

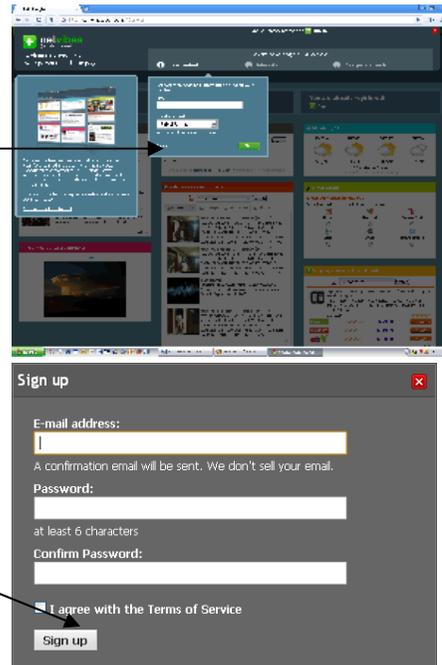
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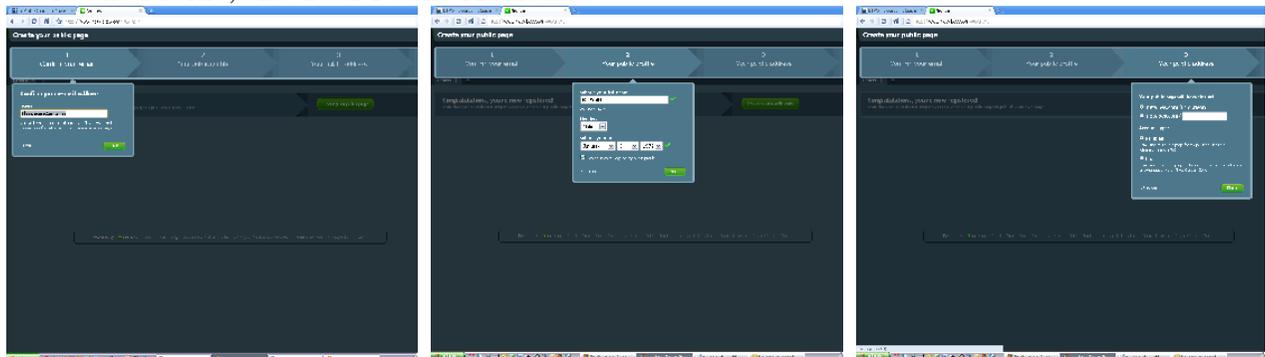
Setting up Your Netvibes Ecosystem, Getting Started

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. Click “Cancel.”
2. Look in the upper right hand corner; click where it says to Sign In.
3. As soon as you click “Sign In,” a box will pop up with a large green Sign Up button on the right. Click it, and you will be brought to a window that looks like this. Enter your email address and a password, and then click “Sign Up.”
4. You will then be asked to Create Your Public Page. Click on the green button.



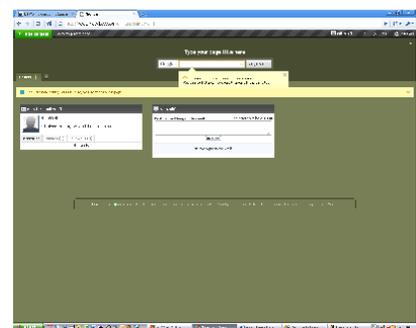
5. You will be brought to a stage that has three steps in the process: Confirm Email, Your Public Profile, and Your Public Address:



In the third set, keep your Rowan username as the URL and select the Personal account type.

