
Splendid Speaking: Guides

Easy Podcast Subscription

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Netvibes: The Easy Solution to Podcast Subscription.

OK you've found a podcast that you like and don't want to miss a future episode. You could install software on your PC or laptop which will download a podcast you subscribe to automatically. The most popular tool of this kind is iTunes, Apple's music store. You can download iTunes from the Apple website:

<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>

However, for those who don't have iTunes and don't want the bother of installing software on their computer, there's an easy to use alternative. You can use a service that lives on the Internet. You simply create an account and login to the service in the same way you would a Hotmail or Yahoo email account.

The difference between services like this and iTunes is that a web-based 'podcatcher' will not download the podcast automatically. It will simply show when you next login that a new episode has been published and you're then free to download it manually.

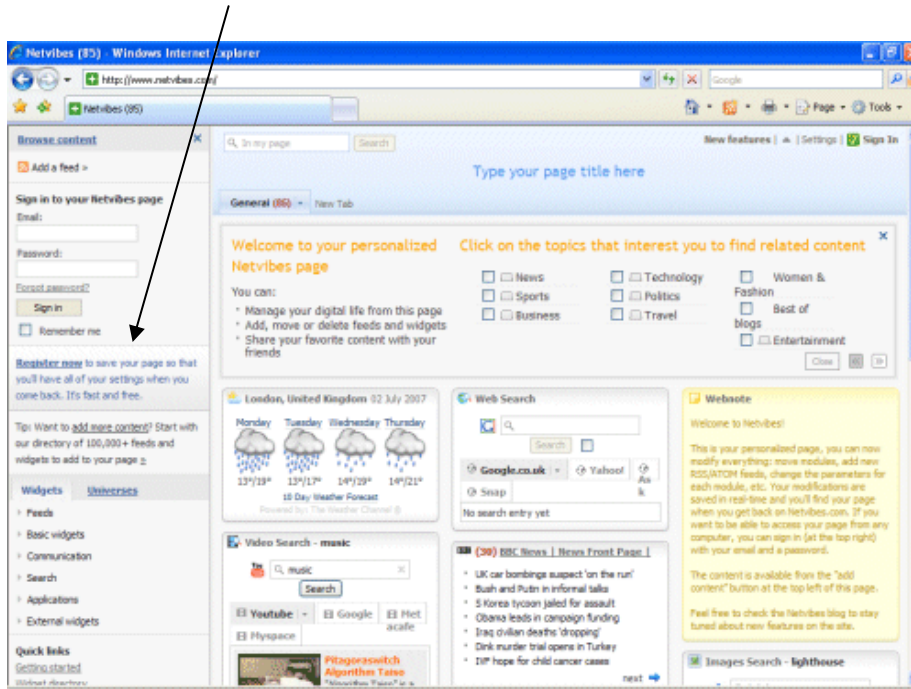
A favourite of mine is Netvibes. Netvibes allows you to easily add RSS feeds to your personal page but also gives you the opportunity to do much more:

- add a to-do list
- add notes and links to websites
- use ready created links to search engines, your email account and much more.

So let's get started!

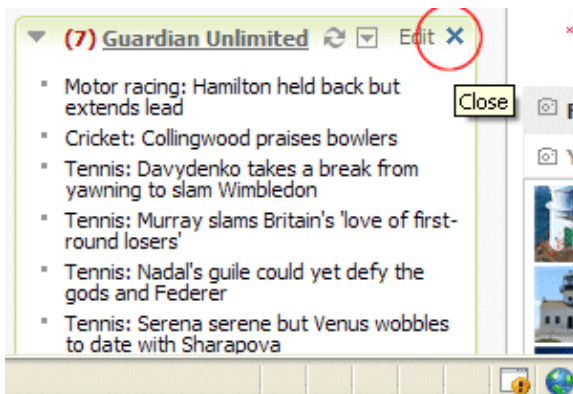
1) Go to <http://www.netvibes.com> and you'll see something like the following:

2) Click 'Register now' to create an account

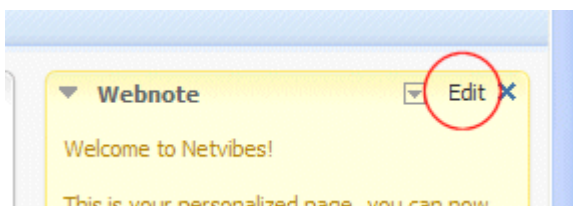


You now have an account and can start making Netvibes pages of your own.

