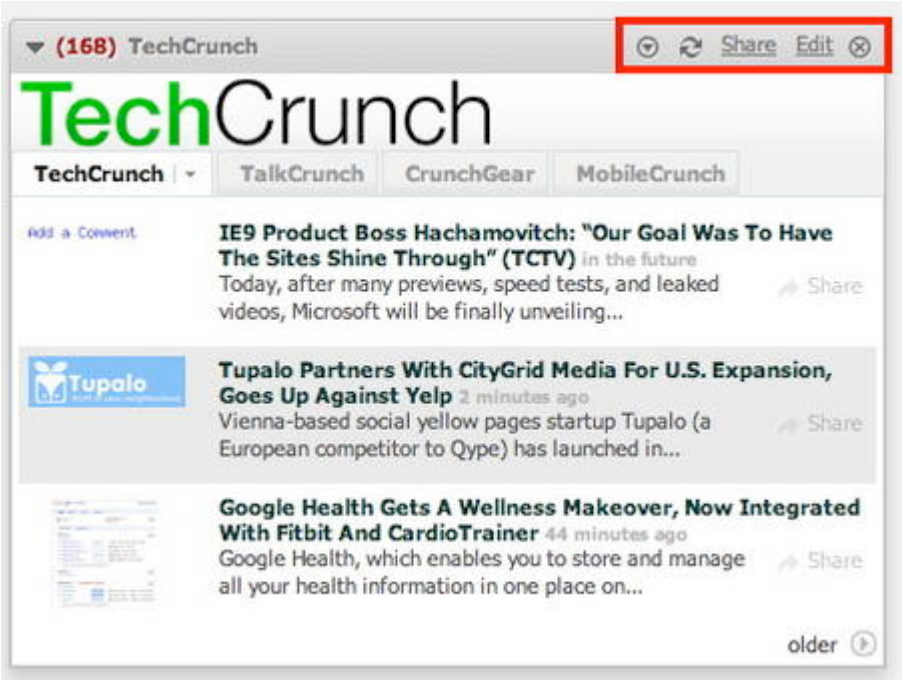
You can also import an OPML file to create Widgets from all the feeds inside. The process can be reverted and you can also export all your feed widgets as OPML to use them in another reader.

Edit a widget



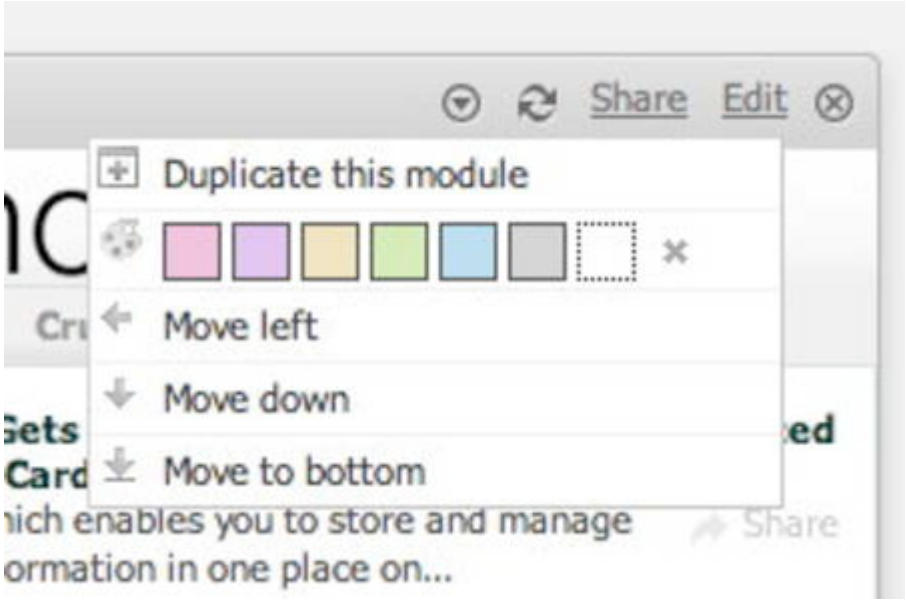
On the left, you have:

- Minimize arrow (click it to minimize the widget, you'll see just its title bar).
- Unread count (click it to mark all as read)
- Title of the widget. Click it to open the web site if it's a feed widget.



When you mouse over the title bar of a widget, you'll see 5 buttons / links on the right:

- Options
- Refresh
- Share
- Edit
- Close / delete



Options

Options offers some nice features to manage a widget:

- Duplicate this module: lets you duplicate a module.
- Color boxes: let you customize the color of the header of the widget.
- Move (left, right, up, down, top, bottom): let you chose the position of a widget. It's usually easier to just drag & drop the widget using the mouse (drag it from the title bar, as explained earlier).

Refresh

Click it to refresh the content of the widget.

Edit

- Click on Edit to change its settings. The settings depend on the nature of the widget and are usually self-explanatory.
  - View: change the look of the widget
  - Open directly on the site: will open a news story directly on the related web site instead of in the feedreader.
  - Load all tabs on startup: only for widgets with tabs. Will preload all of them when the widget is loaded.
  - Display unread count of each tab: will display unread item count depending of the tab your are on.
- Click on **Close Edit** to finish the editing process.

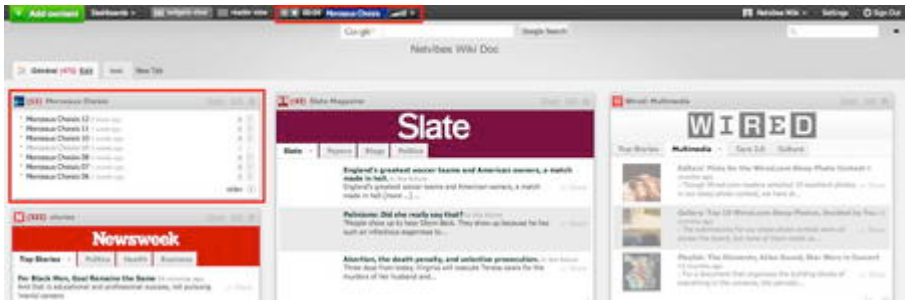
Close/delete

This button allows you to delete a widget.

Podcast Player

If you add a podcast feed using MP3 audio, the podcast player will be displayed. This allows you to listen to your music directly inside Netvibes. If you use the box.net widget and add MP3s to your box.net account the podcast player will be able to play them.

You can also play any MP3s you've added to your Box.net account with the box.net widget; the podcast player will appear automatically.



Here you can see a feed with the MP3s detected by Netvibes on the left. If you click on the “play” arrow, you will get a MP3 Player directly in your topbar, to control the playback.

Share

In Netvibes, you can share news, links, status updates, widgets, tabs. For example, sharing a tab will open this dialog:

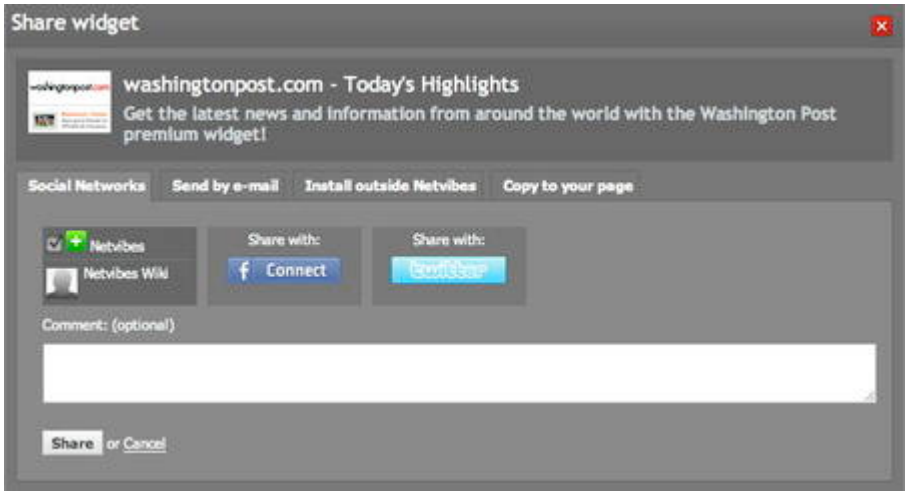
There are a number of ways to share an item.

Share by Twitter / Email / Facebook

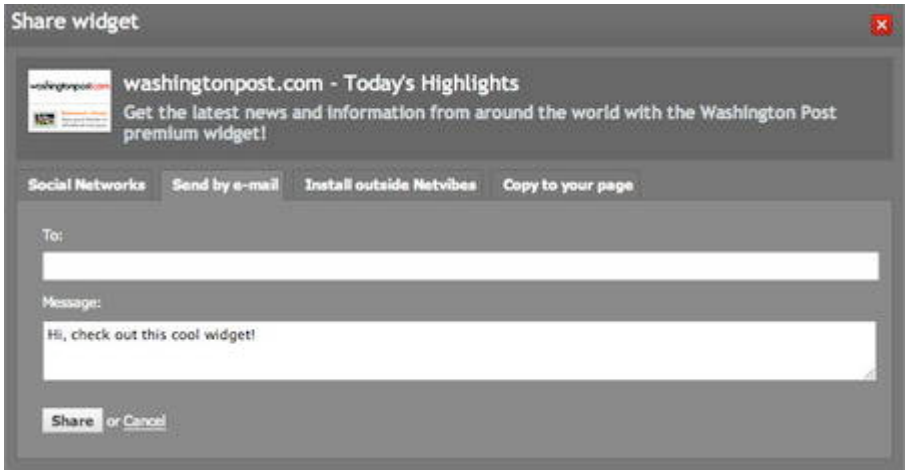
Once the share dialog is open, you can choose to share the item using the following methods:

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Email
- Netvibes

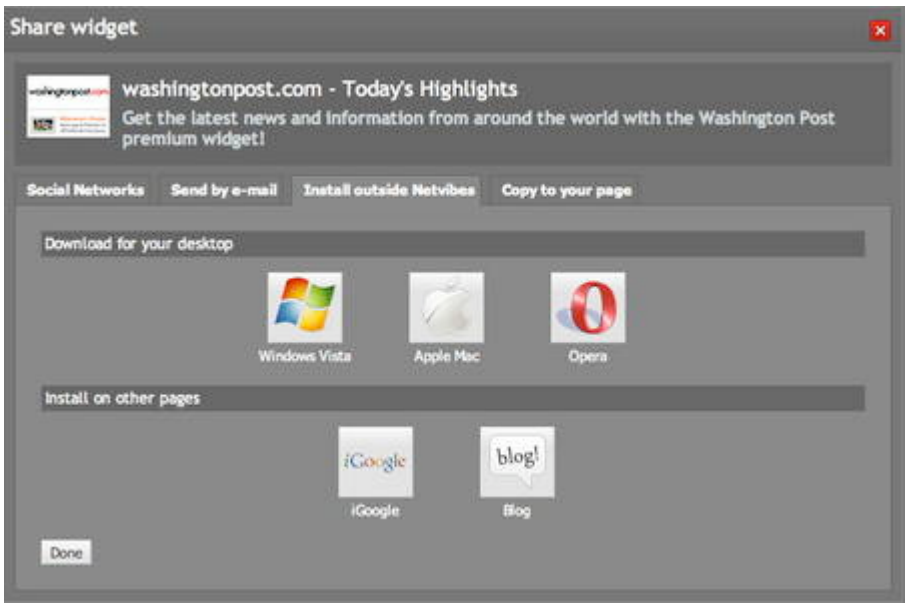
For Twitter and Facebook, you will be asked to enter your login information to these services. You can add a comment before clicking the **Share** button. Then, the item will be shared on the timeline of the respective service. If you share using Netvibes, people following you will see the item in your activities.



You can also share by email. Simply enter the email address and a message, then click share to send the email.



Another very cool feature of Netvibes widgets is the possibility to export them to other platforms. Click on the **Install outside Netvibes** tab. You can export the widget to dashboards from Mac OS X, Windows Vista / 7, or Opera browser. You can also export to services like iGoogle or even to a Blog or any webpage you like, as a standalone script.



Copy to

You can also copy a widget to your your other dashboards directly from the share dialog. Choose the tab **copy to your page** and select the appropriate dashboard.

Netvibes Premium Dashboard

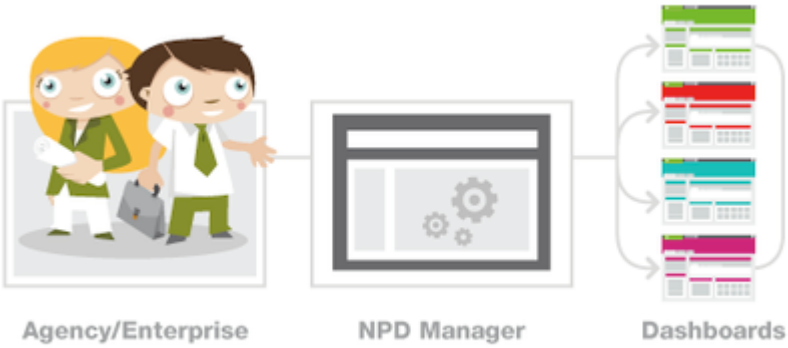
- Overview

NPD Manager

The Netvibes Premium Dashboard (NPD) Manager provides the interface for the administration of dashboards. It allows for the quick creation and setup of new dashboards as well as management of existing dashboards and users.

The NPD Manager can be accessed at: http://manager.netvibes.com/

Please contact your Netvibes technical contact to gain access.



Main menu

- Dashboards
- Clients
- Groups
- Users
- Access Lists
- Reports

Tools

- Members
- Clone NPD
- Yellow Bar
- Statistics

NPD Options

- Iframe

- Push Publishing
- Custom Category
- UI Tweaks
- Tab Locking
- Single Sign-On
- Cookies
- Restrict access
- Guest Pass
- Custom DNS
- Custom API Keys
- Templates
- Mobile Devices

NPD Overview

Your Brand. Your Personal Dashboard

Millions of users around the world use Netvibes as their entryway to the web. Now Netvibes' award-winning start page technology can be used to power personal environments directly within your website, allowing your brand to become users' daily entryway to the Web. Imagine your brand integrated together with your users' favorite search, weather, email, news, blogs and all the other popular services they use everyday, including MySpace, Facebook, YouTube, Flickr and Digg.

Ecosystem For Your Brand

Branded dashboards are the key to long-term success for your widgets because they create a daily environment for user engagement. Netvibes Premium Dashboard can combine all of a brand's content—including RSS, videos, photos, podcasts and other custom widgets— all on a single, personalized page that makes it easy for users to find, customize and consume your content everyday. Moreover, Netvibes Premium Dashboard integrates your brand with thousands of other popular services and feeds that people use everyday—from Gmail to CNN, The Wall Street Journal and New York Times, building a thriving ecosystem around your widgets and content that reinforces daily recurring engagement.

Complete Control

Netvibes gives you 100% control over the branding, design and content of your dashboards. Netvibes Premium Dashboard are presented seamlessly within your brand's existing Web domain. Best of all, you can embed ads as easily as you would on any Web site and retain 100% of the advertising revenues you generate on your branded dashboard.

Push Publishing

"Push-and-Pick" publishing tools offer the best of both worlds for publishers and users. Publishers can instantly push and send new updates, themes, widgets and media content directly to user dashboards, while users are empowered to pick and choose which new updates they like the best.

Easy Content Management

Netvibes Premium Dashboards are as easy to customize and set up as a regular Netvibes.com start page. There's zero programming required and our simple, drag-and-drop interface makes Netvibes simply the fastest and easiest content management system on the market for publishers both large and small. Also, any changes you make to your Dashboards are automatically notified live to the user, so you never have to republish or re-post.

Built-In Social Networking

Netvibes Premium Dashboard comes complete with comprehensive social networking features for your brand. Users can instantly rate, comment on and share any content or widget from your Premium Dashboard. Activity feeds show users what friends are up to, new content they've commented on or starred, and new widgets they've installed. Netvibes Premium Dashboard even connects with widely popular social networks like Facebook and MySpace.

Tab Locking

Locked tabs are special pages that cannot be modified or moved by users. This enables publishers to protect their content and control exactly how its viewed. This is the best way to preserve publisher content in certain sections while engaging users through personalization options on non-locked pages.

Powered by Netvibes

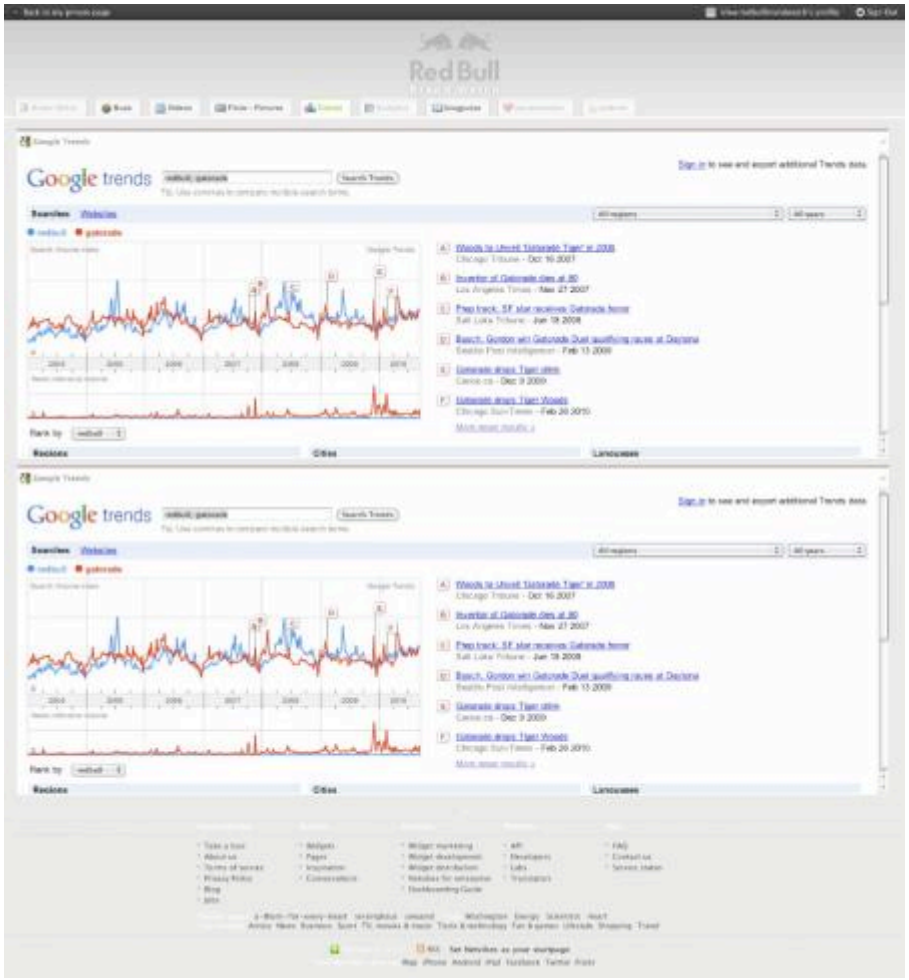
With accolades from TIME, PC World, Red Herring, Business 2.0, TechCrunch, AlwaysOn, MIT Technology Review and many others, Netvibes is the Web's most award-winning start page. Netvibes pioneered the super-personalized start page and established the leading open standard for universal widgets (UWA). Today, Netvibes serves millions of users in more than 150 countries in about 80 languages worldwide.

Powering Today's Top Brands

Since inception, Netvibes' proven dashboard publishing technology has been deployed across millions personal pages. Leading brands and publishers, including Le Figaro, Tagged, Numericable, etc., use Netvibes Premium Dashboard to power their branded start pages

More informations here.

NPD (examples):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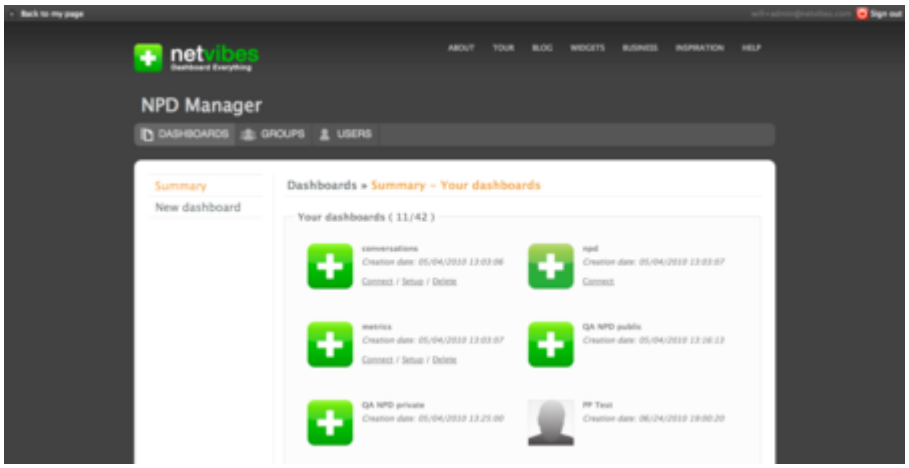
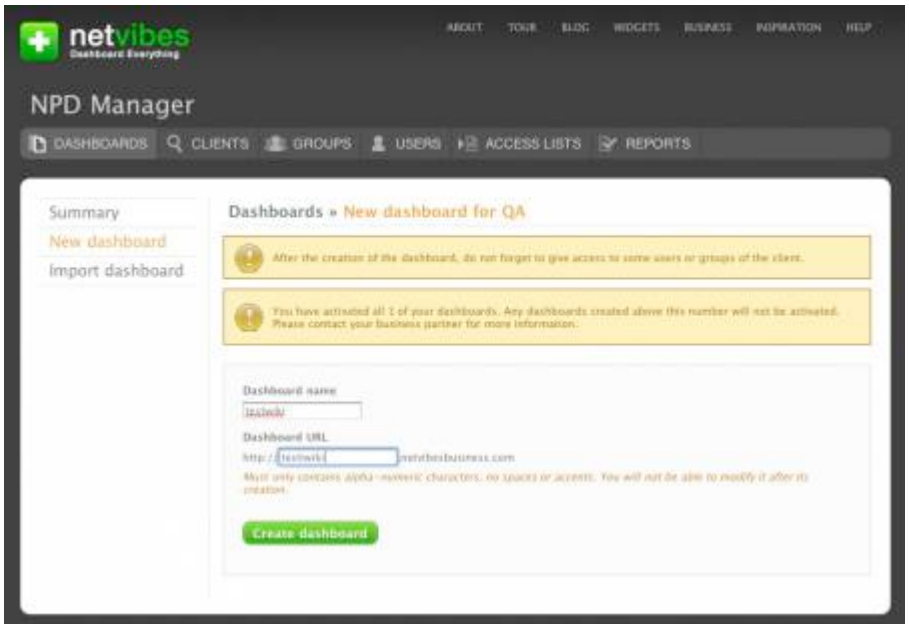
Dashboards

The dashboards screen is the central place to manage all of your dashboards. Depending of your access rights, you will see and interact with different menus.