6. Now, go to your email and activate your account. Once verified, click on the link to see your public page.

7. In the top left you will see a link to your Private Page. You will click that link to toggle between the two.

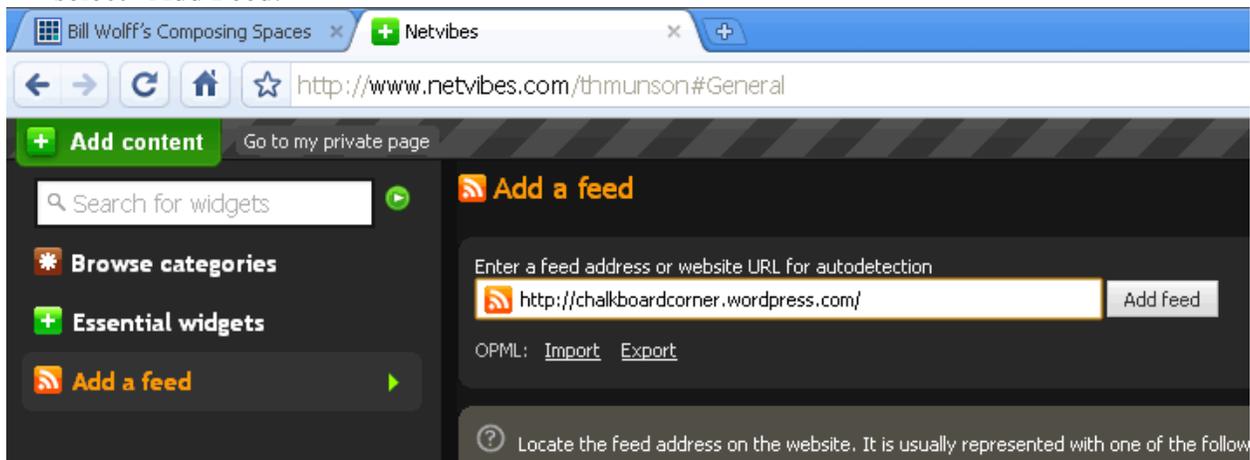


Getting Started and Adding Content

1. In the middle of the dark green 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, which will open up a new large horizontal menu bar:



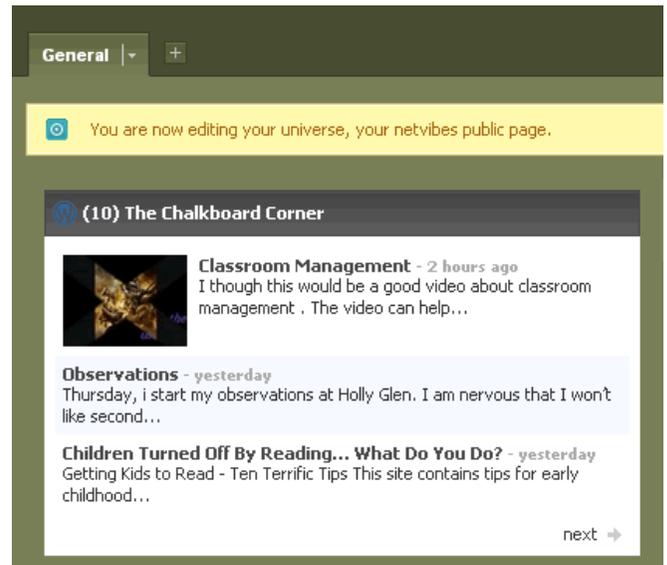
3. Then click “Add a feed,” and you will get a new window that reads, “Add a feed or a module to your page.” In the form field, enter the URL for your collaborative class blog, and then select “Add Feed.”



4. You will then be asked to choose from a series of icons. Select the most left icon, which should read “RSS 2.0”—you do not want ATOM.
5. After a few moments, a box will appear in the middle of the page, containing the text (and perhaps an image) from your blog. Click the green “Add to my Page” button.



6. The feed will then appear below and to the left in its own widget:
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. Explore the top menu bar to Browse Categories and Essential Widgets which can be added to your page. You will find some basic widgets and some popular feeds that you can add.



9. 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. It is by far the favorite application of former students.
10. In your public page, add all the course blog feeds, as well as the other requirements as describe on the Information Ecologies page of the course web site. This public page is just like a web site: anyone can see it. As a result you will want to post resources that you think are consistent with your public, professional personae.
11. In your Private Page, add those items that you wish to be private, such as email, Facebook updates, and so forth.
12. 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.