3) You can delete any of the boxes you don't want on your page simply by placing your cursor inside the box and clicking the 'X' in the top right corner.



3) Why not try keeping notes of some kind? Click Edit in the Webnote box and type your notes:



4) Want to add a link to your first podcast? Easy! Go to the podcast website you want to add the feed from and look for the 'Subscribe' or 'RSS' link. You might find an image like this which you can click:

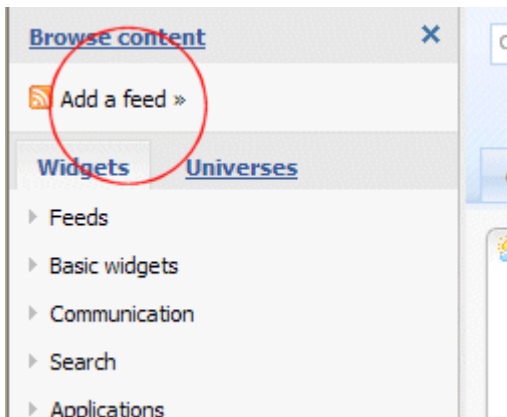


5) You should then copy the url or address that appears in your browser window. Here's a sample RSS feed taken from the Splendid Speaking podcast:

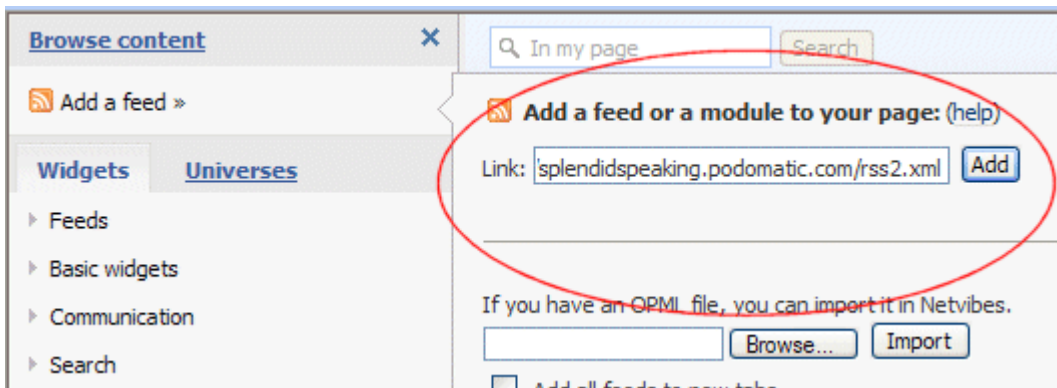
<http://splendidspeaking.podomatic.com/rss2.xml>

Feeds will typically end in .rss or .xml

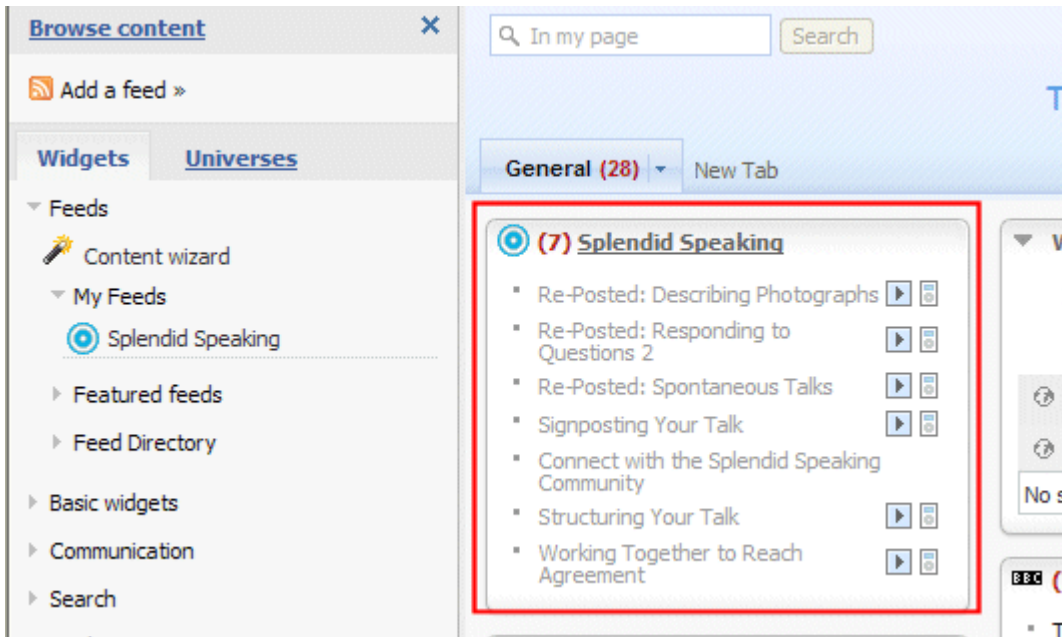
6) Now let's add your feed to the to your new Netvibes page. Click 'Add a feed'.