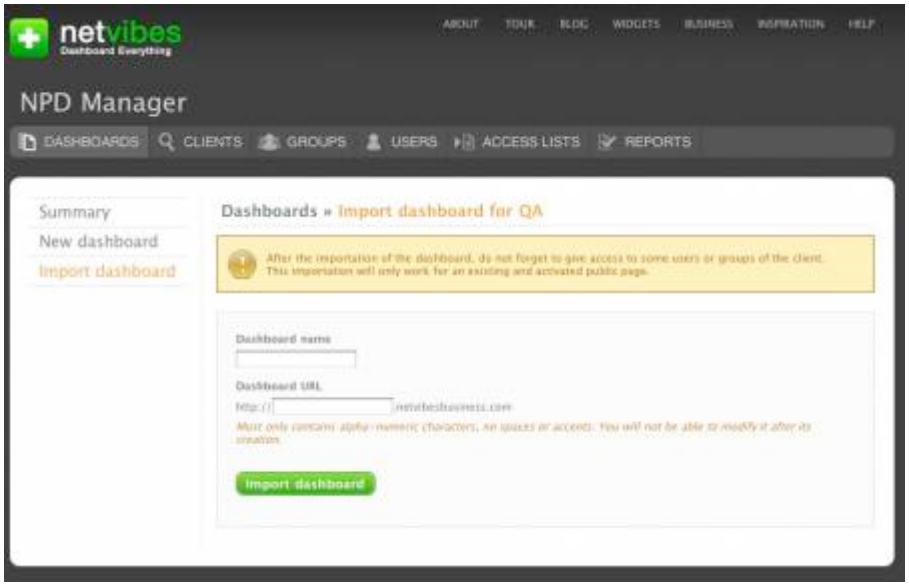
- Summary: This will show the list of dashboards you can interact with.



- New dashboard: provides the ability to create a new dashboard.



- Import dashboard: allows an existing dashboard to be imported into another client account for example.



New Dashboard

Choose the dashboard name and URL.

The URL is particularly important if the dashboard is going to be accessed on the netvibes domain and not on your own URL via an iframe or custom DNS.

Click **Create dashboard**.

Alternatively, a new dashboard can be created based off an existing dashboard you have previously created by navigating to the existing dashboard and clicking “Clone” in the sidebar to initiate the process.

Import Dashboard

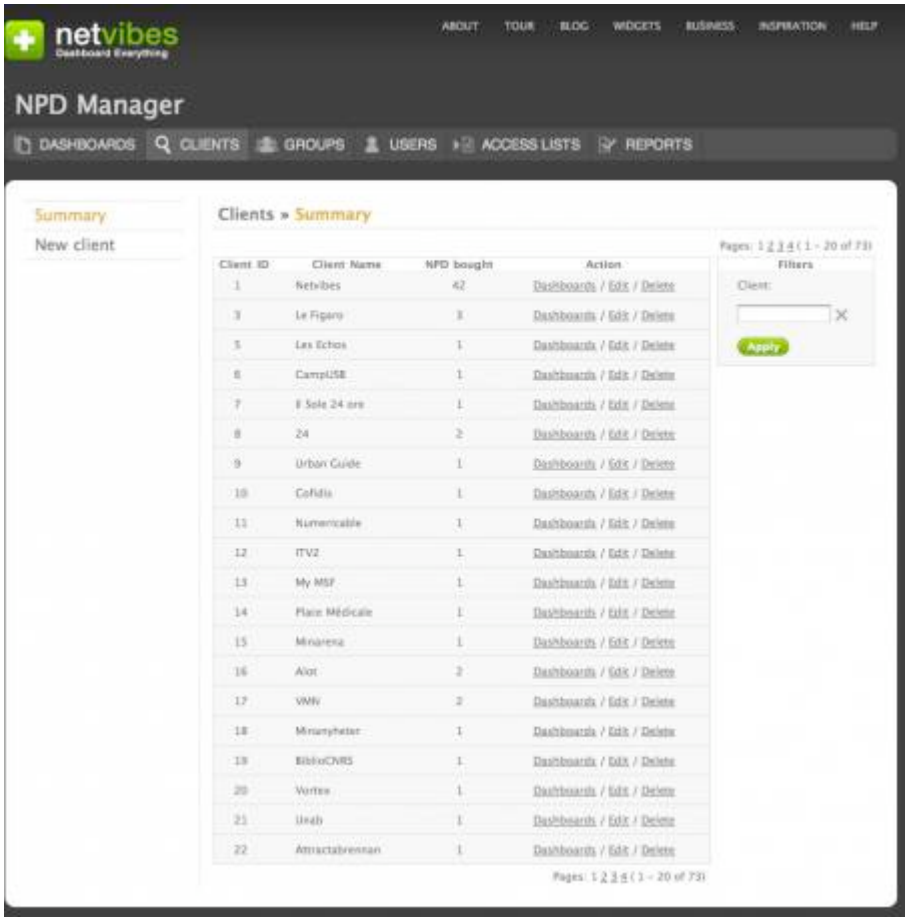
Choose the client for whom you want to import a dashboard.
Enter the name of the dashboard and its URL. Click **Import dashboard**.

Clients

If you manage multiple clients, e.g. if you are a reseller, the **Clients** section will be available. This menu provides access to all the tools you need to create, edit and delete clients from the NPD Manager.

Summary

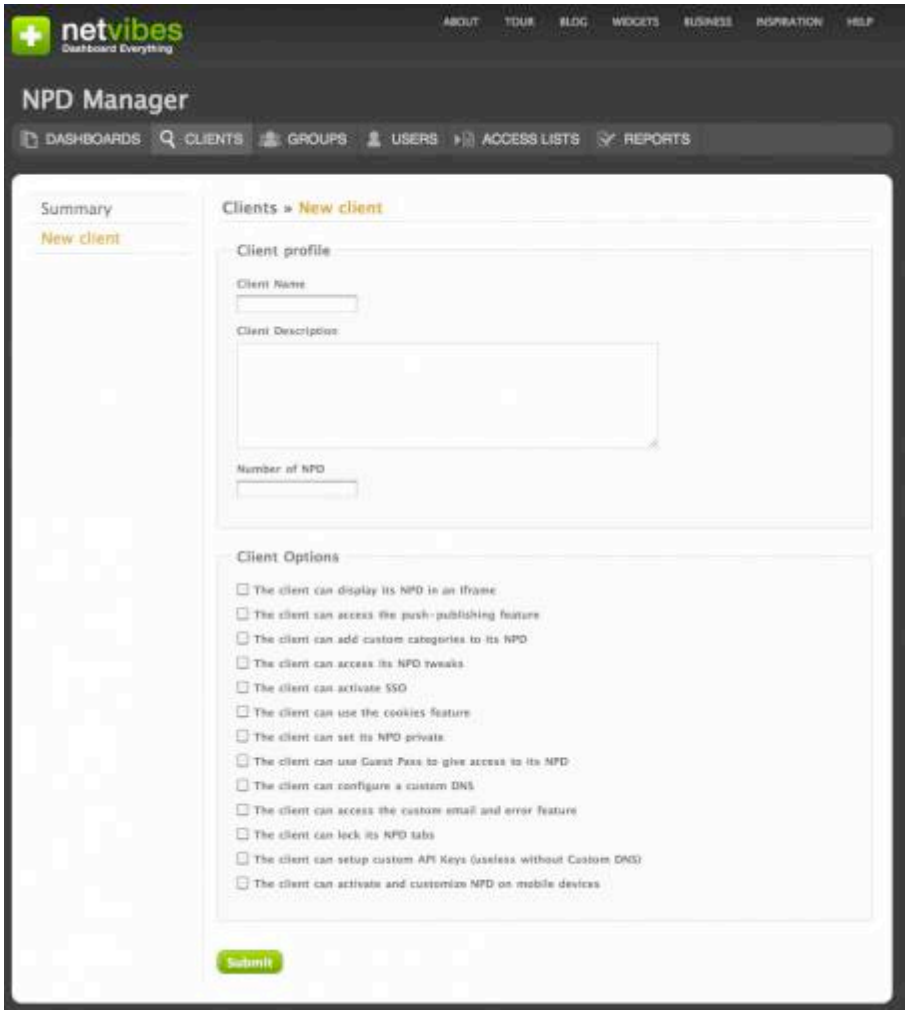
Summary will show you the list of the clients you can manage.



- The dashboards link shows you all of the dashboards associated with a client.
- Edit allows you to set the options and settings for that client. You can also access the dashboards, groups and users for that client with the sub-menu on the left.
- Delete will remove a client.

New Client

New client: you can create new clients from this menu.



- Enter the name of the client.
- Enter a description for that client.
- Enter the number of NPDs allowed for the client
- Select the client options. See the options section for more details.

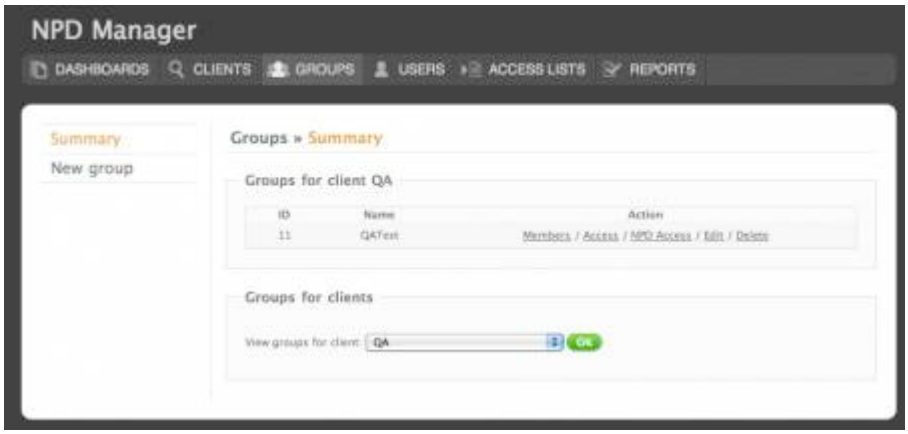
Edit Client

The **Edit Client** page looks like the New Client page, but shows the current settings. You can edit them and click submit when satisfied.

Groups

The groups feature is available to create groups of users in order to manage the access rights and permissions of many users at once. The goal is to simplify the access rights managements of your users.

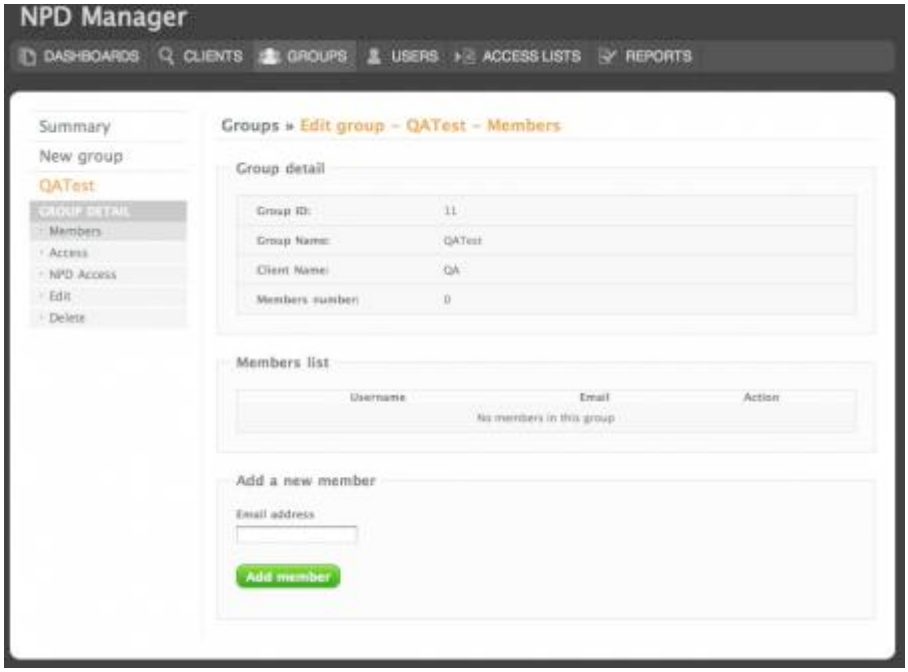
Summary will show you the groups associated with a client. Click the links to directly go to the menu you need.



New Group is used to create new groups of users.

- Enter a group name
- You can copy the access rights of an existing group with the option **Copy Privileges From**
- Choose the client associated with the group your are creating (if applicable).

Group Members



Allows you to define the users who are members of the group you are editing. To add a user, just add their email address and click **Add Member**.

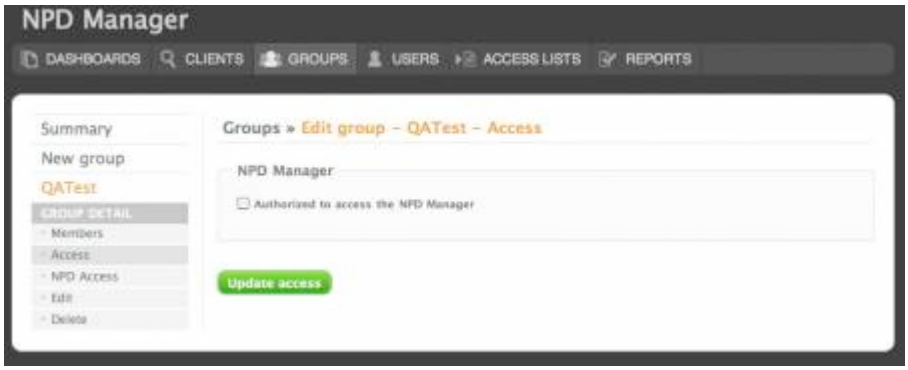
To delete a user, click the **delete** link on the right of their entry in the user list.

The **Edit** link will show you information about the user and the groups they're part of. You can exclude a user from a group by unchecking the box in front of the group name and clicking **Apply Modifications**.

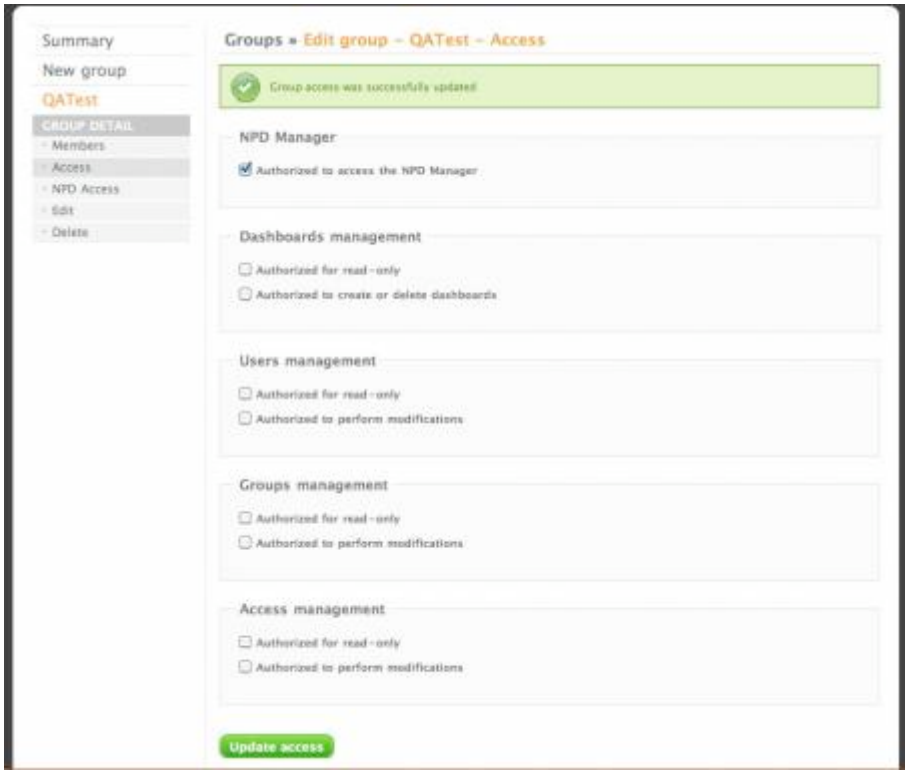
Group Access

Group Access will let you decide if that group has access to the NPD Manager or not.

Click **Update Access** when you have checked or unchecked the option.



If the group is authorized to access the NPD, a new set of options appears:



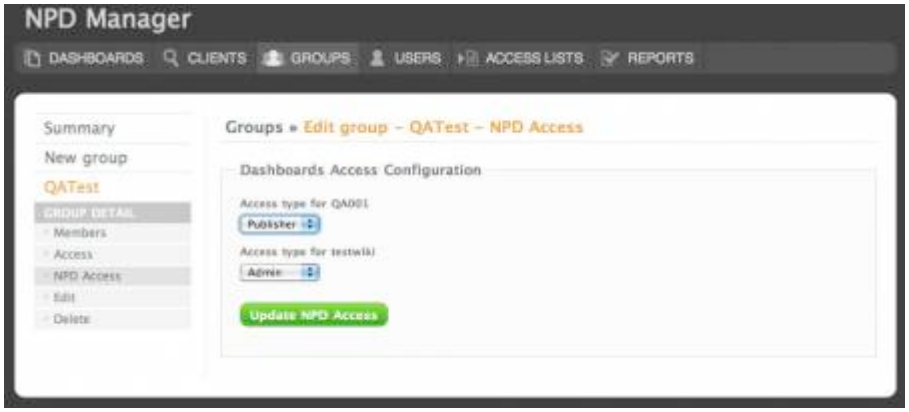
For each option, you can choose if the group has the rights to modify them or is just in read-only mode.

The options are:

- Dashboad Management
- Users Managment
- Groups Management
- Access Management

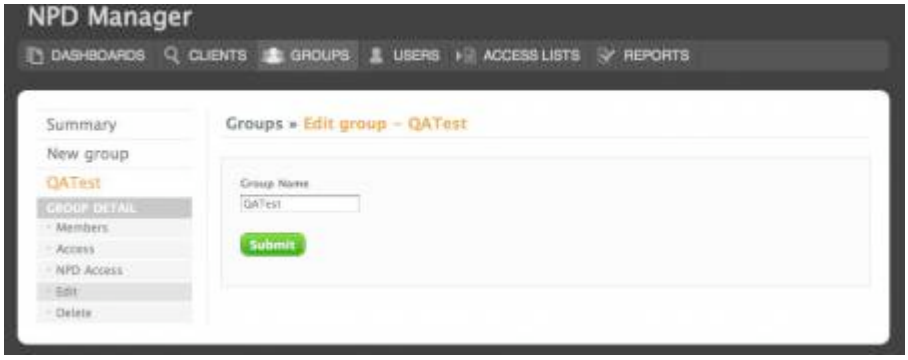
NPD Access

Here you can choose how the group can interact with the Dashboards it can access.



- None: the group doesn't have access to the dashboard
- Reader: the group can only read the dashboard
- Publisher: the group can publish to the dashboard (add / remove widgets, tabs, modify the theme etc.)
- Admin: the group can change every aspect of the dashboard (manage settings, etc.)

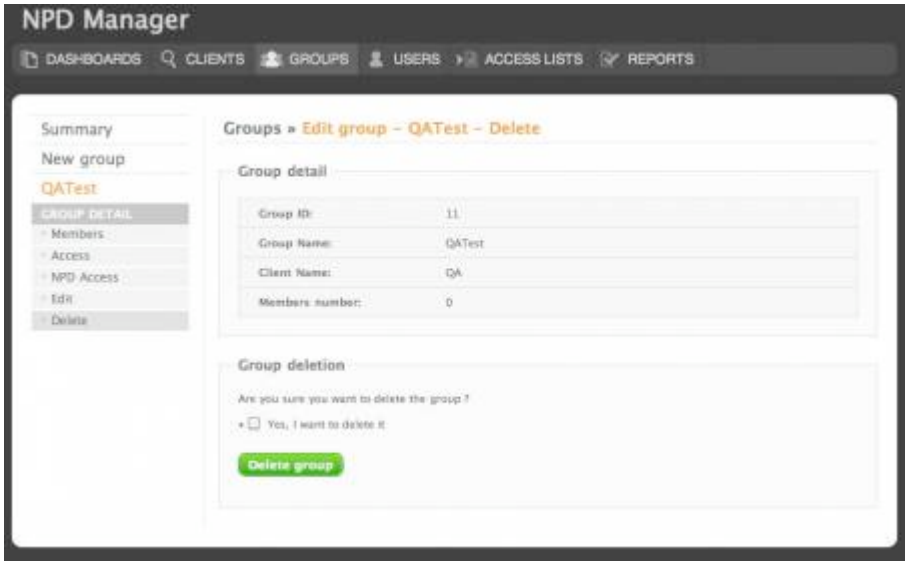
Group Edit



This option allows you to change the group name.

Group Delete

You can't delete a group if it has members. To delete a non-empty group, you must first move members to another group.

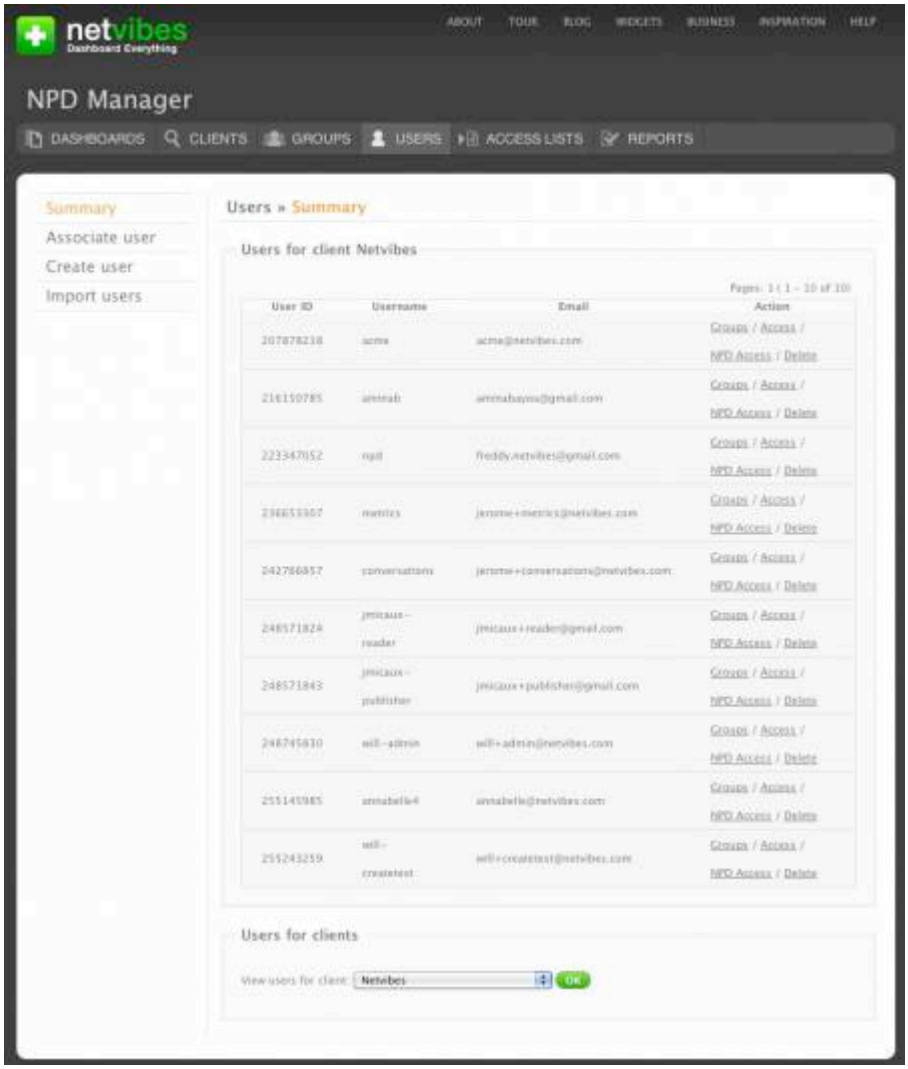


Check the box **Yes I want to delete it** then click on **Delete Group**.

