

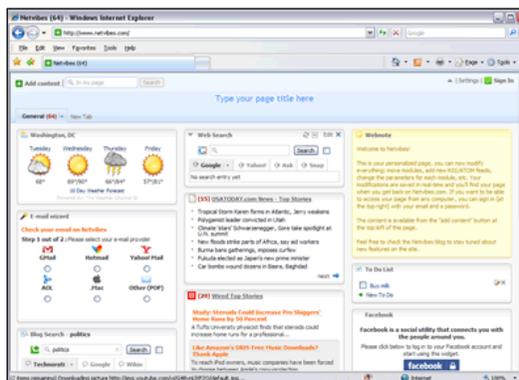
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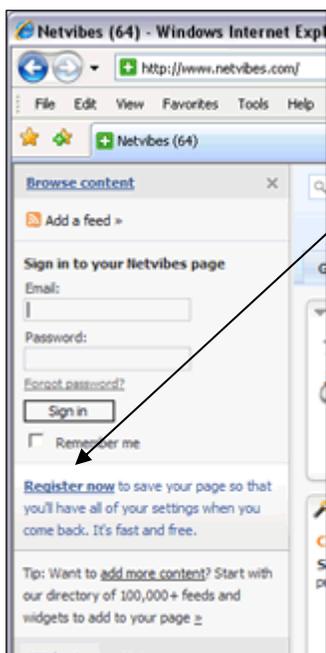
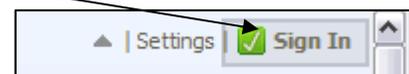
Setting up Your Netvibes Ecosystem and Getting Started (rev., 10/23/07, 2/6/08)

Setting up your account

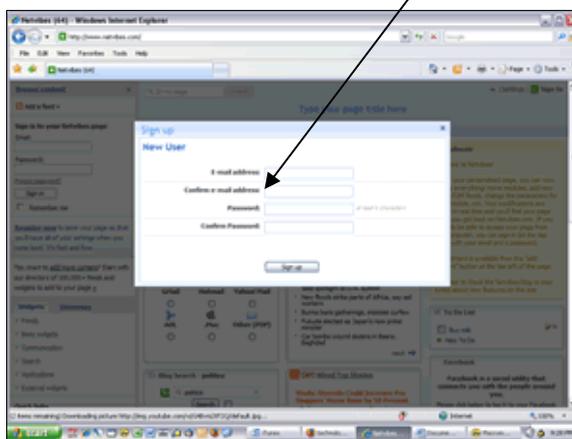
1. Go to <http://www.netvibes.com> using the browser of your choice. You will see a page that looks something like this



2. Look in the upper right hand corner; click where it says to Sign In.



3. As soon as you click “Sign In,” a sidebar will open on the left side of the screen. Below the Sign In area, you will see a link to **Register now**. Click that, and a nifty little signup window will appear. Enter your email address and a password, and then click “Sign Up.” When prompted, click Close or Okay, and that’s it, you have set up your account!

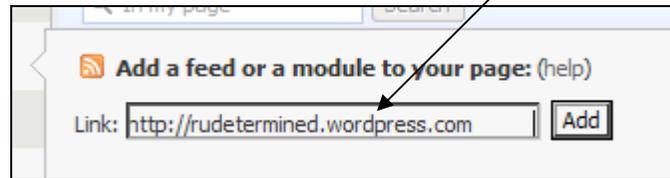


Getting Started and Adding Content

1. In the middle of the blue banner you will see text that reads, “Type your title here.” Click on that, and then create a title for your ecosystem.
2. Click the “Add Content” link in the top left of the page. Then click “Add a feed,” and you will get a small pop-up window that reads, “Add a feed or a module to your page.” In the space below, we are going to add an RSS feed.

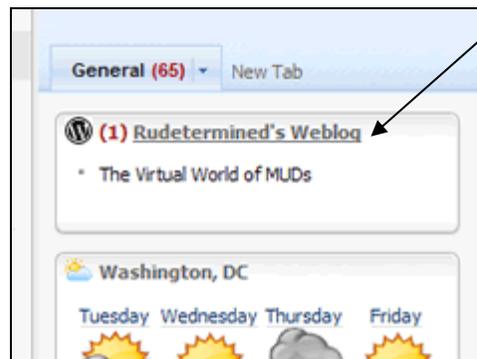
3. To do this, we need to open a new browser tab or window. Go to File → New tab. Then go to your class blog (the same process can be used for any site with a  anywhere on the page—just as it showed in the video we watched). Copy the URL.

4. Go back to the Netvibes page and paste the URL into the form field. Then click “Add.”



5. You will then be asked to choose from a list of links. Select the one that reads “RSS 2.0” somewhere in the link name—you do not want ATOM.

6. You will see a box for that blog appear in the top left area of the widget screen, just below the “General” tab.



7. You can remove the widgets that are on the page by clicking on their borders and pressing “delete.” Or, you can drag them around the screen.

8. To edit the tab name, simply click on the name “General” and rename it what you want. To format the tab, click the arrow. To add a new tab, click “New Tab.”

9. Explore the left side bar to see what all the pull-down menus bring up and how they work. You will find some basic widgets and some popular feeds that you can add.

10. For more advanced widgets, click on “add more content” or go directly to <http://eco.netvibes.com/widgets>. Here, you can browse all the widgets that have been made by the community or search for a particular one you are interested in adding. Follow the directions for each widget and it will automatically be added to your ecosystem.

11. It’s a little confusing at first, but once you get the hang of it, it will come easy—and you will become addicted to it.

12. Now, let’s add all the course blog feeds and get started!

13. If you are a Firefox user, you can go to <http://eco.netvibes.com/tools> to add a Netvibes toolbar which helps speed up adding subscriptions.