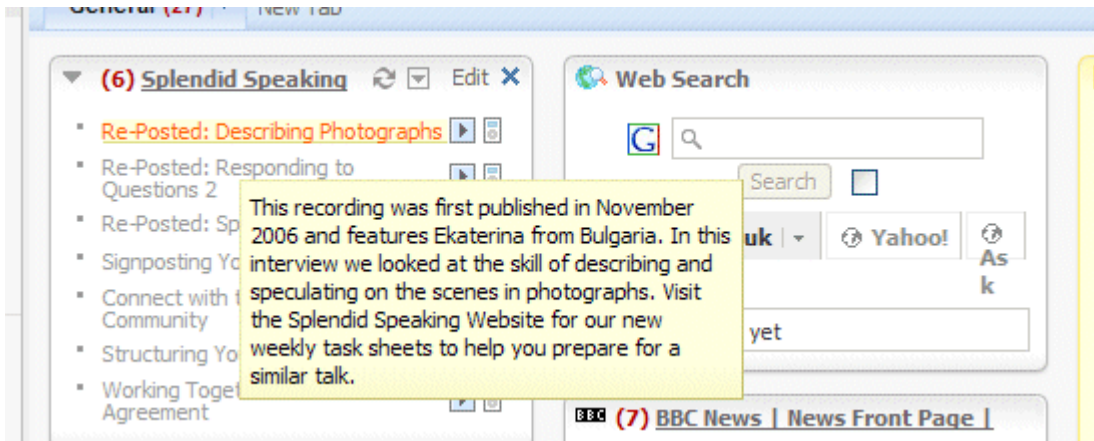
7) Then paste your RSS feed into the box:



8) The RSS feed will then appear on your page:



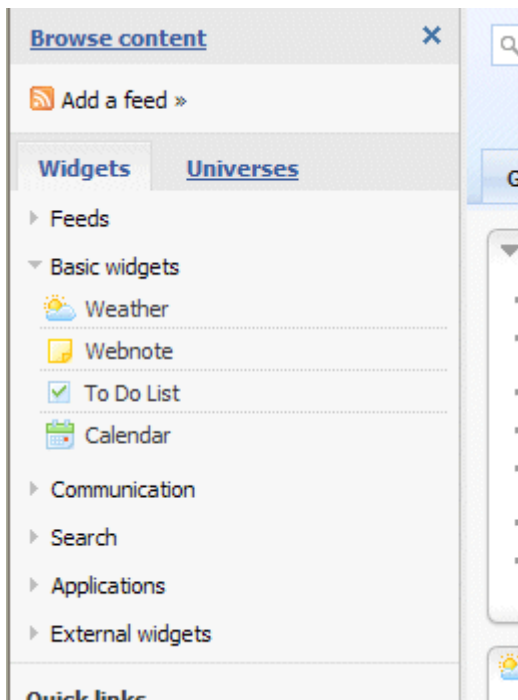
9) Put your cursor over one of the titles and you'll get a summary:



10) Click the title and you'll go to a page where you can listen or download:



Congratulations! You had added and listened to your first feed! There are many more things you can do with your Netvibes page. Organise your content under new pages or 'tabs', create a calendar or a 'to-do list'.



You can even share your pages with others your very own 'Self Access Centre'!

Come back soon for our next guide for ideas on how to do this.

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