Users

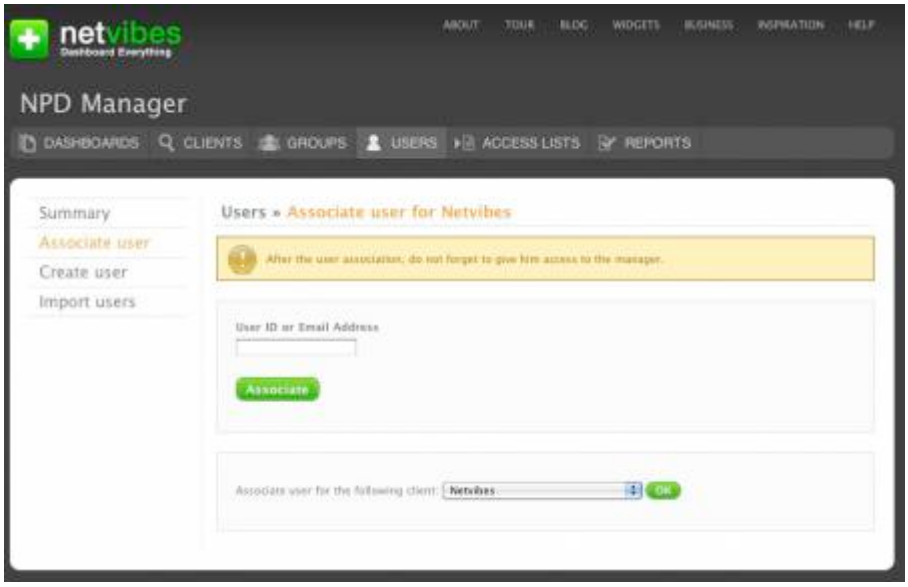
Users is the term used to describe those who are associated with a client.

The summary screen will display the list users already associated with a specific client.



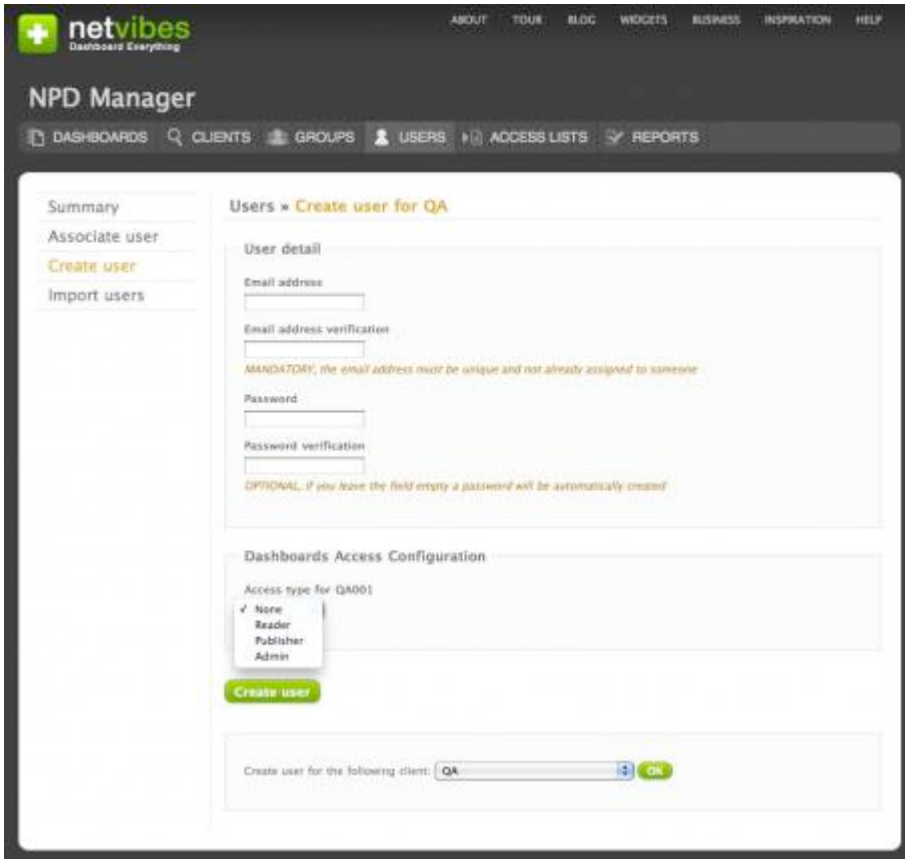
Associate user

Here you can associate an existing user to a client. Simply enter the email address of the user, choose the client (click **OK**), then click **Associate**



Create User

For new users, navigate to the “Users” tab at the top, and click “Create user” in the sidebar. A new user is created by specifying their email address and, optionally, a password (a password will be automatically generated if left blank). Their access privileges to the dashboard(s) are set below.



As for Members, the choices are:

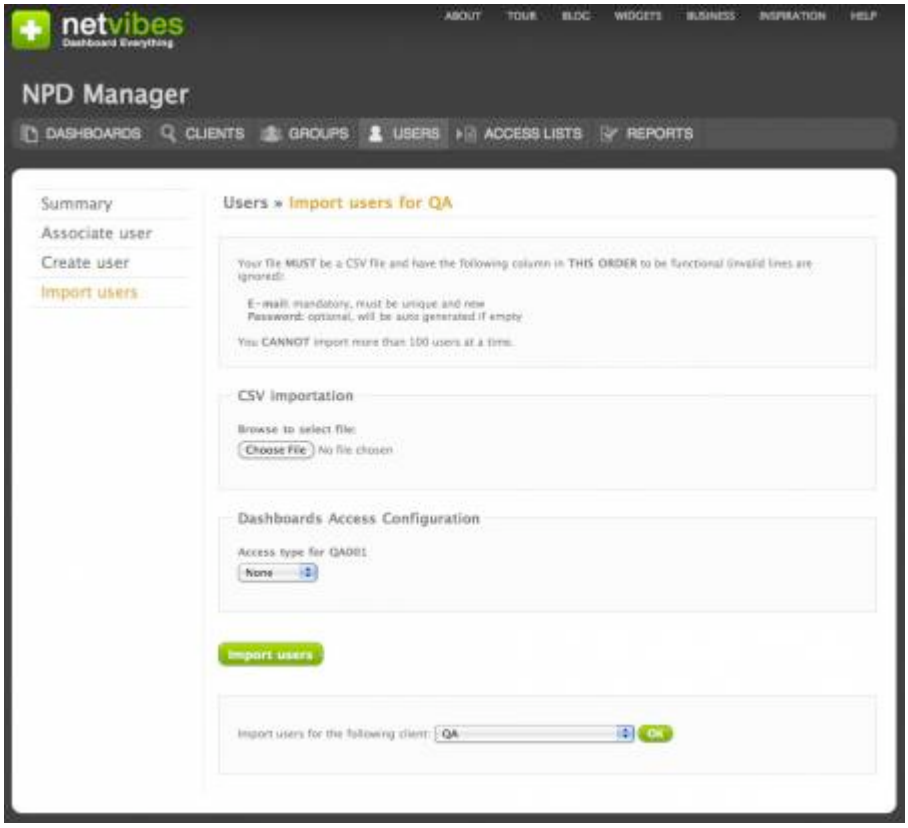
- Reader (read-only access)
- Publisher (can edit the content: widgets, tabs, etc. and theme)
- Admin (full access to the NPD, including settings)

Import User

This option allows you to import a large number of users at once. This option may be only accessible to super-admin (from Netvibes).

Your file MUST be a CSV file and have the following column in THIS ORDER to be functional (invalid lines are ignored): E-mail: mandatory, must be unique and new Password: optional, will be auto generated if empty

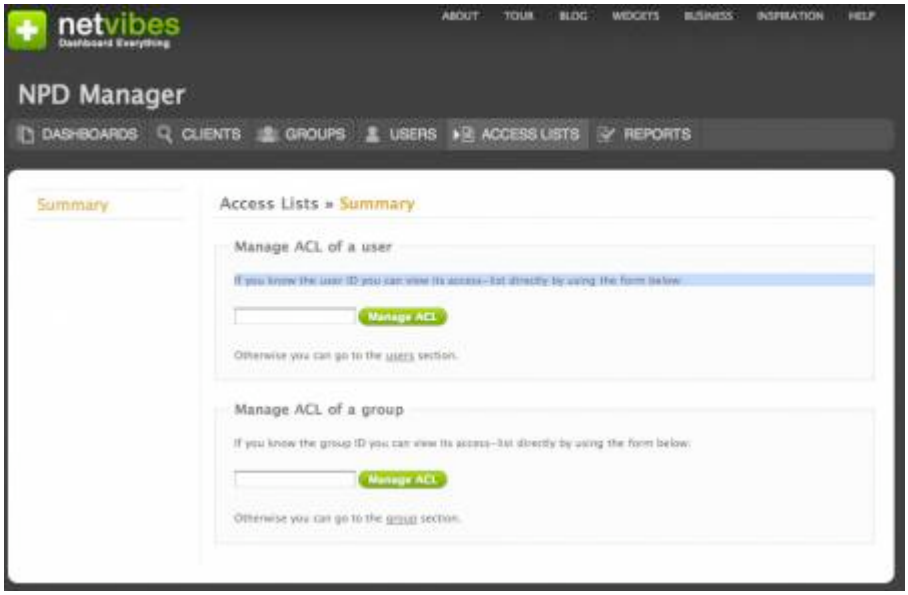
You CANNOT import more than 100 users at a time.



- Choose the file to import
- Chose the client for those users (at the bottom, click **OK**)
- Chose the access rights to be associated with the users imported for the different dashboards of the client.

Access Lists

Reserved to Netvibes admin.



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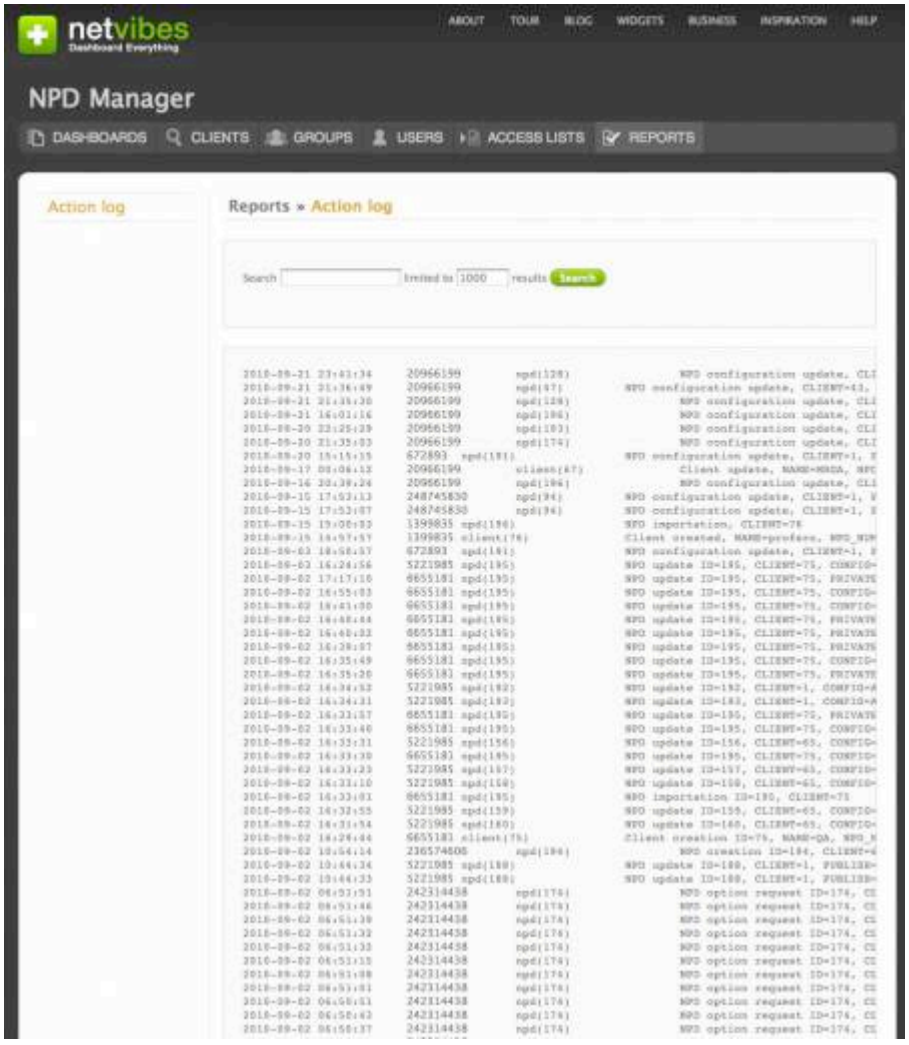
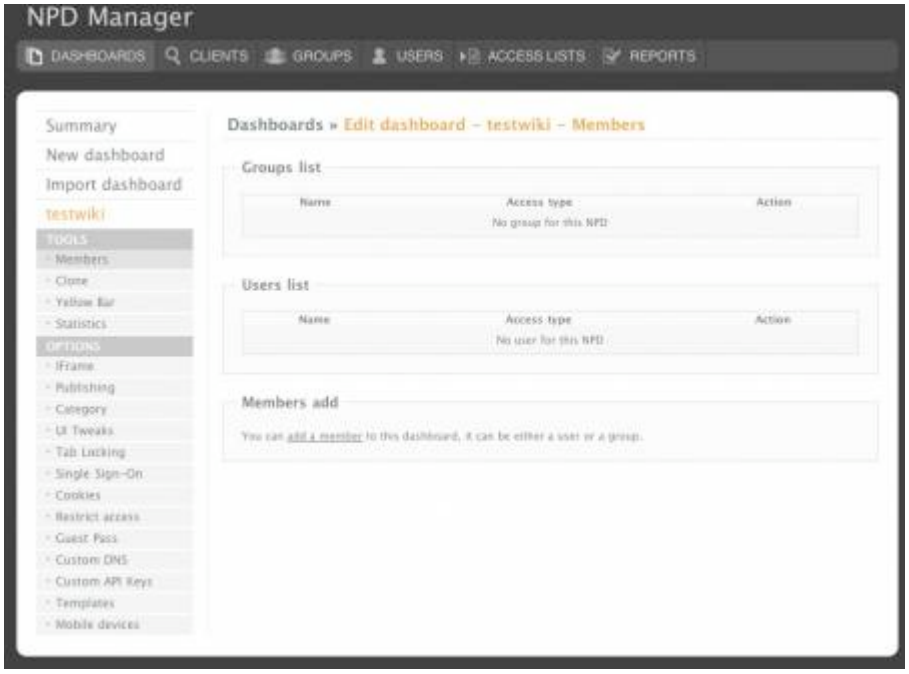
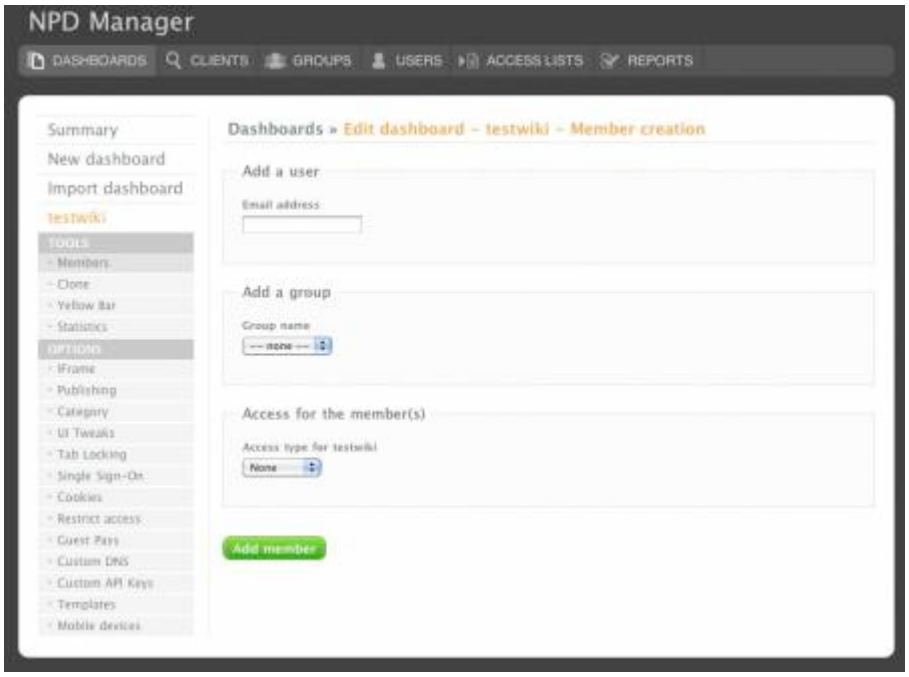


Members

Members is the term used to describe those who have access to a specific dashboard.



Authorization to access your NPD can be granted to an existing user in the “Members” section of the dashboard setup, by clicking *Add a member* and entering email address of the user. The access privileges for the dashboard are set below.

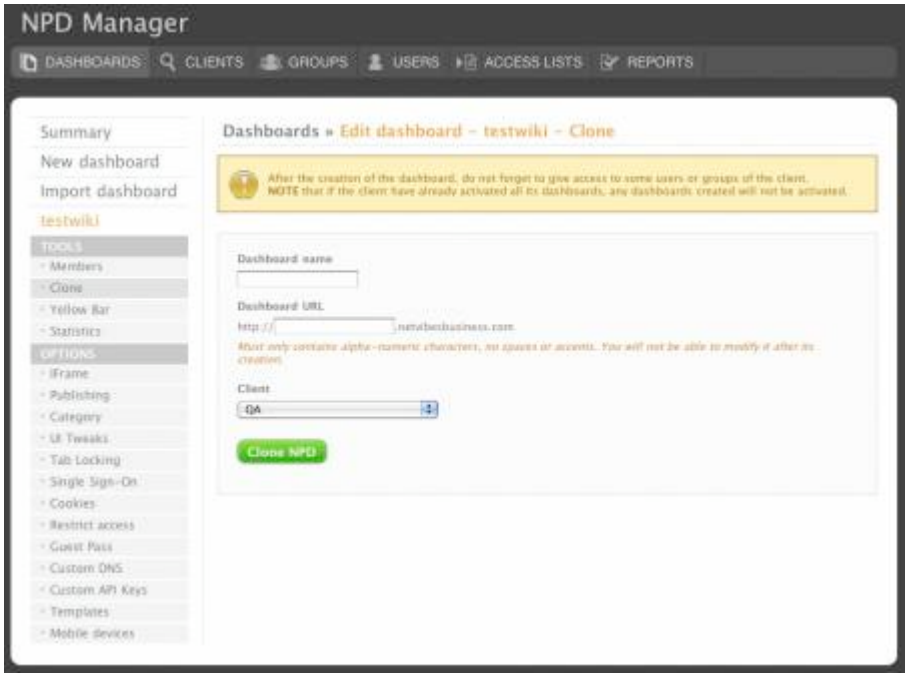


A member can be:

- A reader (read only access)
- A publisher (can edit the content: widgets, tabs, etc and the theme.)
- An admin (full access to the NPD - including settings)

Clone

Cloning dashboards allows you to create a new dashboard based on an existing one, to save time.

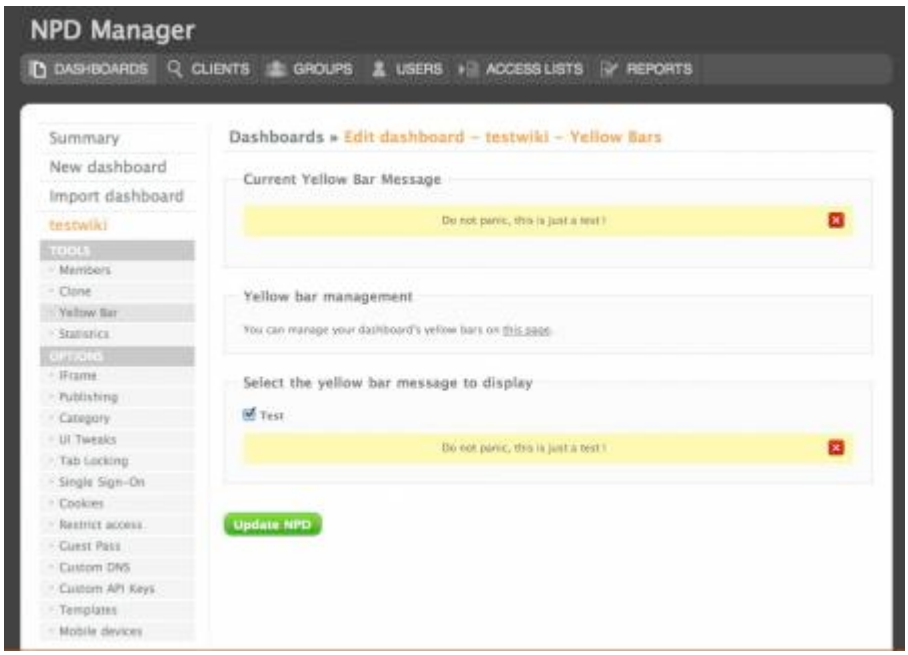


- Enter a name for the new dashboard
- Enter the URL of the new dashboard
- Chose the client associated with that new dashboard (if applicable)
- click **Clone NPD**

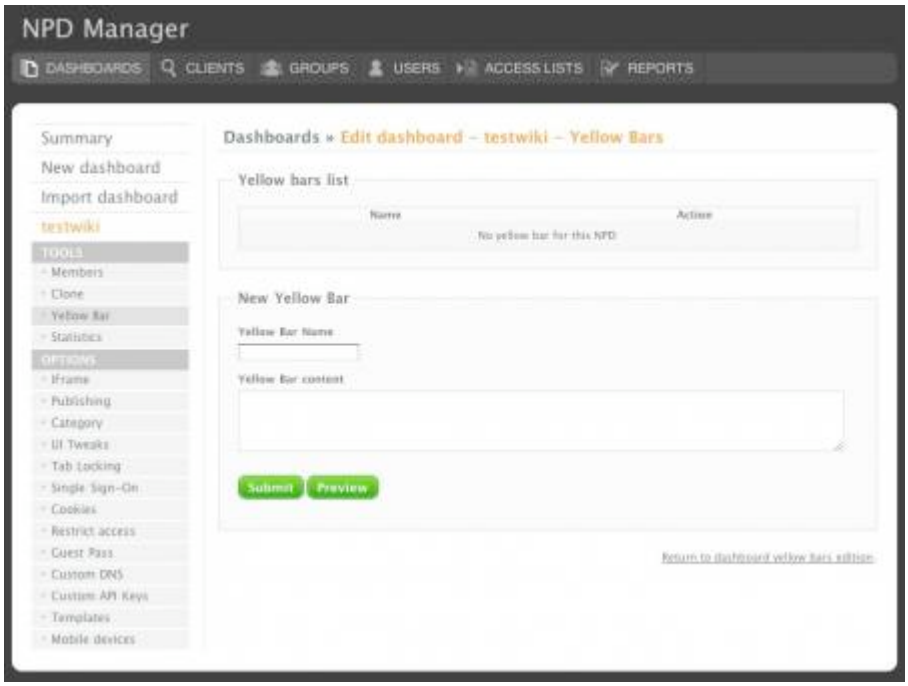
Yellow Bar

The yellow bar is a way to push an announcement to users of the dashboard. It will display a yellow bar containing a message at the top of all users' dashboards. Users can dismiss the message and it will not be displayed again until a new message is set in the NPD manager.

The main option screen displays the active message, as well as those that have been created in the past. You can select which message to display by checking / unchecking the box in front of the one already saved.



To manage and add a new yellow bar, click the link **this page** in `You can manage your dashboard's yellow bars on this page.`

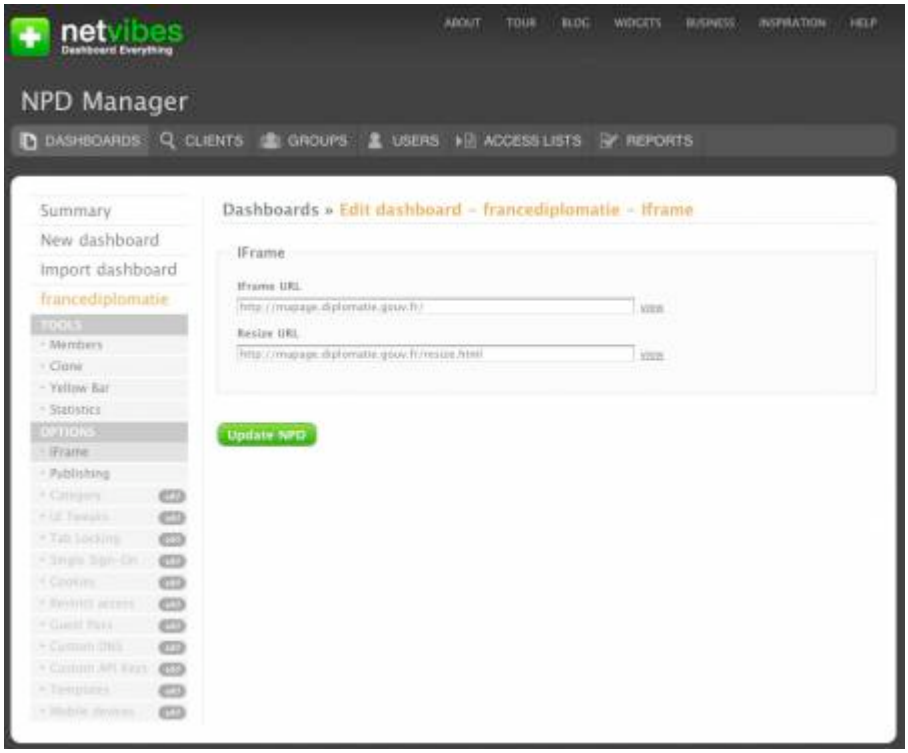


In the creation screen:

- Enter a name for your yellow bar
- Enter the text for this yellow bar
- Click preview to see your yellow bar or submit to validate it.

Iframe

By default, the dashboard can be accessed at http://username.netvibesbusiness.com. There are also options to iframe the dashboard within your site, or use DNS to point your hostname to the dashboard.



Iframe implementation

In the NPD manager, the main URL on your site where the dashboard will be accessed should be entered under “Iframe” in the “Iframe URL” field. e.g. http://www.yoursite.com/netvibes

There are two methods to integrate the iframe on your site. A simple one, which is what most partners need to set up their dashboard, and a more advanced method which allows rss feeds from external sources to be added directly to the dashboard by users. The simple method is to create a page which contains an iframe of the following form:

```
<iframe height="1300" frameborder=0 border=0 scrolling="no"
src="http://www.netvibes.com/partner/premium.php?universe=[ username ]"
width="100%" name="nvFrame" id="nvFrame"></iframe>
```

Replace [username] with the username which can be found in the main URL: username.netvibesbusines.com. The more advanced version involves dynamically creating the iframe with JavaScript: Create an empty

which will host the iframe.

```
<div id="netvibesContainer"></div>
```

And include the following JavaScript in the page:

Replace [username] with the username which can be found in the main URL: username.netvibesbusines.com.

To create links to add rss feeds directly to the dashboard use the following url:
`[url of dashboard, i.e. page that hosts iframe]?subscribe=[url of rss feed]`

Dynamic iframe resizing

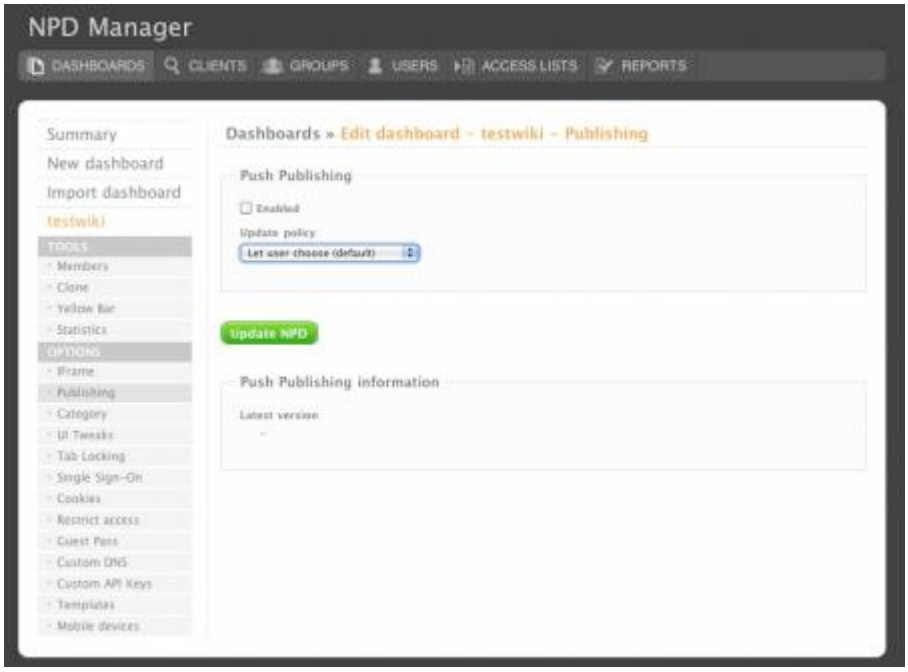
Since the dashboard is customizable by the user, it is necessary to resize the height of the iframe to match the height of the content. For this functionality to work, the following requirements must be followed:

The iframe has to have the attribute: id=”nvFrame”

A file called resize.html is provided by Netvibes that must be hosted on the same domain as the iframe page. This script dynamically resizes the iframe to match the height of the dashboard.

The URL of the resize file should be entered in the NPD manager under “Iframe” in the “Iframe URL” field.

Push Publishing



With the optional Push Publishing feature, the dashboard has the ability to push updates to the user whilst still allowing them full control to customize their dashboard.

When the feature is enabled, a control panel is dispayed when the dashboard is being edited by the administrator. When the dashboard has been modified, it is possible to either:

- Publish the updates to all users
- Reset the dashboard to the previously published version
- Leave the published version in it's current state and publish the updates at a later date

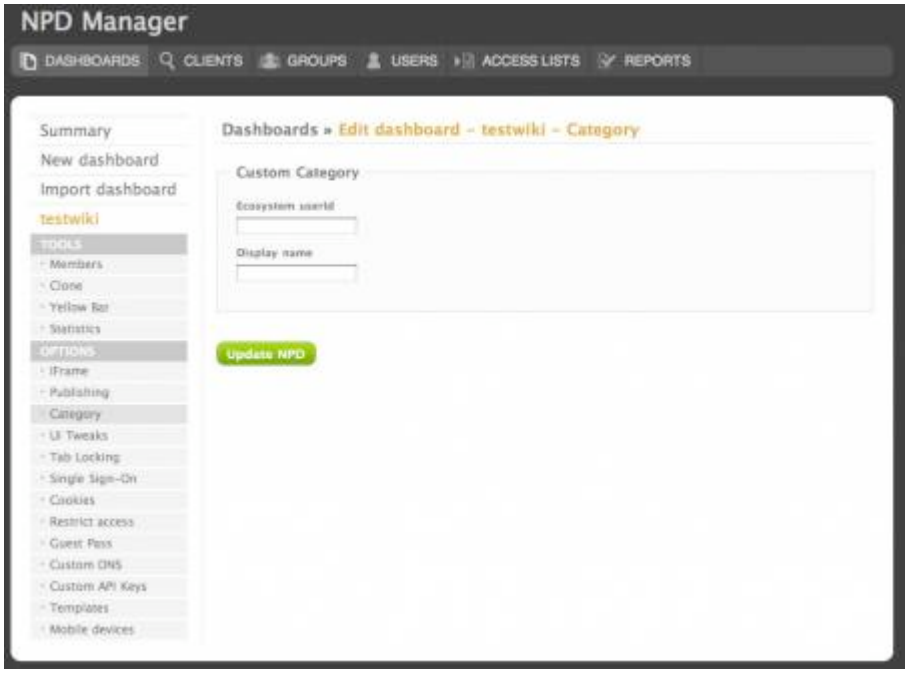
When each user next visits their dashboard the updates will appear from them. Each user has the option to accept the updates selectively, always accept the updates or always decline the updates. It is also possible, using the NPD Manager, to set which of these three options is the default.

The following changes are handled by push publishing:

- New widgets
- New tabs
- New theme
- Changes to the page title
- All updates to Customize section of the Settings.

Please note that editing an existing widget or tab (e.g. repositioning, changing the title or the preferences) is not handled by push publishing and these changes will only be seen by new users. This is to avoid conflicts with edits users have made to their own dashboards.

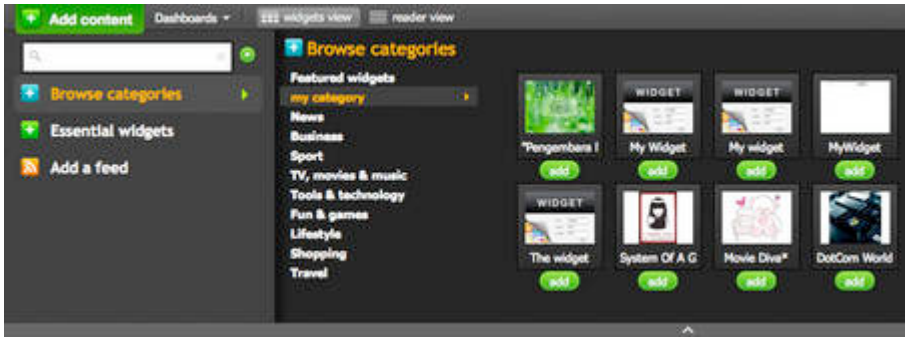
Custom Category



This option allows you to create a new category in addition to the default categories in the Add Content section. It is configured by linking the dashboard to a Netvibes user who will administer the widgets which are displayed.

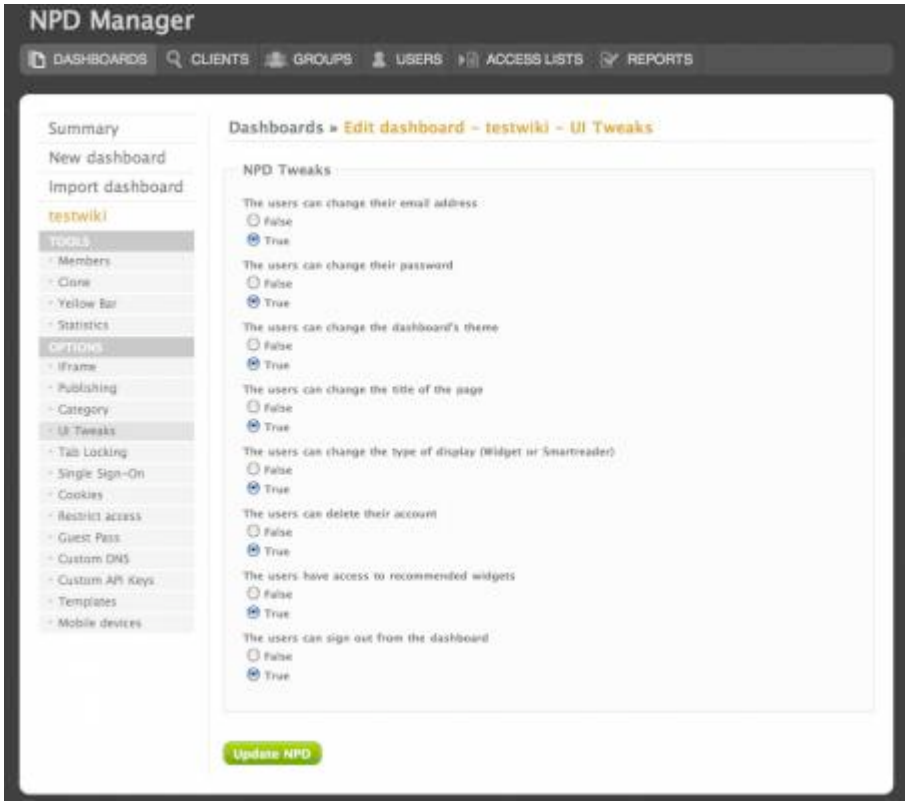
- Enter a Ecosystem user ID (ex: ecosystem 1234)
- Enter a display name (that will be the label, ex: my category)
- Add any widgets you wish to be displayed to the Ecosystem using the user above.

To determine your user ID, ask your Netvibes technical contact.



Then, you'll find the widgets of the user ecostytem 1234 in Add Content, under the category “my category”.

NPD Tweaks



Allows the admin of the NPD to custom the access rights of its users.

Each option can be True or False and are self-explanatory:

- The users can change their email address
- The users can change their password
- The users can change the dashboard's theme
- The users can change the title of the page
- The users can change the type of display (Widget or Smartreader)
- The users can delete their account
- The users have access to recommended widgets
- The users can sign out from the dashboard

Tab Locking

Tab locking allows the administrator or publisher to lock a tab. This means that the user is not able to edit the tab or any of the widgets contained within it; widgets cannot be added, moved or deleted.

The tab and it's content stays perfectly in sync between the administrator's and users' versions. If a widget is edited or moved, for example, the change is reflected exactly on the user's dashboard.

The ability to lock content by tab only can clearly be very useful.

To activate it, go to your NPD, click on the **Tab Locking** option.

Activate the ability to lock tabs here. To actually lock each tab, you must be connected to your Dashboard.

When connected to the dashboard, a new option will be present in the tab edit menu:

Just check the **Lock Tab** option to lock the tab your are editing.

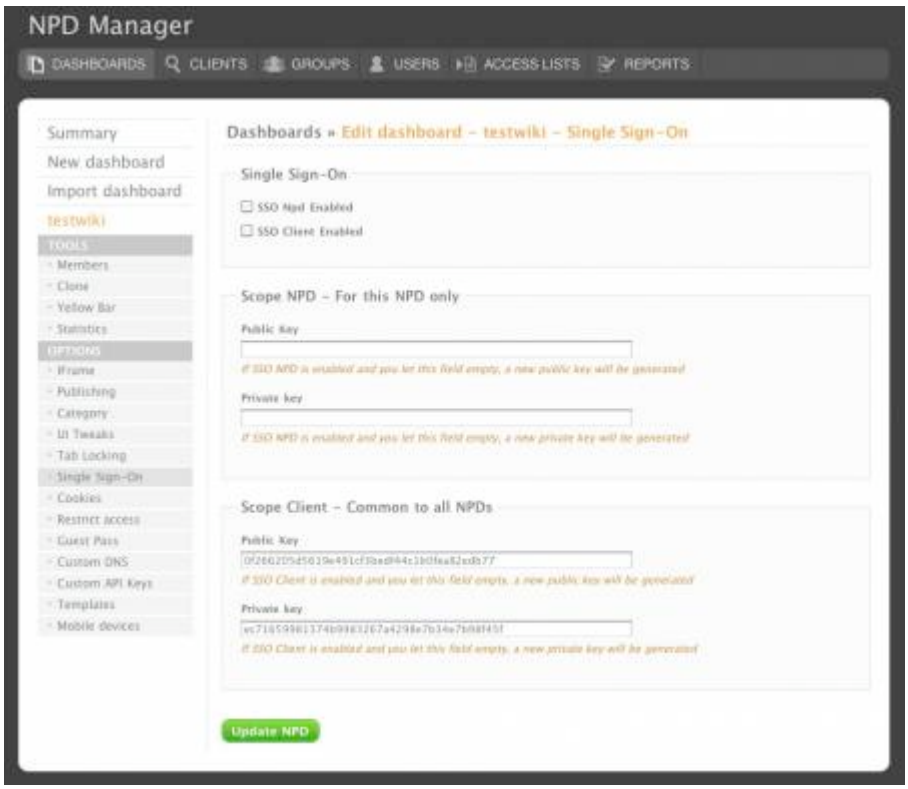
Locked tabs will display a small lock icon on the right.

Single Sign-On (SSO)

Single sign on allows an existing user management system to be integrated with the dashboard. User accounts can be created and accessed based on their session with a separate system. Users can access their dashboard account seamlessly without having to log in a second time.

The behaviour for users is as follows. When a new user visits the dashboard, a new Netvibes account, based on their email address, is created for them. The account is created on the fly and they are automatically logged in and presented with the dashboard. There is no interaction required by the user.

Existing Netvibes users are asked if they wish to link their existing Netvibes account with the new dashboard. On their successful authentication and approval, they are automatically logged in and the dashboard is added to their “Dashboards” list.



SSO integration

The dashboard must be integrated using the simple, non-JavaScript iframe method.

The iframe calls a different script which contains several additional pieces of information: the current timestamp, private and public keys, the email of the user who is logged in and a hash of these items. It requires some logic (generating the timestamp, sha1 hashing, accessing the user's email address) on the partner's site to generate this url with the relevant pieces of information.

The same script is called regardless of whether the user is, or is not, an existing Netvibes user. Based on the user_email parameter, the user is either logged into their existing account or a new account is created for them on the fly.

The public and private keys for the dashboard, which are used in the url, can be generated in the Single Sign On section of the NPD Manager.

An example of the url that should be called in the iframe (please note that all keys are samples and will not work for demo purposes):

```
http://www.netvibes.com/partner/[name of public
page].php?api_key=af8adac8807092b1e1e21662dda56142f3aa5b99&timestamp=12754961
57&user_email =test@test.com&sign=a8e50e34bd60206ac8a06b60b05bdc1f8a7609f6
```

The url is constructed using the following parameters:

api_key
Public key provided by Netvibes.
e.g. af8adac8807092b1e1e21662dda56142f3aa5b99

Timestamp
A UNIX timestamp of 10 digits reflecting the current UTC time e.g. generated with time() method in PHP
e.g. 1275496157

user_email
The email address identifying the user to be logged into Netvibes
e.g. test@test.com

private_key
The private key provided by Netvibes. This is not used in the final url but is used to construct the sign value.
e.g. 3Ebac988343201cf3c7336684a3656ff3c2cd3d4

sign
The sign value is a SHA1 hash function of all strings and values alphabetically sorted plus the private key.
I.e. in PHP:

```
sha1(api_key[api_key_value]timestamp[timestamp_value]user_email[user_email
_value][private_key])
```

Using the sample data in the example, the following would be used in PHP:

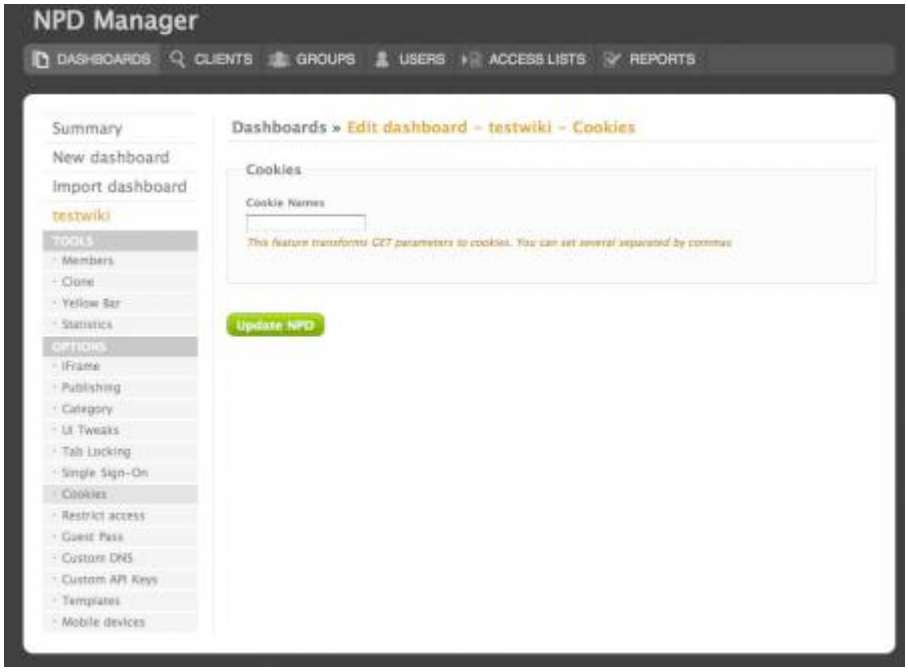
```
sha1(api_keyaf8adac8807092b1e1e21662dda56142f3aa5b99timestamp1275496157user_e
mailtest@test.com73d094de8d9a3ec3f6f4956616bec41aa9a1bb1d)
```

With a resulting value of:

```
a8e50e34bd60206ac8a06b60b05bdc1f8a7609f6
```

It is very important that the construction of the sign value is done on the server side so as not to expose the private key or message used in the hash.

Cookies

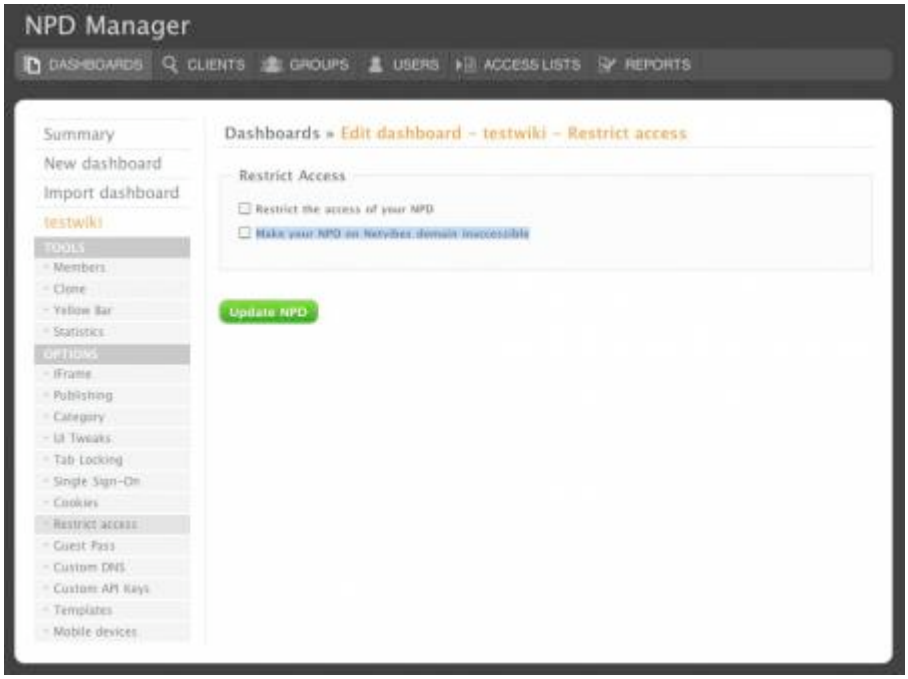


Cookies is an option for the Single Sign On feature. It allows for extra parameters to be added to the URL that will be transformed into cookies. It's only for the SSO option.

If you include data about, for example, “pref1, pref2” and append them as parameters to the SSO URL (e.g. ?...&pref1=red&pref2=45)

pref1 and pref2 will be stored in the user's cookie (but not any other pref, in that example).

Restrict Access

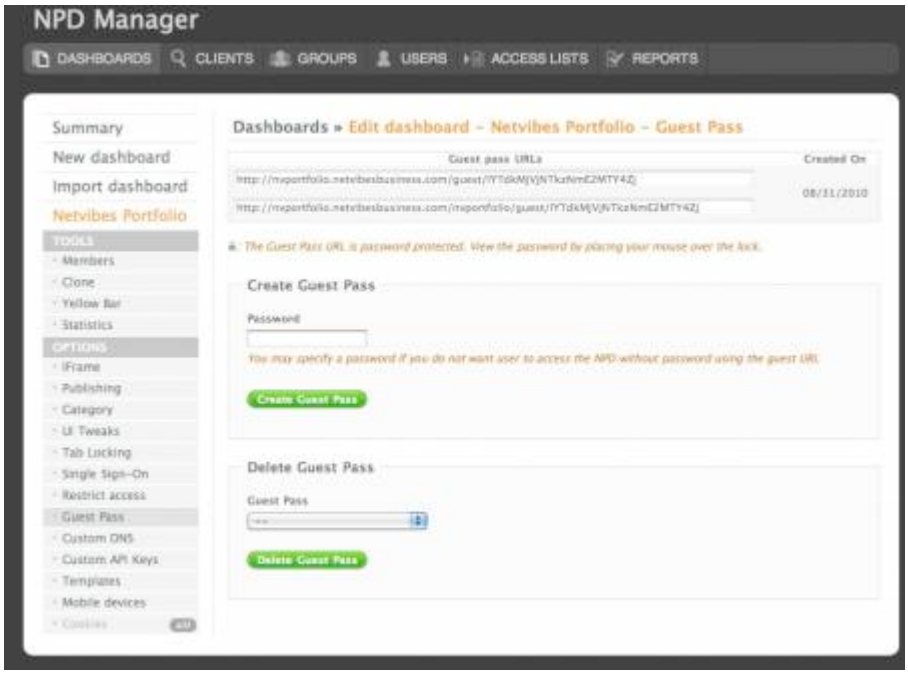


By default, new dashboards are publicly accessible. To restrict access so that only authorized users can access the dashboard, check the **Restrict acces to your NPD** under the “Restrict access” section. Users will then be required to log in using an authorized account in order to access the dashboard. See the users section for enabling access to users.

Checking **Make your NPD on Netvibes domain inaccessible** will hide your NPD from the Netvibes.com URL.

Guest Pass

A guest pass allows you to easily share dashboards to selected users, without the need to create user accounts.



Create Guest Pass

Go to the **Guest Pass** menu of your dashboard. Click on **Create Guest Pass**: it will generate 2 URLs.

- The 1st one is the guest pass to the dynamic dashboard.
- The 2nd one is a read only version of your dashboard.

You can choose to add a password to your guest pass: when users enter the URL of the guest pass, they will be asked for it. When accessing a password protected guest pass, the name field should be left blank, only the password should be entered.

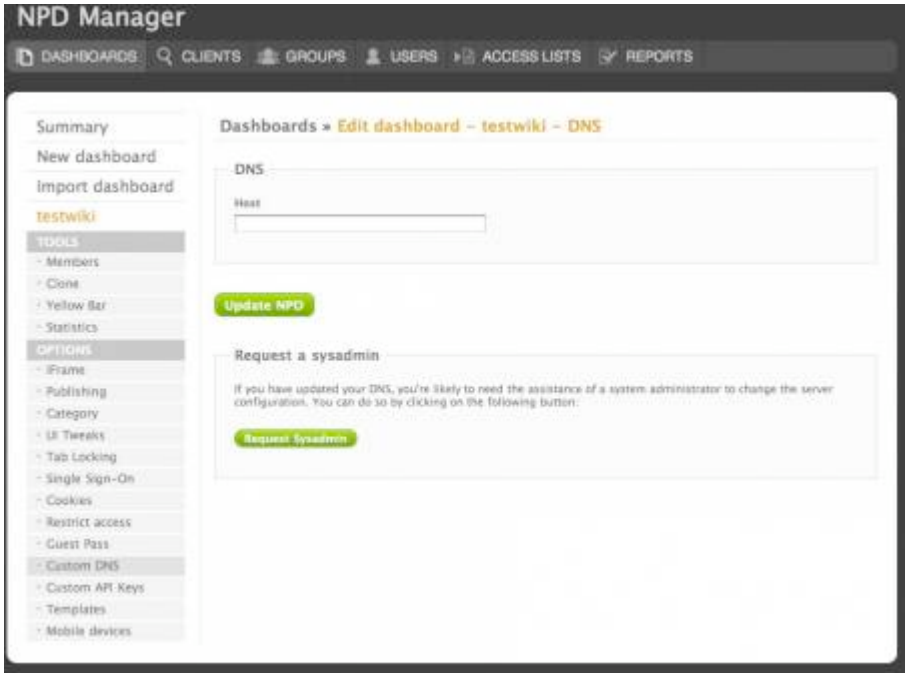
That password can be found in the NPD manager if you forget it: just mouse-over the lock in the guest pass you protected.

Delete Guest Pass

Deleting a guest pass will revoke access from all of those users who accessed the dashboard using that particular guest pass.

To delete a guest pass, select the one you want to delete in the dropdown menu. Click **Delete Guest Pass**.

Custom DNS



As well as the iframe implementation, Netvibes also supports custom DNS. In this implementation, the whole dashboard is served from the partner (sub)domain.

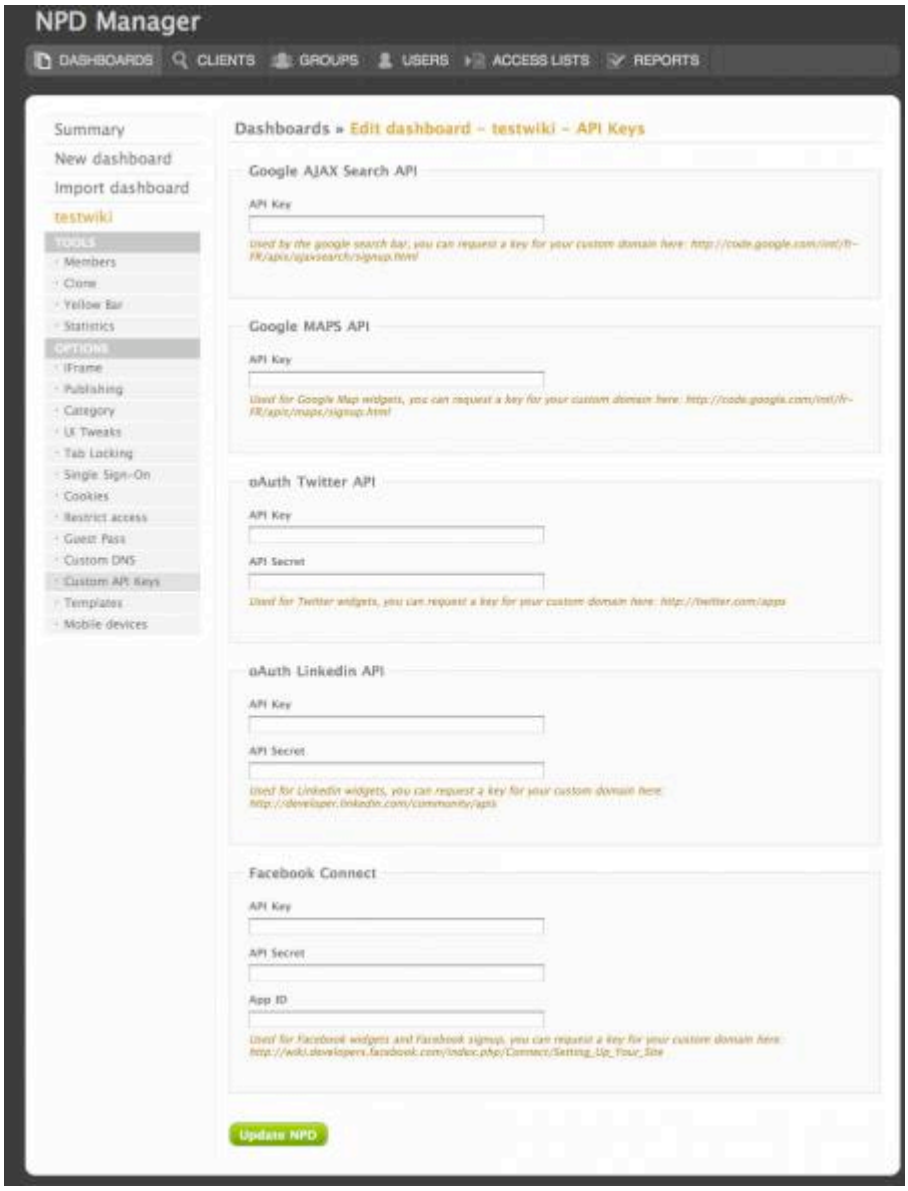
- Enter your host name in the box (`www.mysitename.com`)
- Ask the sysadmin of your domain to update the following three hostnames to point to the public IP of Netvibes (replace www.mysitename.com with your own hostname):

```
www.mysitename.com
modules.www.mysitename.com
*.modules.www.mysitename.com
```

- Request a sysasdmin at Netvibes to update our server configuration

Custom API Keys

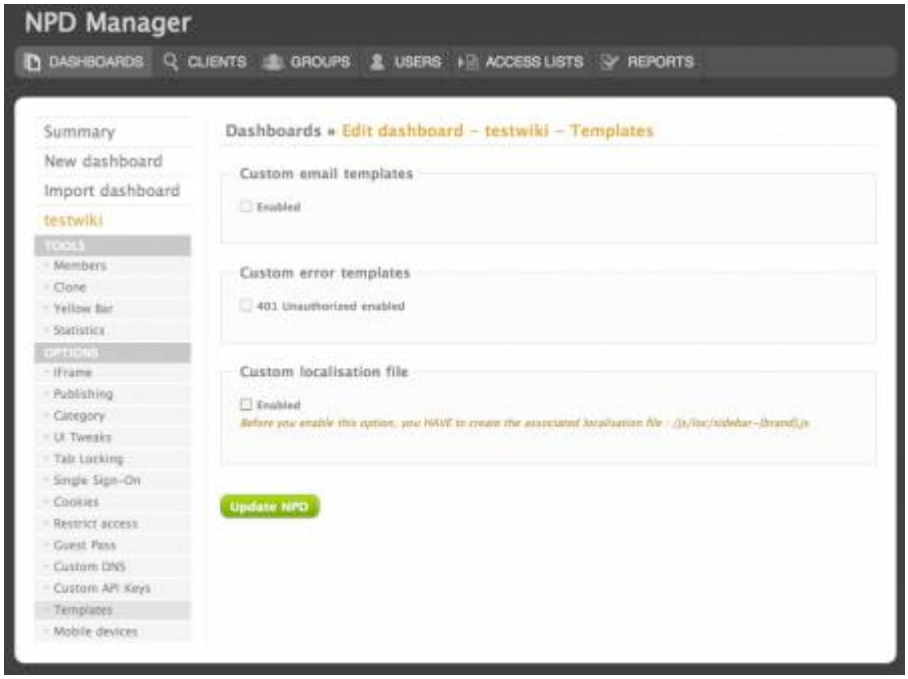
This page allows you to enter the API Keys needed for some widgets / features, like Facebook Connect. It is only necessary to set them here if you are using [[:users:npd:customdns|custom DNS].



The API we support are:

- Google Ajax Search API
- Google Maps API
- oAuth Twitter API
- oAuth Linkedin API
- Facebook Connect

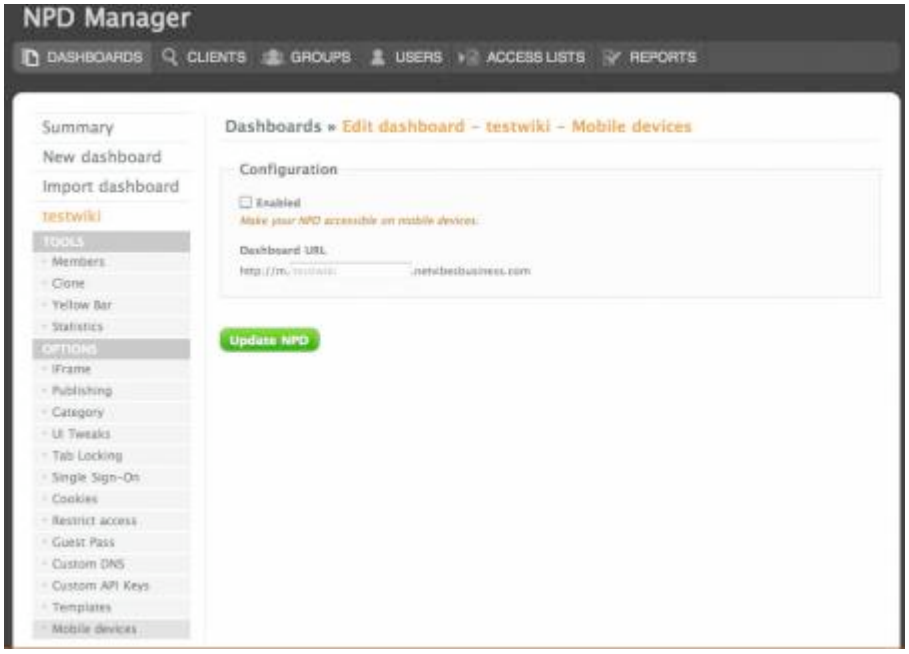
Custom templates



The custom templates option allows certain features, such as the emails sent by the application, to be customized. These options require specific files to be on the Netvibes server. Please contact us to customize these elements.

Mobile Devices

This screen allows you to activate the mobile version of your dashboard.



- Check **enabled** and choose an URL for your mobile version.
- Click **Update NPD** to activate it.

Sponsored Placements

Netvibes Sponsored Placement helps publishers and brands rise above the crowd with direct placement across millions of Netvibes users' personal start pages.

No More Guessing

Since widgets are placed within the Netvibes personal environment, Netvibes takes the guesswork out of widget distribution so you know exactly where your widget is being distributed. Plus, Netvibes provides detailed analytics based on actual widget installations so you know exactly who your user is and how they're engaging with your widget.

CPI Model

Netvibes believes that widgets are not ads and shouldn't be distributed like one. Netvibes is priced on a Cost Per Install basis, which means that you only pay once your widgets are installed by users within their personal environment. Once there, your widgets can be seen and used by the user everyday, maximizing the recurring engagement and usage of your widget. That's why the average lifespan of widgets distributed by Netvibes is more than 9 months—the industry's best. With other distribution methods, there's no telling if your widget will be used once, twice or never.

Netvibes.com

Widgets can only thrive within the daily personal environment of the user. With millions of personal pages created by users across more than 150 countries in about 80 languages, Netvibes is best personal environment designed specifically for widget distribution. Netvibes.com has received numerous accolades and awards, such as PC World's Top 100, TIME's Best of The Web and TechCrunch's Crunchies Award for Best International Startup.

Top Choice of Top Brands

More than 190,000+ widgets have been created by 14,000 publishers and distributed on the Netvibes Ecosystem. Netvibes Sponsored Placement Program has been proven to help leading brands like MSNBC, USA Today, L.A. Times and Sony guarantee placement within the user's daily digital life and gain 10x more traffic per installation than widgets distributed on other platforms.

Ecosystem

The **Netvibes Ecosystem** is the central repository where you can browse, create and submit widgets and themes. It is divided into four main sections : **Widgets**, **Public pages**, **Themes** and **My Creations**.

There is also a **Create or Submit** button to create & submit your own widgets or themes.

Sign-in

To sign in, simply enter your Netvibes login and password. If you don't have a Netvibes login, you can create one by clicking Sign Up in the dialog.

Widgets

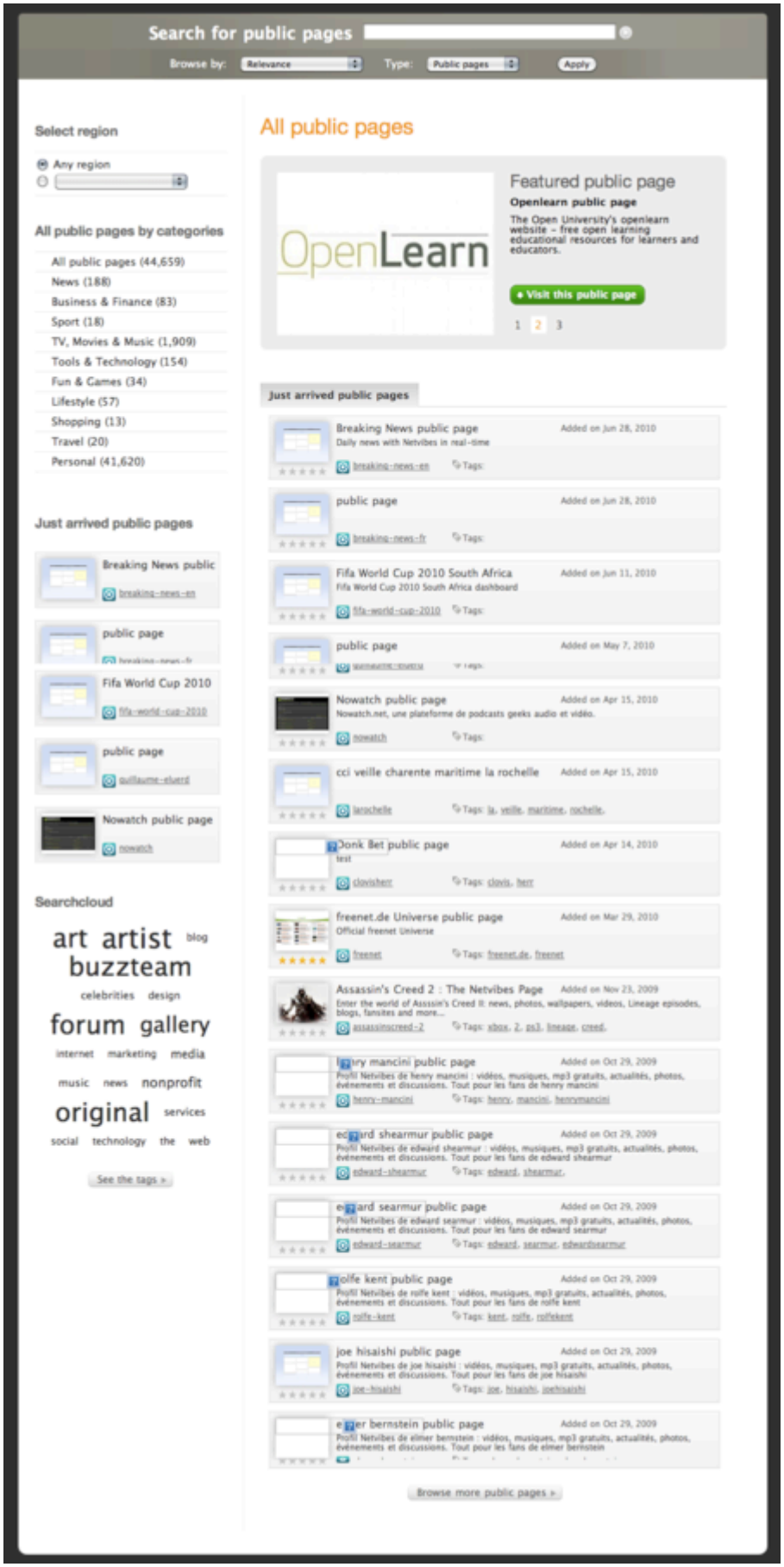
The Widgets tab displays a list of all widgets, accessible through different means:

- By region
- By category
- Essential widgets
- Via a searchcloud

- Partner widgets

The main section presents you with a selection of **recently popular** widgets, as well as **featured**, **most popular** and **just arrived** widgets.

Public pages



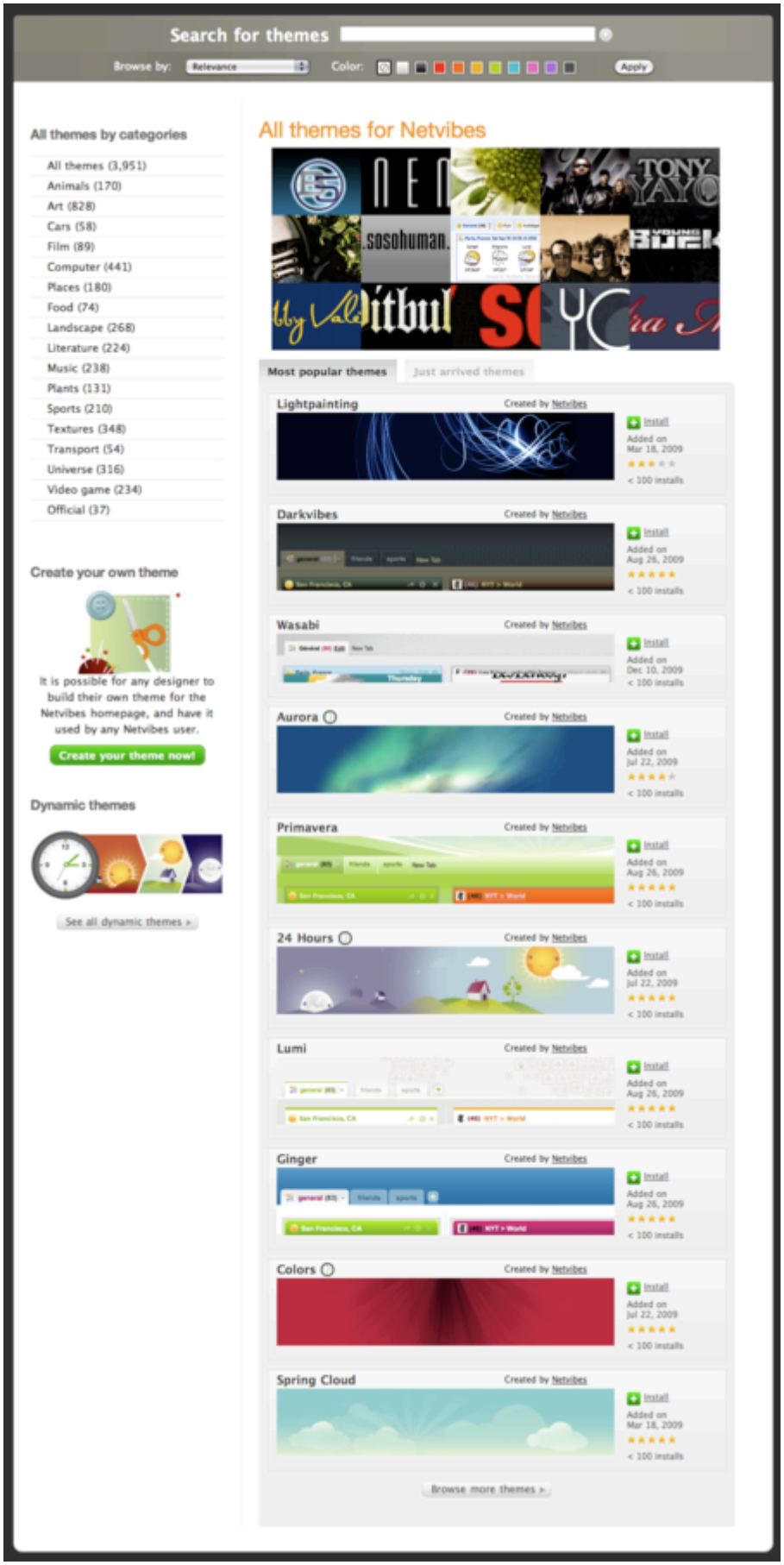
The Public pages tab displays a list of all public pages, accessible through different means:

- By region
- By categories

- Just arrived public pages
- Via a searchcloud

The main section presents you with a featured public page, as well as just arrived public pages.

Themes



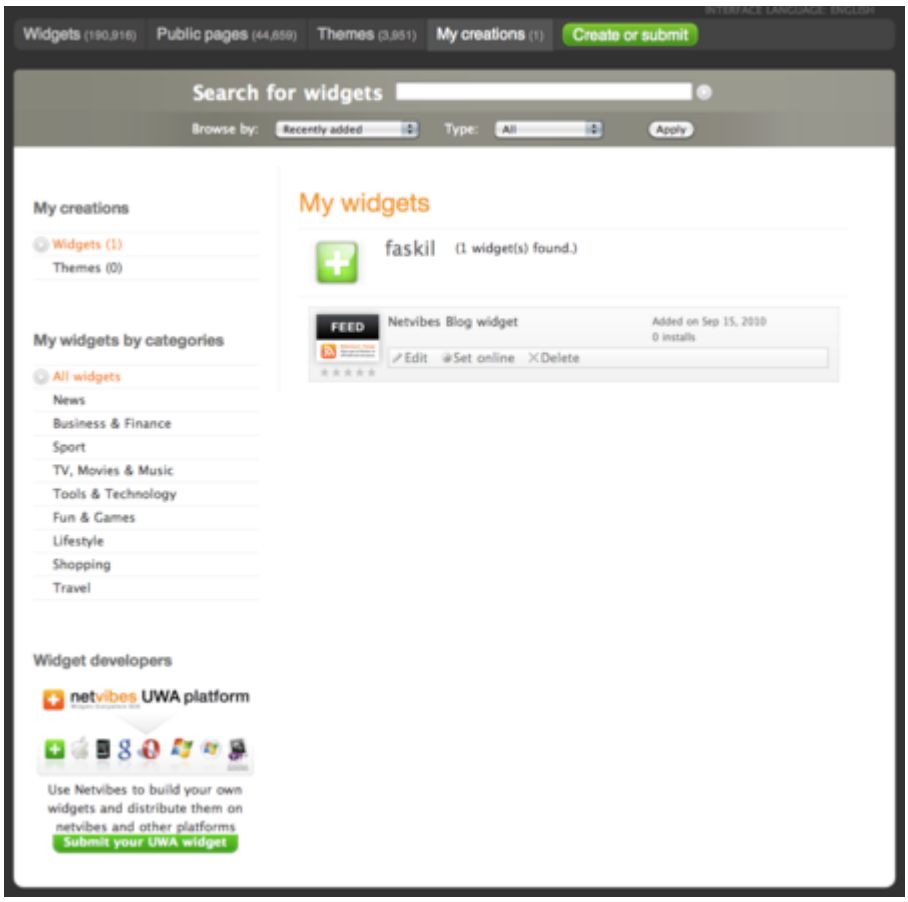
The Themes tab displays a list of all themes, accessible by categories.

The main section presents you with a random selection of 15 themes, as well as most popular and just arrived themes.

There is also a link to view only dynamic themes.

The “Create your own theme” link is pretty self-explanatory and will be covered in the create or submit section.

My Creations

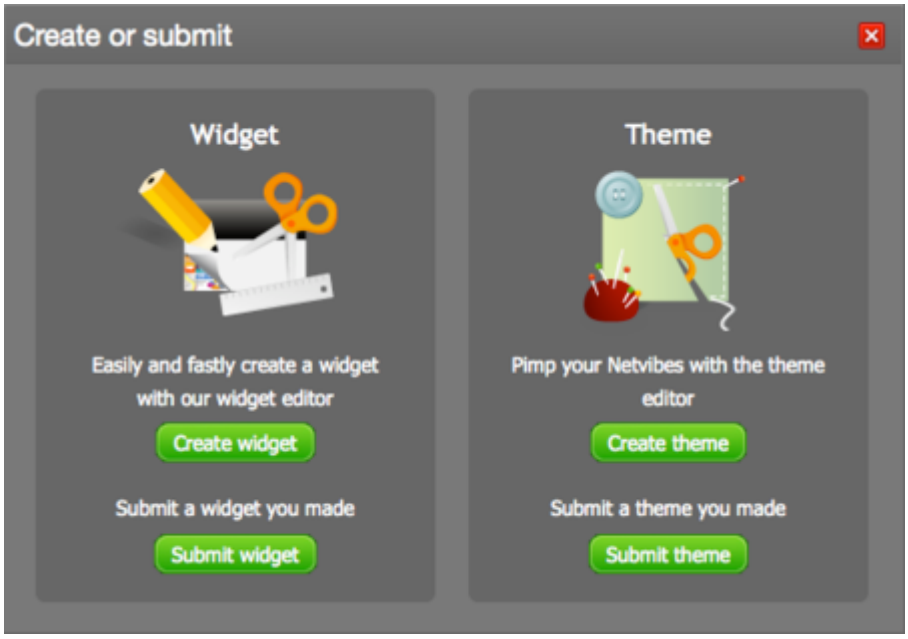


The **My Creations** tabs allows you to review your own created Widgets and Themes, sorted by:

- Type (Widgets, Themes)
- Categories

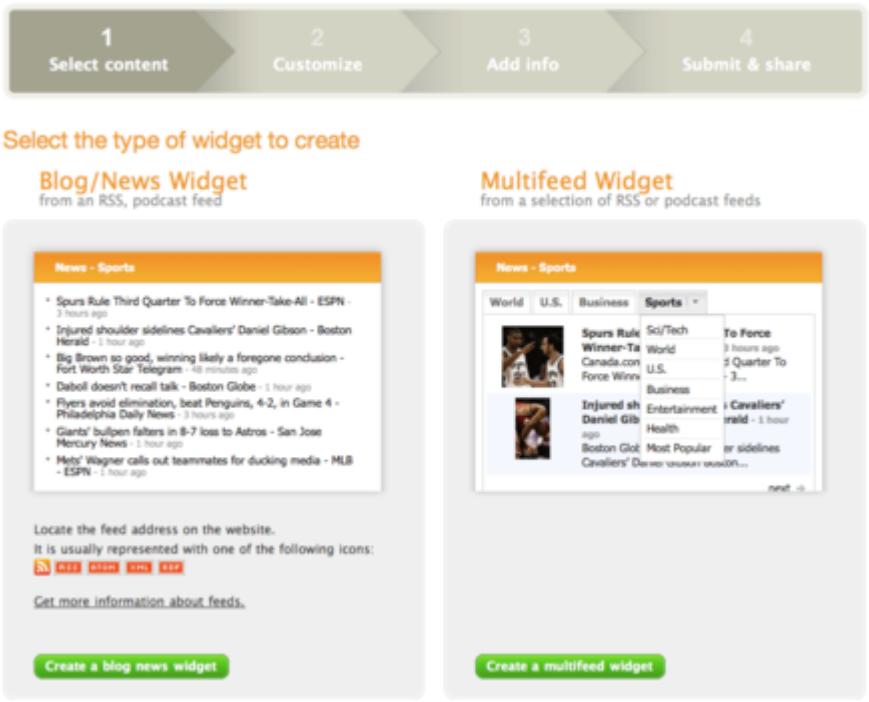
For every widget or theme created, the number of installs the widget has received is displayed, and may choose to edit it, set it online or offline or delete it.

Create or Submit



With this wizard, you can create and/or submit a custom widget or a custom theme.

Create or Submit a Widget



Step #1: Select Content

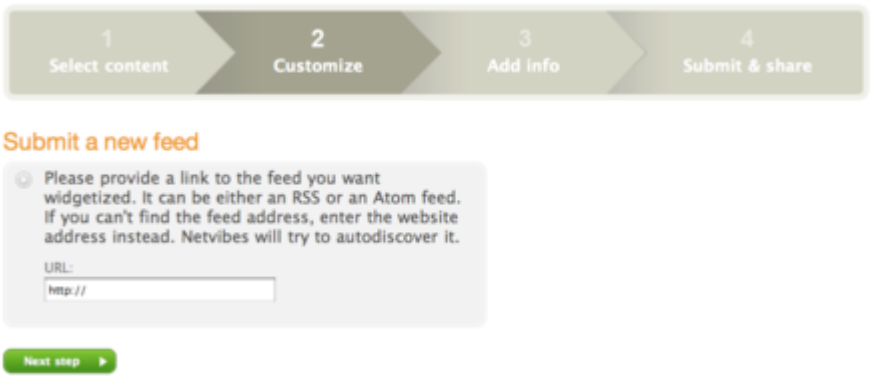
First you need to choose what kind of widget you'd like to create:

- Blog/News Widget (for an RSS or podcast feed)
- Multifeed Widget (for multiple RSS or podcast feeds)

Step #2: Customize

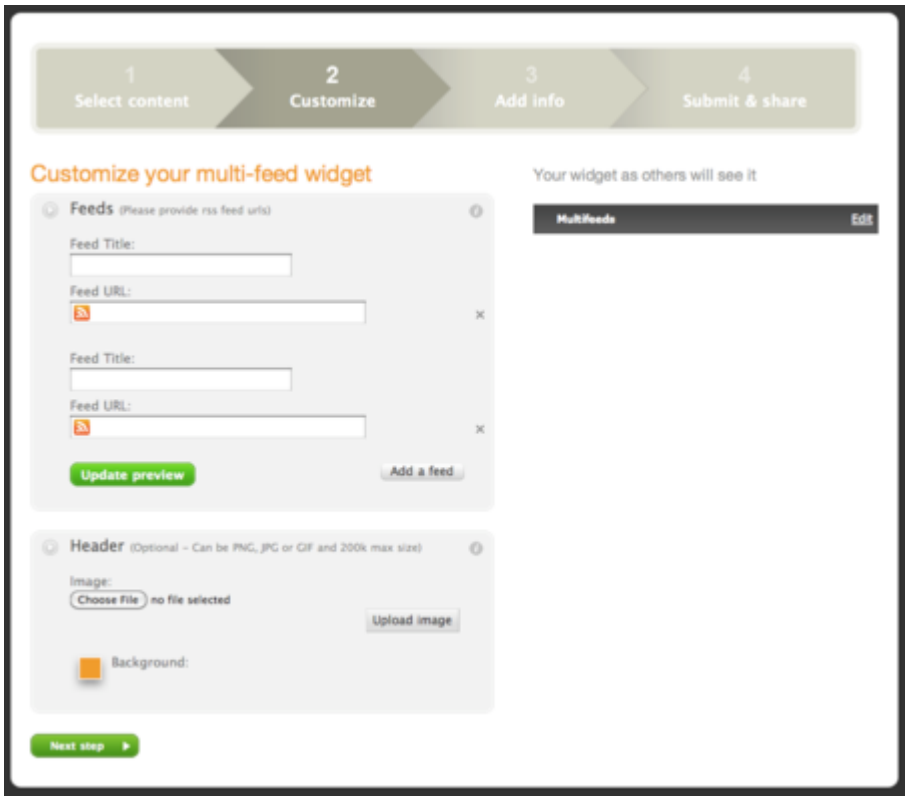
Then you need to add the source content.

2A. For a Blog/news Widget, the customize screen will look like this:



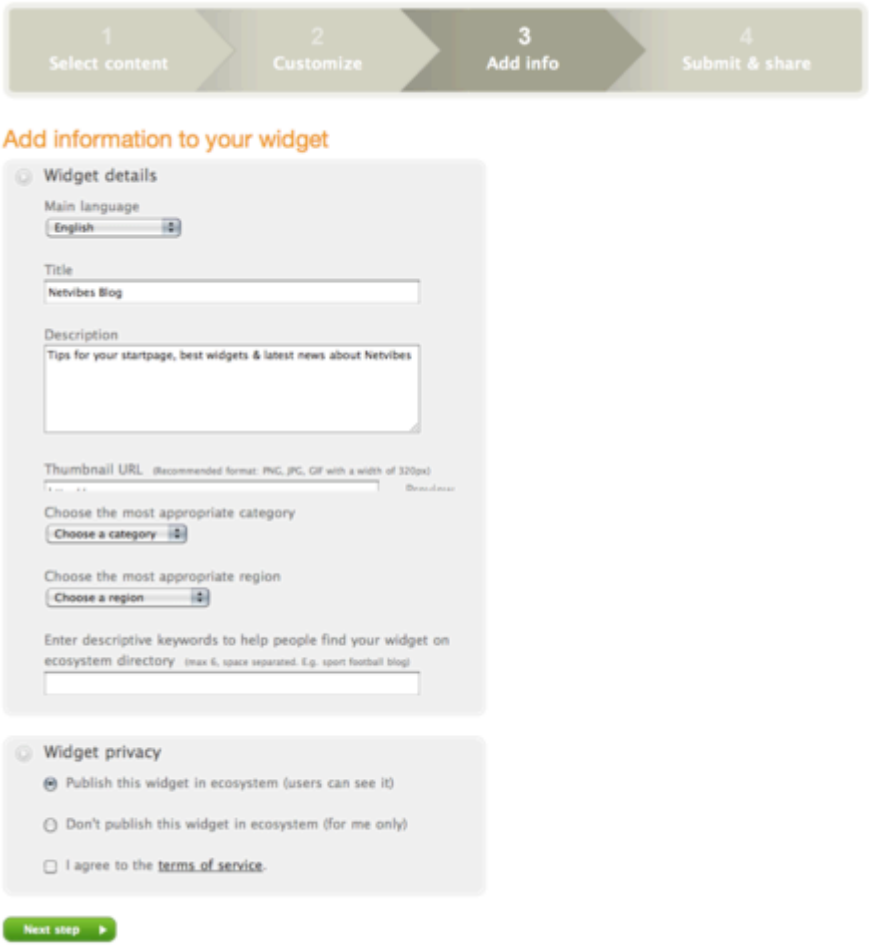
Simply provide a link to the RSS feed you would like to use and move on to step #3.

2B. For a Multifeed Widget, the customize screen will look like this:



Simply provide links to as many RSS feeds you would like to use (use the **Add a feed** button if you need more than two). You can optionally choose a picture for the widget's header as well as a background color. When you're satisfied with your feeds selection, move on to step #3.

Step #3: Add info



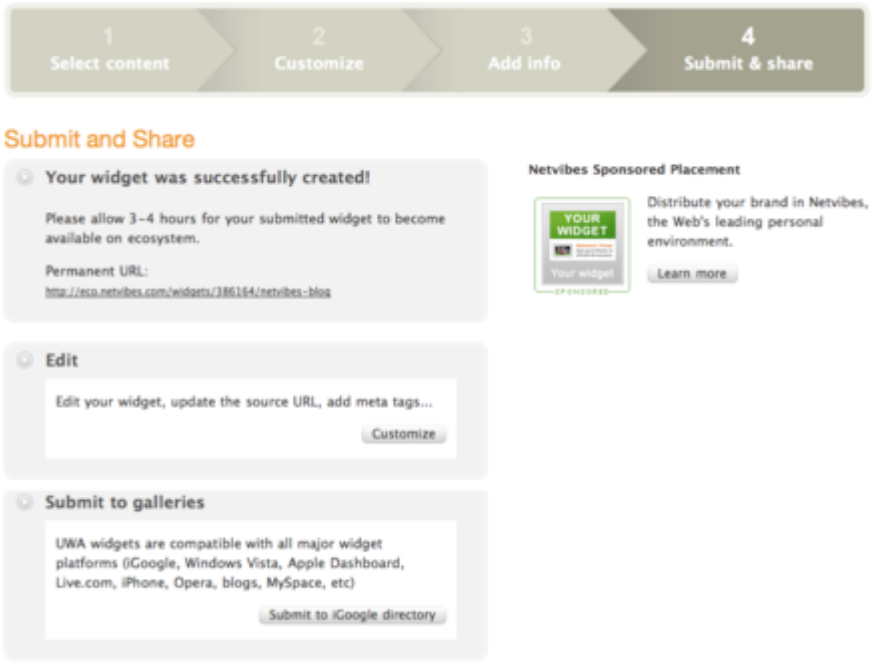
Here, you can provide the users with some important info about your widget.

- Main language of your widget
- Title
- Description
- A URL for the image that will be used as a thumbnail
- Category
- Region
- A maximum of six keywords to help people find it

You can also set the privacy status of your widget and choose to publish it for other users or keep it only for yourself.

Tick the **terms of service** box and move on to the next step.

Step #4: Submit & share

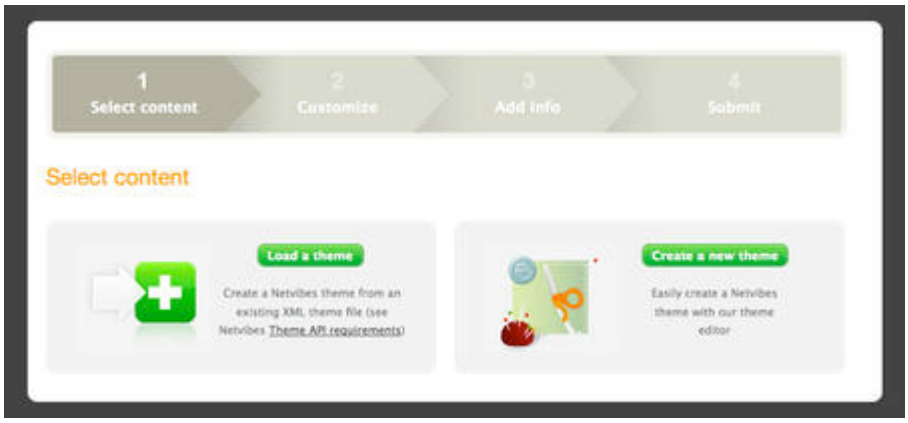


That's it! Your widget is now created and has been assigned to a permanent URL. You can still edit it if you want to or submit it to the iGoogle directory.

Create or Submit a Theme

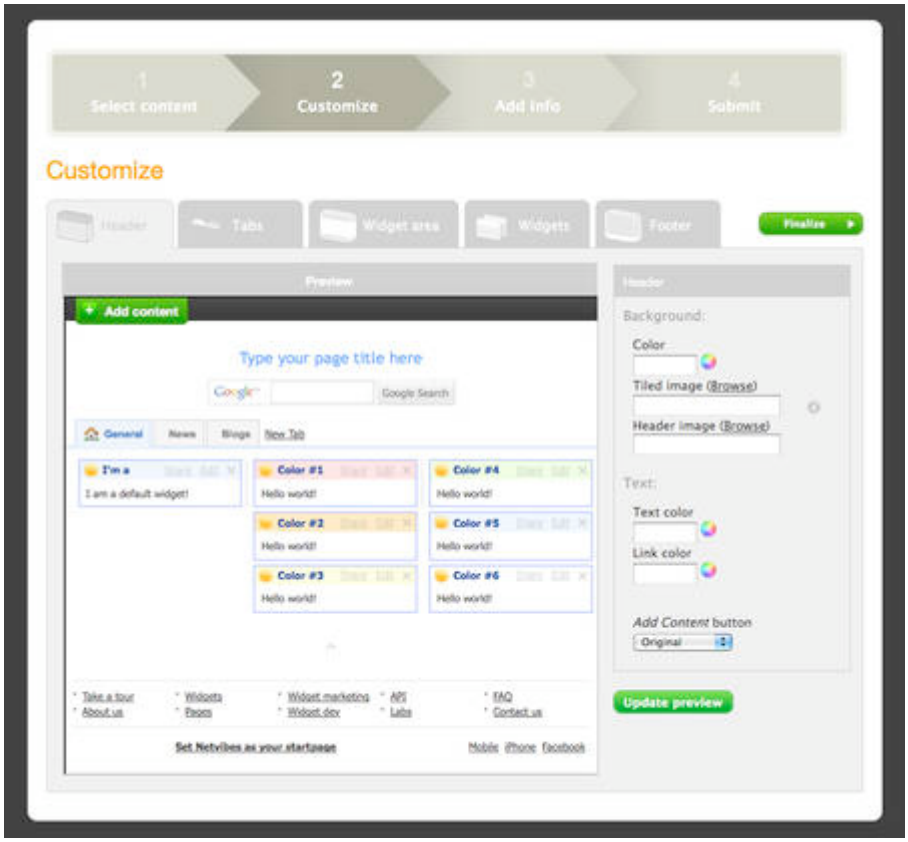
STEP #1: Select content

First you'll have to choose between submitting an existing XML file as a starting point or creating a new theme from scratch, through the theme editor.



STEP #2: Customize

The theme editor will allow you to quickly and easily create your own custom Theme for Netvibes. Five tabs designate the major components of the dashboard (Header, Tabs, Widget Area, Widgets, Footer). To define a color for each element, paste you own hexadecimal color code or use the colorpicker with the icon next to each text field. To define an image, paste the image URL in the text field or use the “Browse” link to upload an image from your computer. If you wish to reset an input, use the cross icon to return to default value.



1. Header

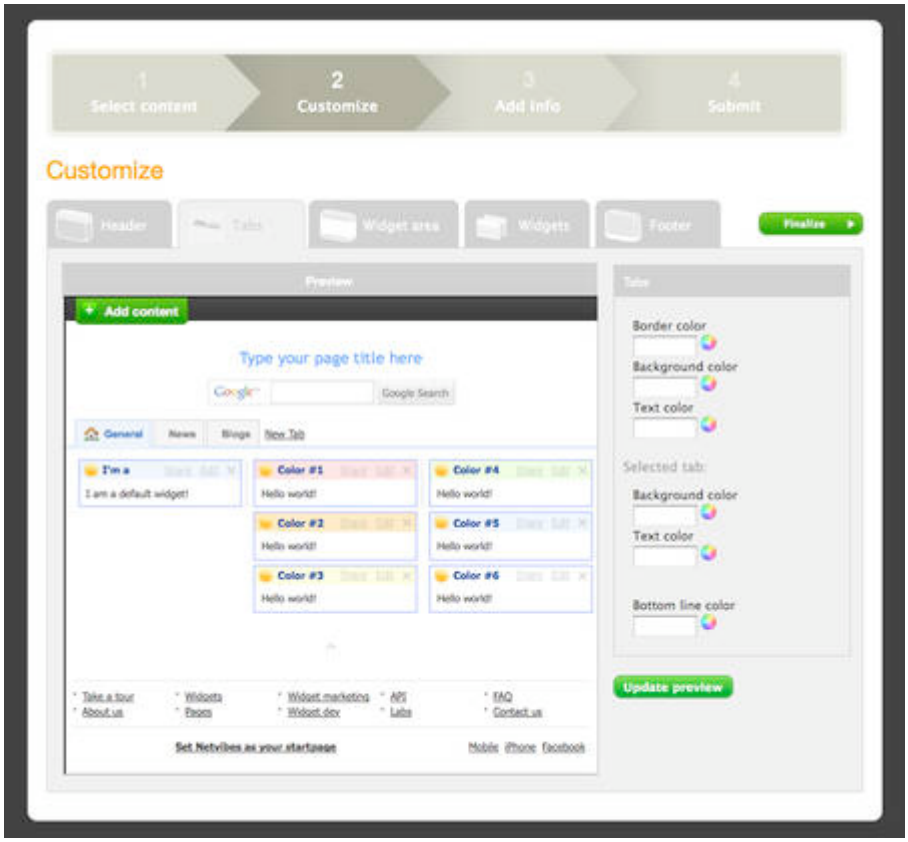
Background : These three text fields allow you to define a complex header using three combined layers.

- *Color* : bottom layer which can be filled with a plain color. Enter your own hexadecimal color code, or use the colorpicker with the icon on the right of the field.
- *Tiled image* : the second layer can be used to insert a tile-able background which will be repeated horizontally and vertically (useful for gradients)
- *Header image* : the top layer in which you can upload a background which will be centered in the header. This image will be displayed on top of a tiled image.

Text :

- *Text color* : used to set the color for simple text elements in the header, like the page title.
- *Link color* : used to set the color for links in the header.
- *Add Content button* : dropdown displaying thirteen variations of the top bar “Add content” button. It allows you to make the topbar fit your theme.

2. Tabs



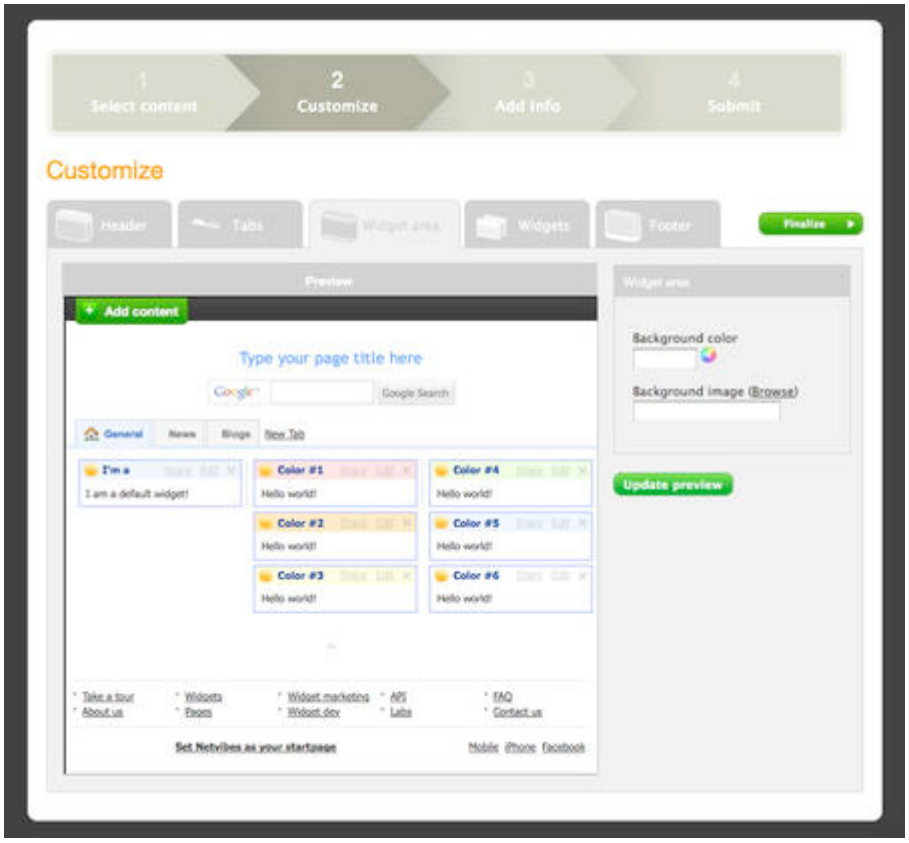
XML theme tabs are defined by a three colored elements :

- *Border color* : defines the tab border color.
- *Background color* : defines background color of every tab, selected or not
- *Text color* : defines the color of tab name

Selected tab : You can create specific rules for the currently selected tabs, defining a new background color and a new text color. If these fields are left blank, the selected tab will have the same color scheme as other tabs.

Bottom line color : You can apply a background color to the small blank space between the bottom of the tabs and the top of the widget area section.

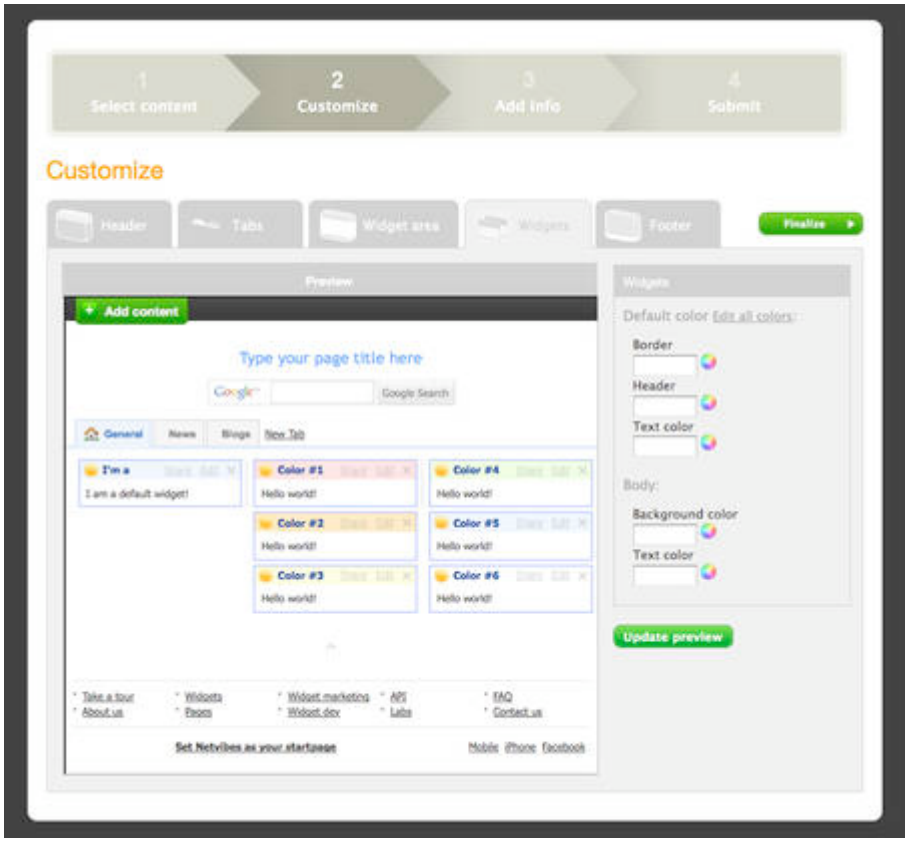
3. Widget area



You can customize the widget area's background color and background-image with the following fields :

* *Background color* * *Background image* : note that this background-image will automatically be repeated horizontally and vertically.

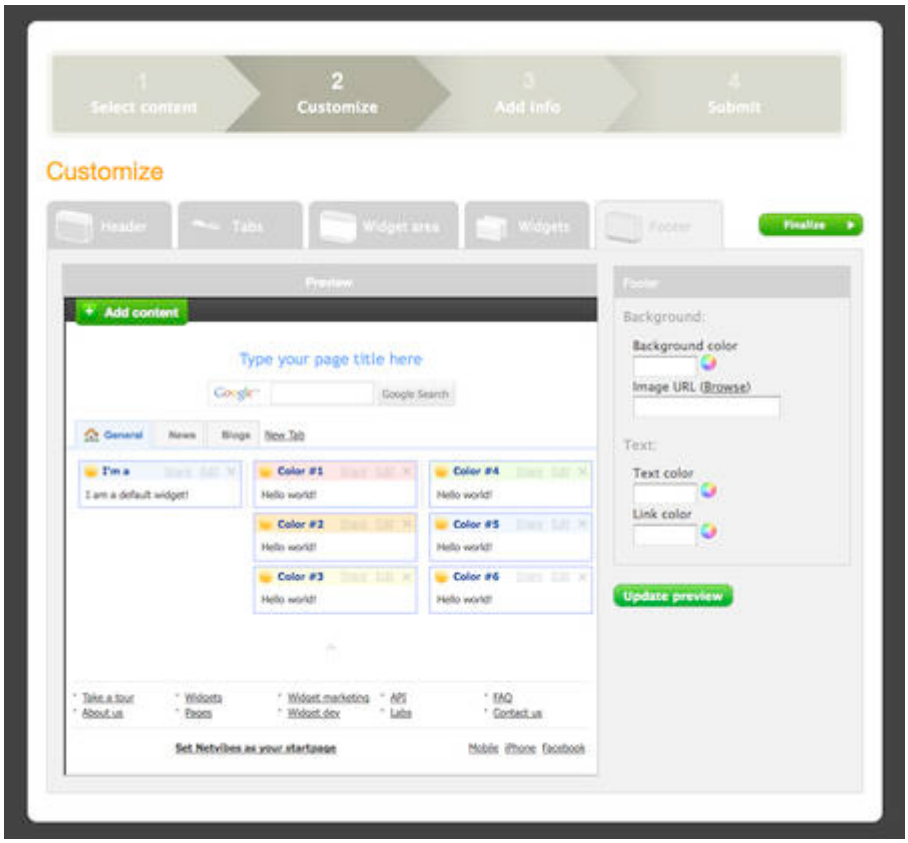
4. Widgets



A widget is composed of two main parts :

* Header : this part is graphically defined by its border color, background color and text color, just as tabs are. In Netvibes, a theme can carry six different widget header color schemes. Once the theme is created, you'll be able to set the default color for each widget on your startpage. To create the six color presets, click on the “Edit all colors” link. * Body : this contains the main widget content (feed, text, widgetized content). You can set the default background and text color.

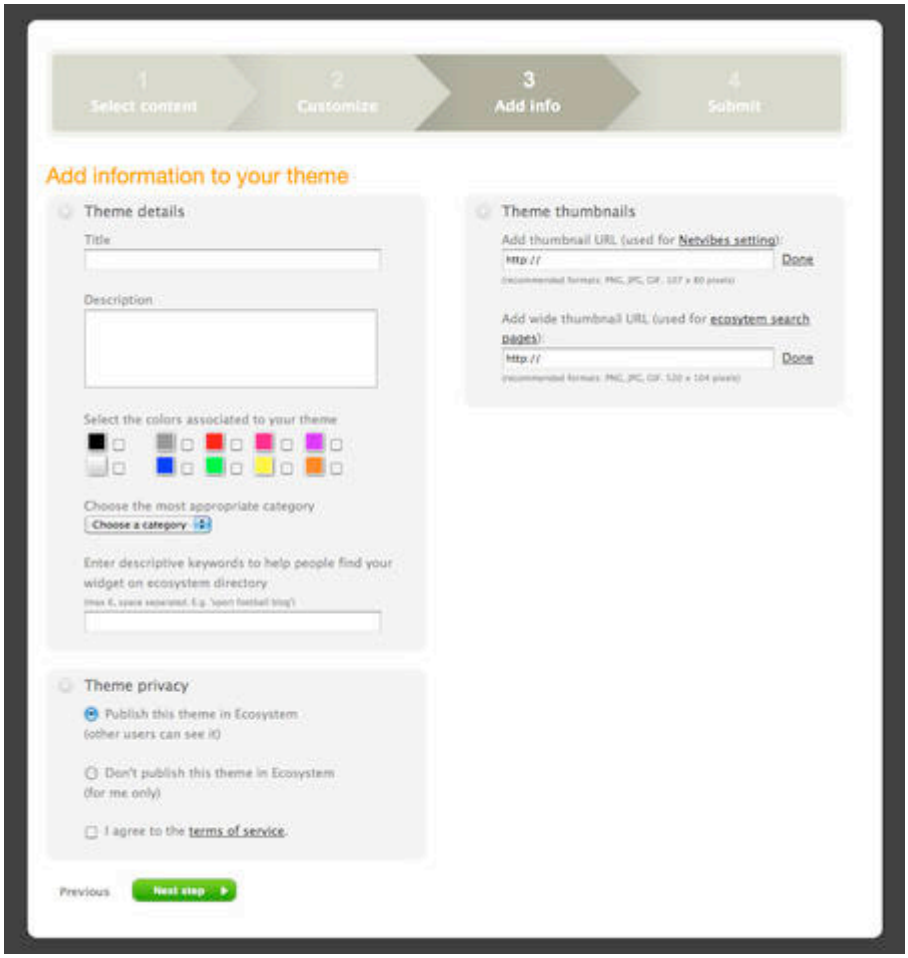
6. Footer



Here you can easily set the main colors of the footer section.

* *Background color* * *Background image* : note this background-image will be automatically repeated horizontally and vertically * *Text color* : this will change the color of the footer's column titles * *Link color* : this will change the color of the footer's links

STEP #3: Add info



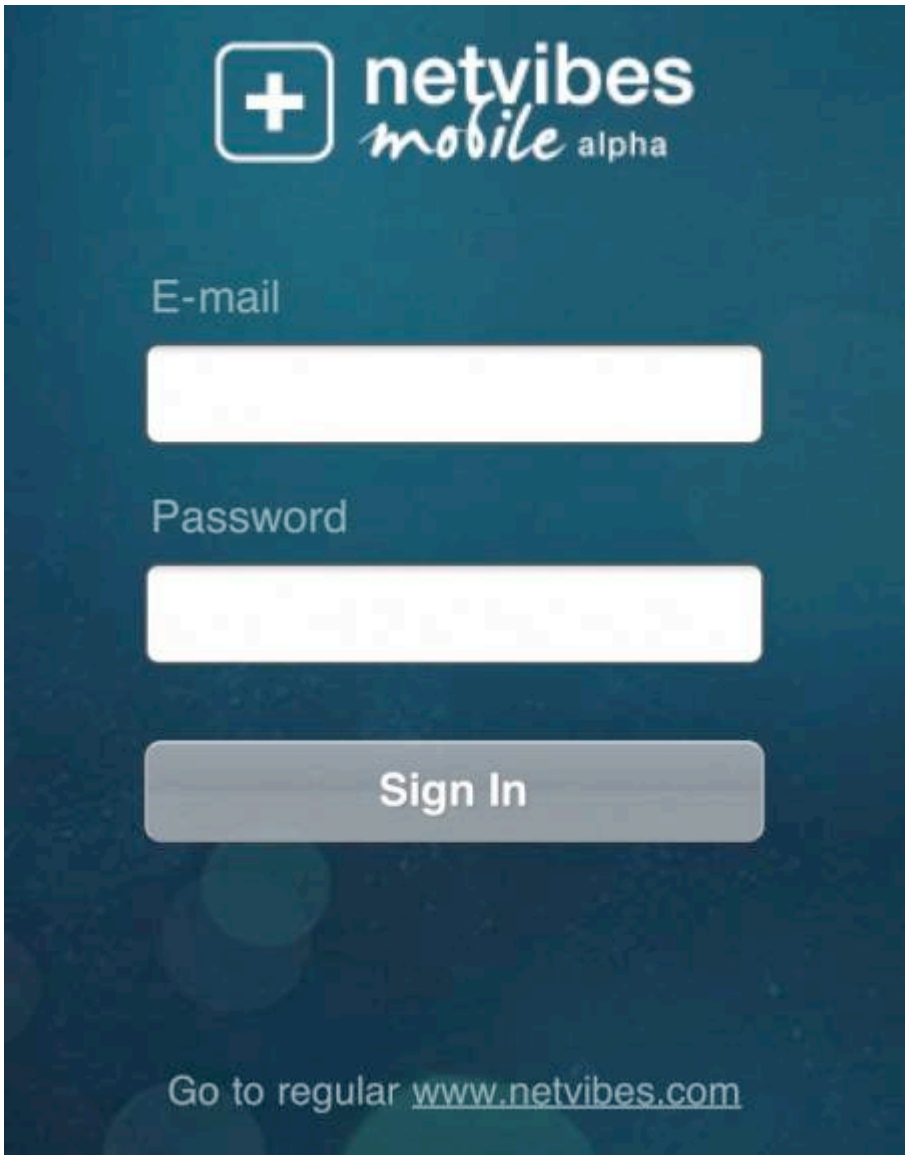
In this step you can add meta-information to your theme so that it can be well classified in Netvibes Ecosystem. You must name it, describe it, and configure its privacy setting and define whether you want it to be available to other users or not. You may also set the category of the theme, its main color and enter some additional keywords. This way, your theme will be easier to find in Ecosystem and in the startpage settings panel.

Do not forget to add thumbnails for your theme. This will give other user's an instant preview of your theme. Thumbnail size requirements : * Netvibes setting : 107x80px - *PNG,JPG,GIF* * Ecosystem search pages : 520×104 - *PNG,JPG,GIF*

Mobile

You can use the mobile version of Netvibes at http://mobile.netvibes.com On almost all mobile devices, we will automatically redirect you to this address even if you just type netvibes.com.

Sign-in



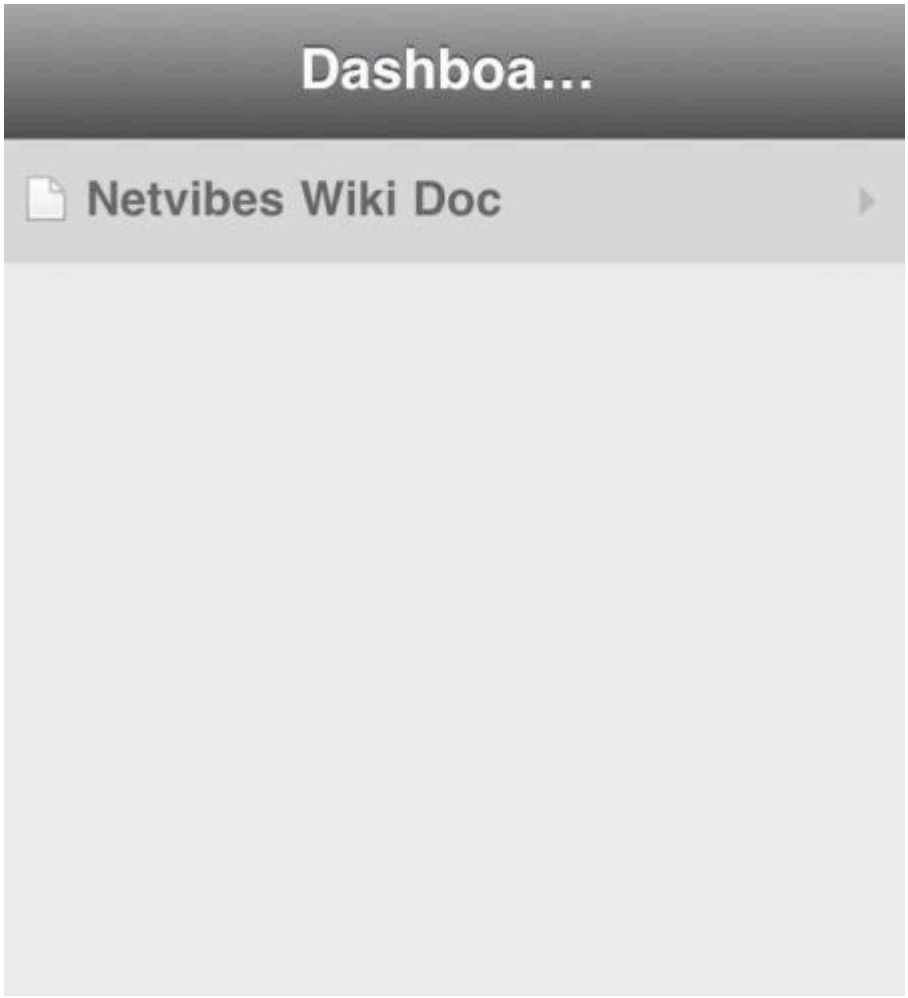
As always, just enter your login and password. If you do not yet have a Netvibes account, you'll need to sign up on the desktop version of Netvibes at netvibes.com.

iPhone, Android version

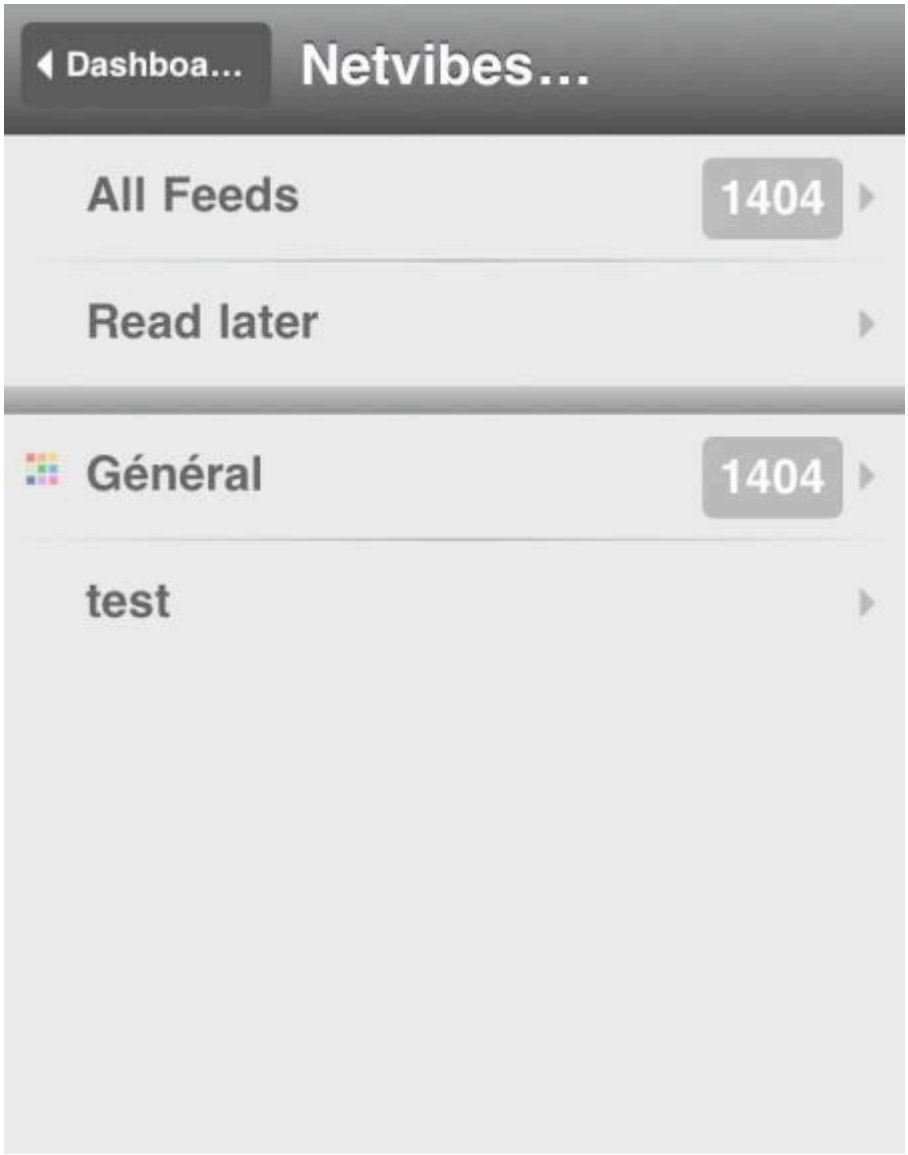
On modern mobile browsers, you will have access to all the major Netvibes features .

The first screen after login will present you with a view of your dashboards. Here, just one is

available for the account:

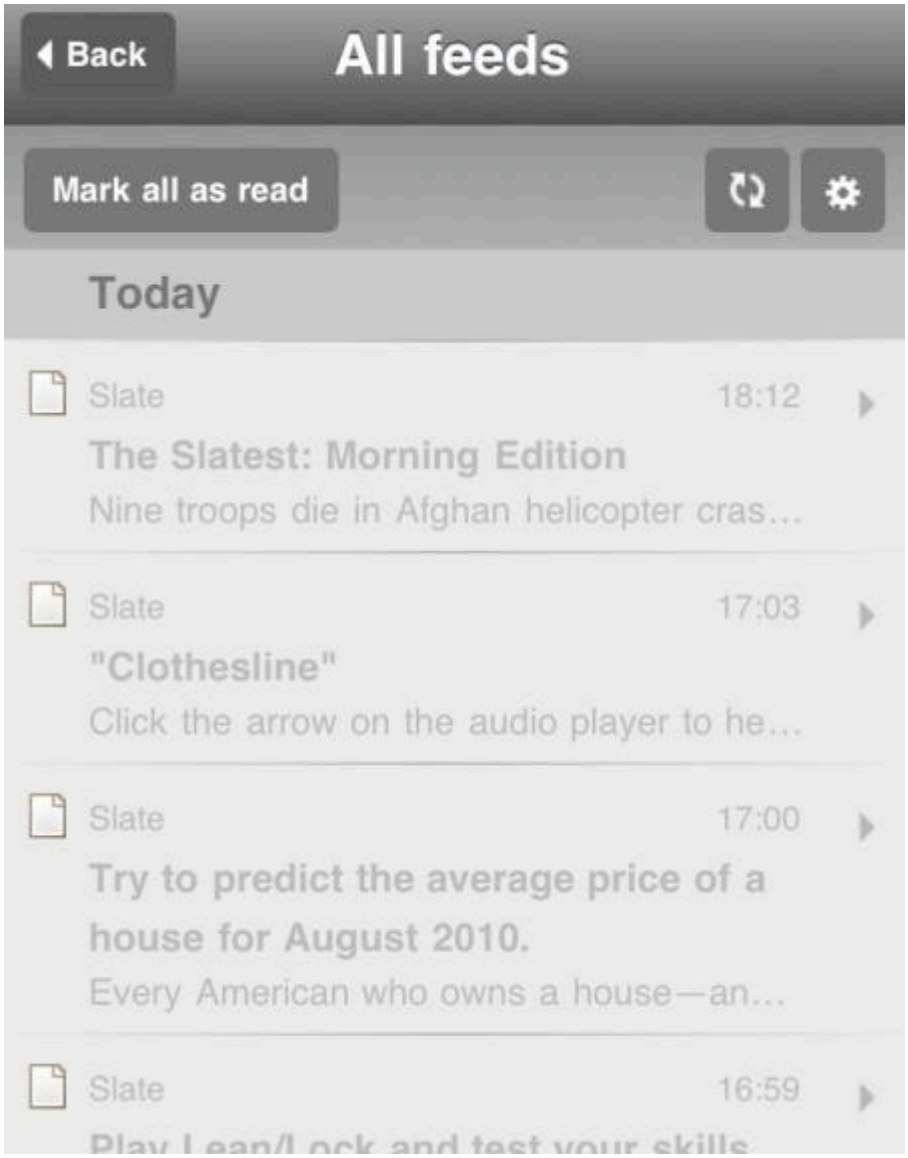


After selecting your Dashboard, you will see a list of tabs, or you can access all the news at once by clicking **All Feeds**:



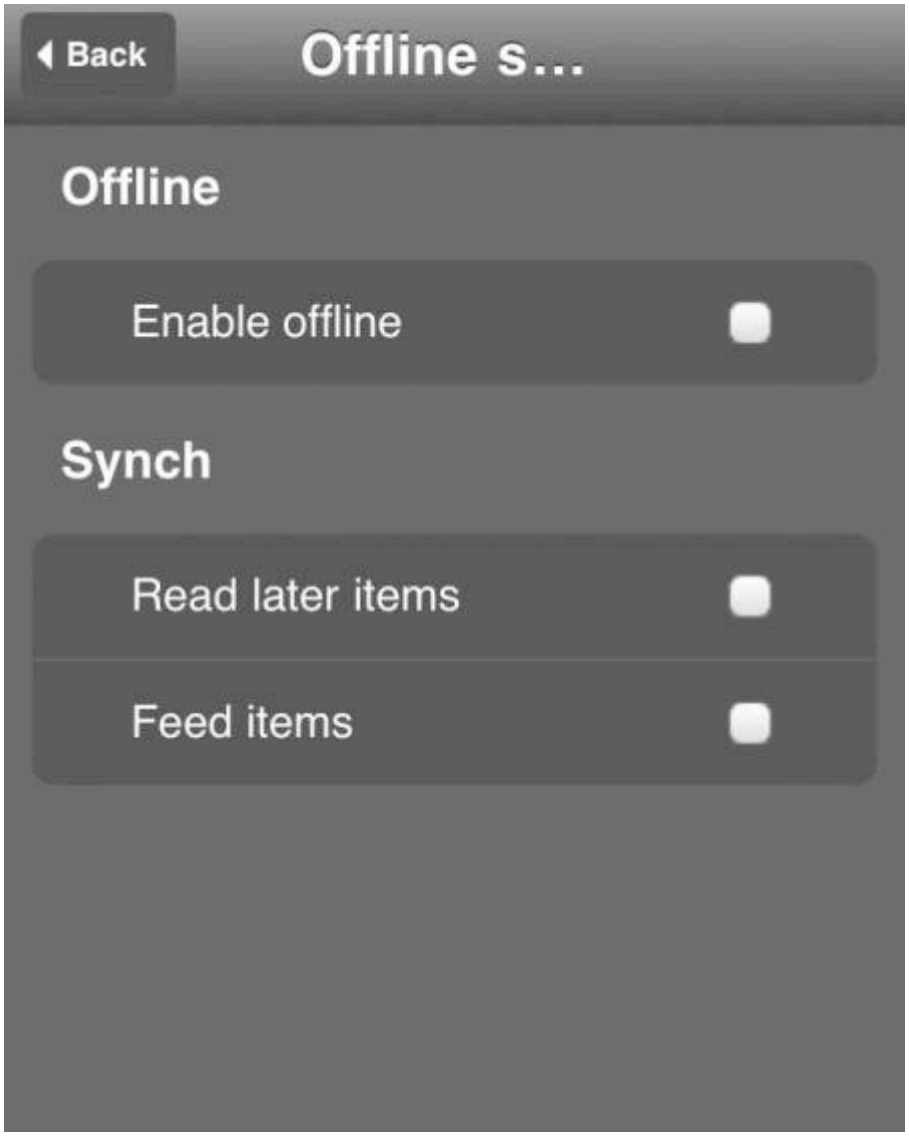
All feeds will present you all the news items (day by day), from all the feeds you subscribed to. Just click a title to read the news. The items already flagged as read are grayed (all of them on this screenshot).

- To mark everything as read, just click on the **mark all as read button**.
- The gear button on the top right will open the option screen. Next to it, the **refresh** button will check for new items.

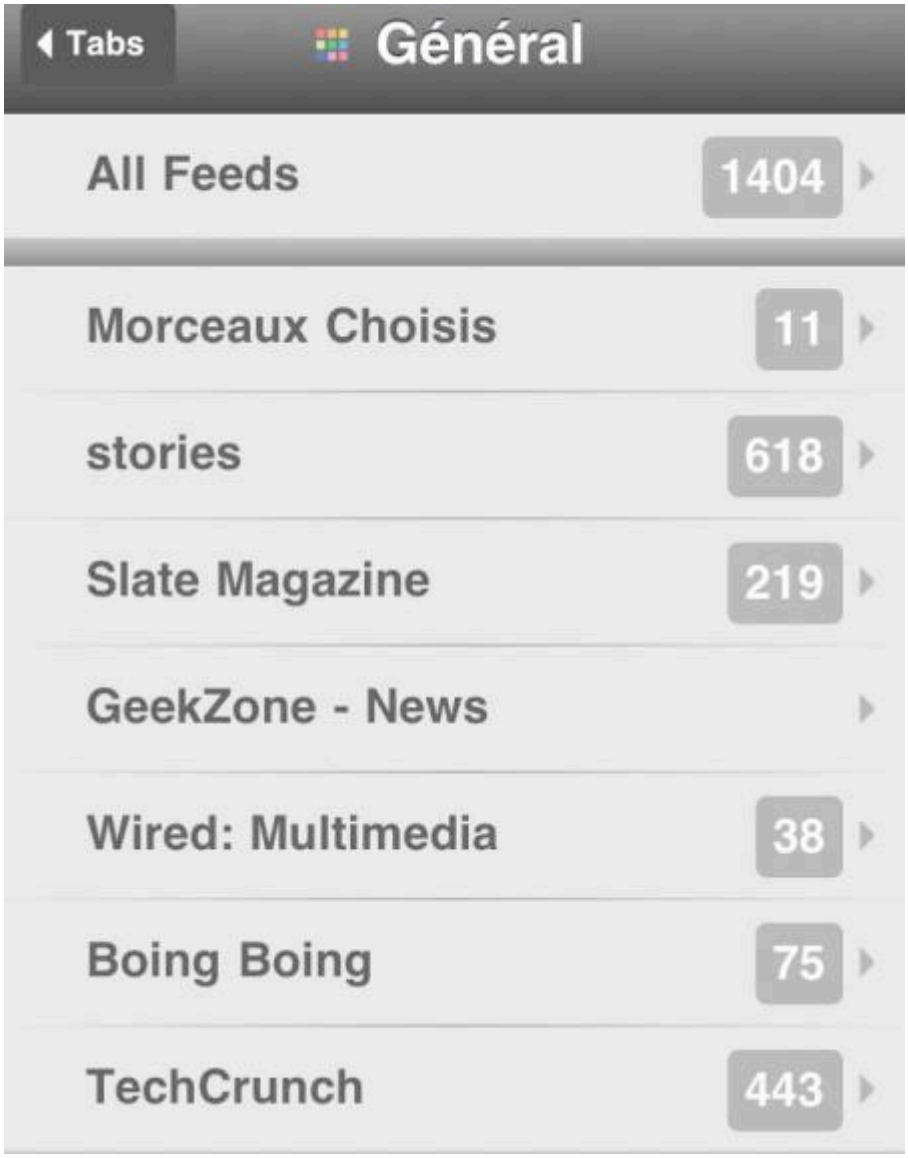


On the option screen, you can choose to sync items for offline reading.

- Check the **Enable Offline** to enable offline mode. Then, the 2 next options will be available.
- Check the **Read later items** to download to your device only items flagged as **Read Later**
- Check the **Feed items** to download to your device all the items from your feed, so you can read them offline.

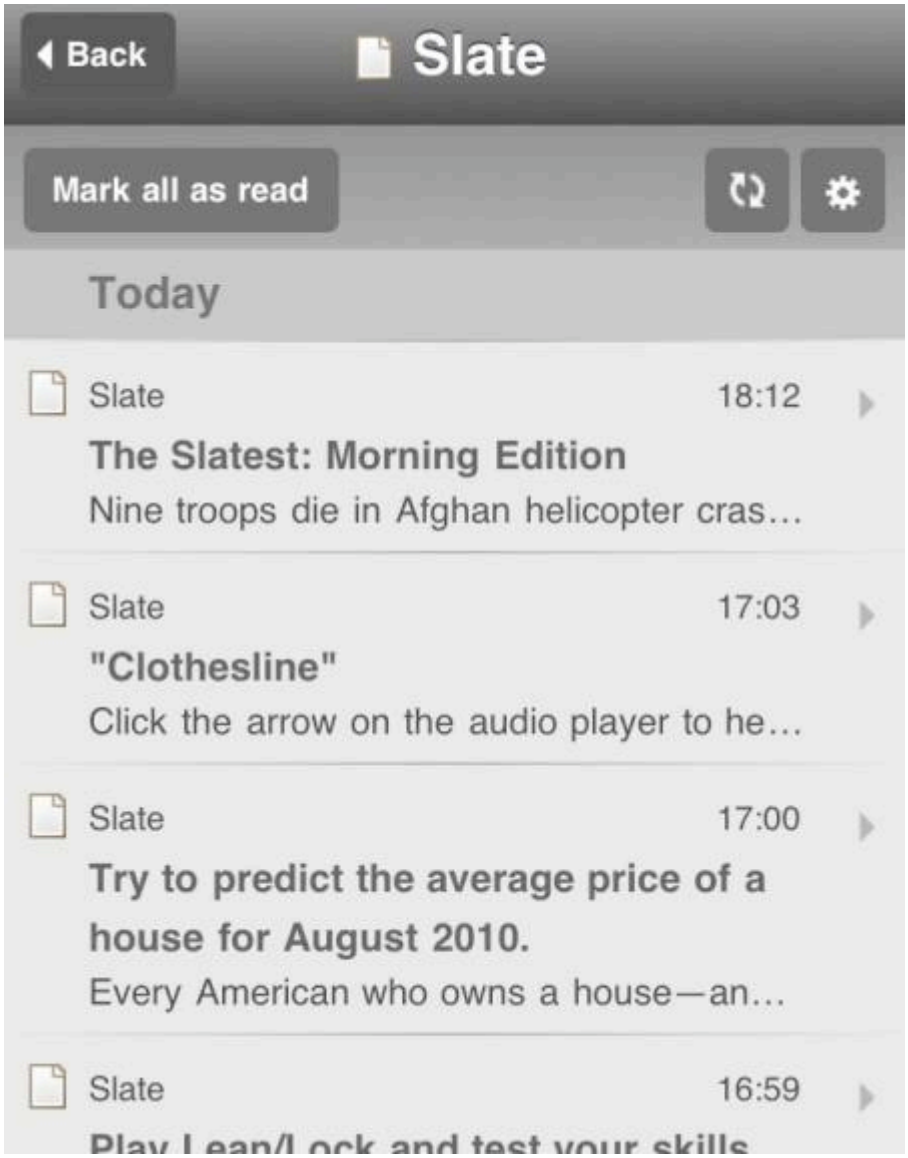


When you choose a tab (here the General one), you can browse each feed individually by clicking on the name, or see items from all feeds by choosing **All Feeds**.



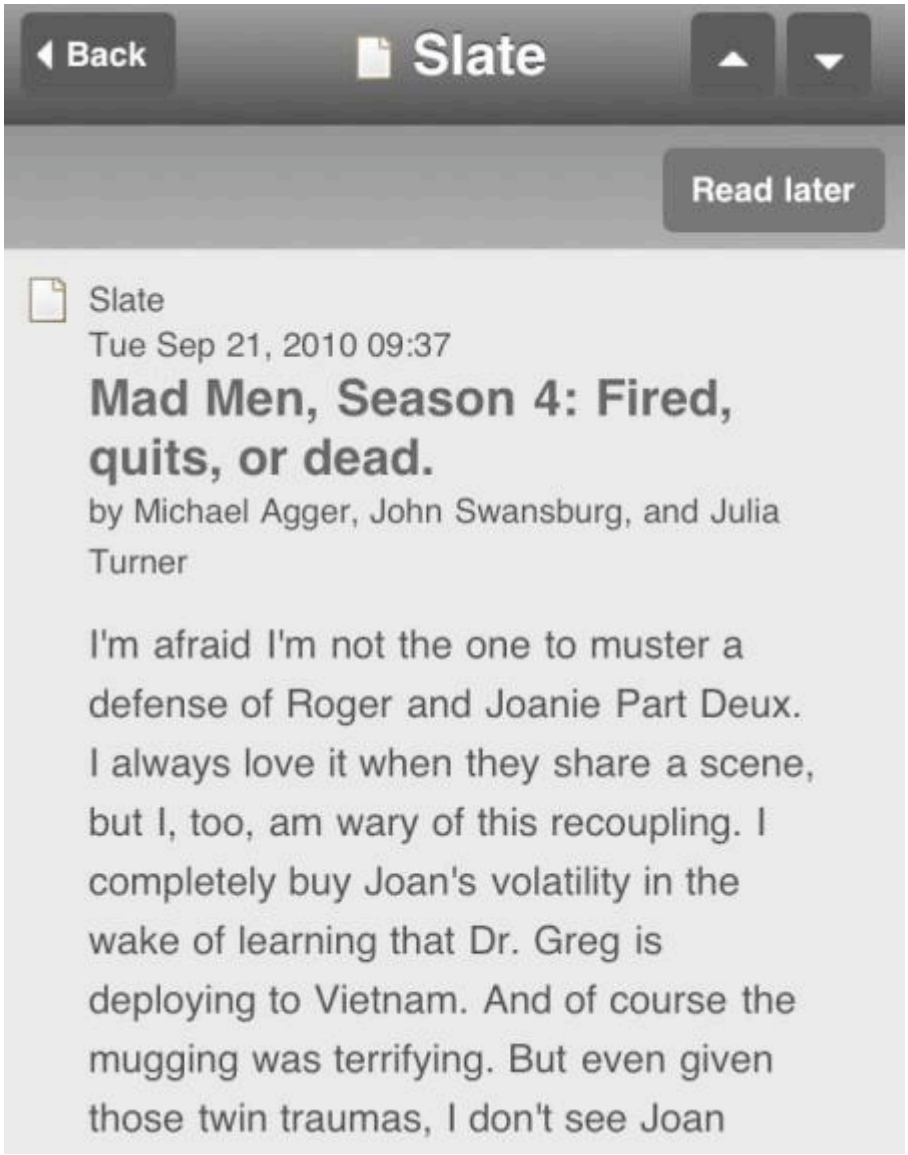
The view of a specific feed will give you the same options as on the All Feed view:

- To mark everything as read (just on that feed you are reading), just click on the **mark all as read button**.
- The gear button on the top right will open the options screen. Next to it, the **refresh** button will check for new items.



Clicking on a news in the feed view (as above) will open the reader view for that item (see below).

- You can choose to flag the item to read it later (useful if you are downloading it to your mobile device).
- The arrows on the topbar provide a quick and simple way to navigate through the news items, if you want to read all of them.

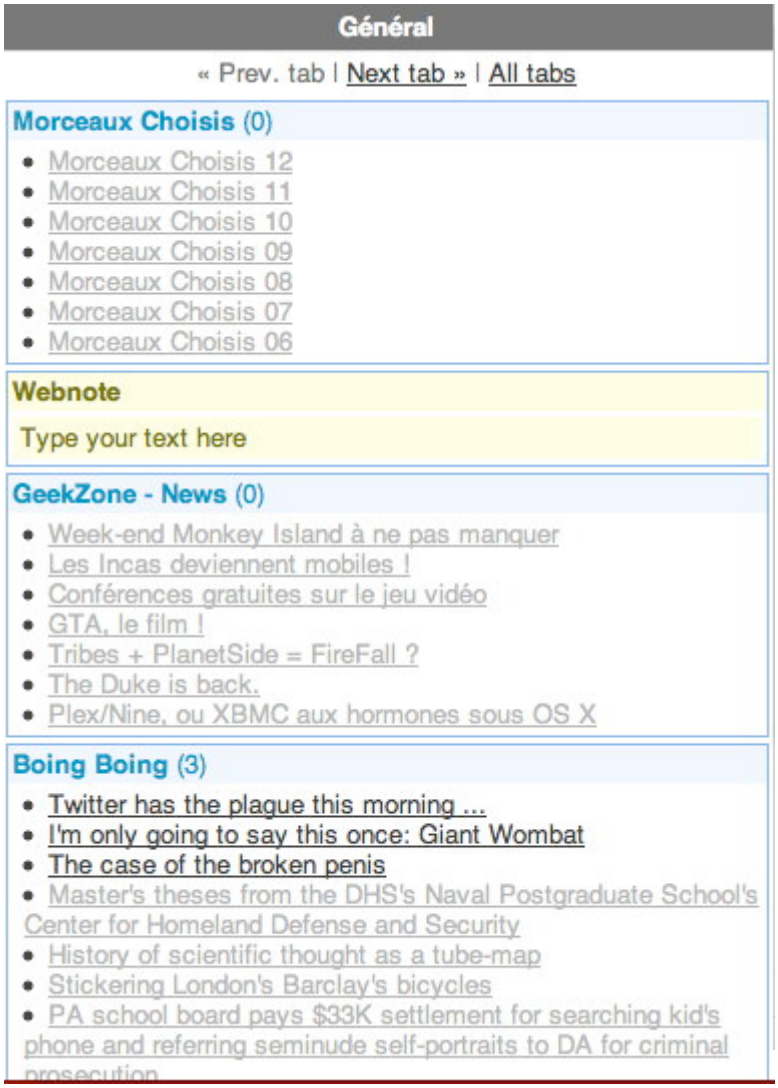


Wap version

If you have a Wap device, we also have a mobile version for it (http://wap.netvibes.com)

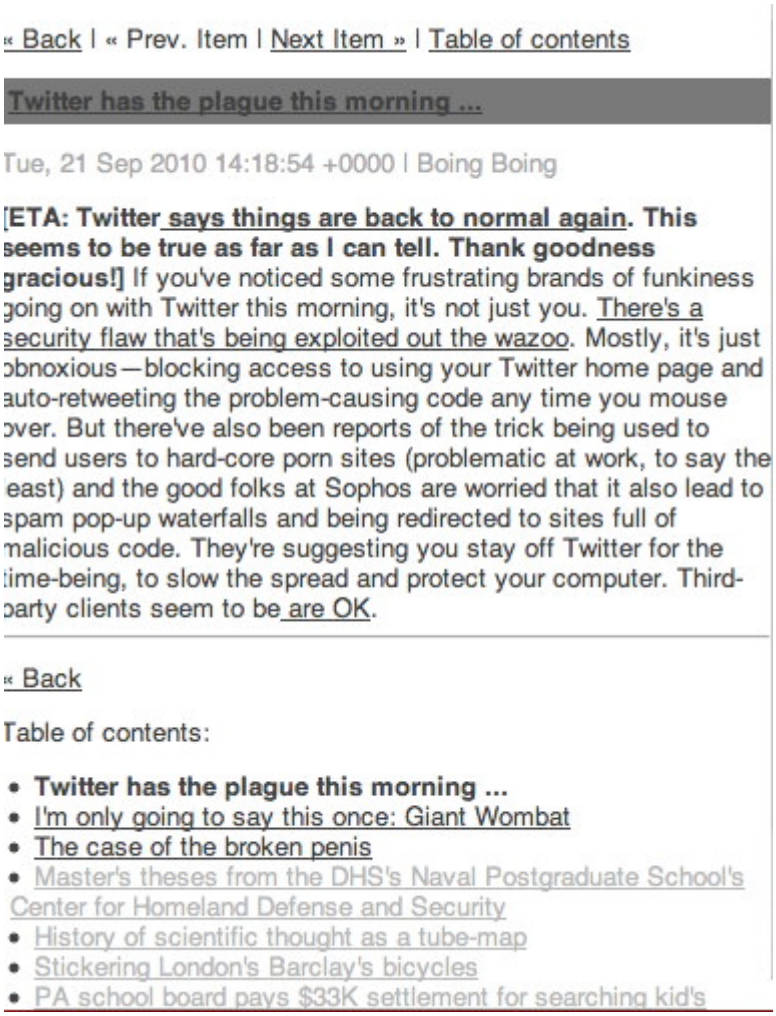
To connect to your account, just enter your login and password, as always.

You will then be presented with a list of tabs from your account. Click on one to access its content:



Be warned that only single feed widgets will be shown, the note / post-it widget will be readonly, etc. As a base rule, keep in mind that all complex widgets can't be used or even shown in Wap mode.

To read a news items, just click on it: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Twitter has the plague this morning ...

Tue, 21 Sep 2010 14:18:54 +0000 | Boing Boing

[ETA: Twitter says things are back to normal again. This seems to be true as far as I can tell. Thank goodness gracious!] If you've noticed some frustrating brands of funkiness going on with Twitter this morning, it's not just you. There's a security flaw that's being exploited out the wazoo. Mostly, it's just obnoxious—blocking access to using your Twitter home page and auto-retweeting the problem-causing code any time you mouse over. But there've also been reports of the trick being used to send users to hard-core porn sites (problematic at work, to say the least) and the good folks at Sophos are worried that it also lead to spam pop-up waterfalls and being redirected to sites full of malicious code. They're suggesting you stay off Twitter for the time-being, to slow the spread and protect your computer. Third-party clients seem to be are OK.

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Previous Item and **Next item** will help you to navigate between news items. **Table of content** will show all the news titles.

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