

Quick Start Guide

Make your own customized home page with iGoogle. Add gadgets to your page: news, weather, RSS feeds, to-do lists, sports, and much more. Choose a theme for your banner. Add tabs--one for school and one for home. It's easy to click and drag gadgets to put them where you want them.

Sign up for a Google account

1. To set up an iGoogle page, you need a Google account. (If you don't already have one, go to <https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount> and sign up.) Use an email address you already have--no need to create another.
2. Sign in to your Google Account, and go to <http://www.google.com/ig>.

Create your page

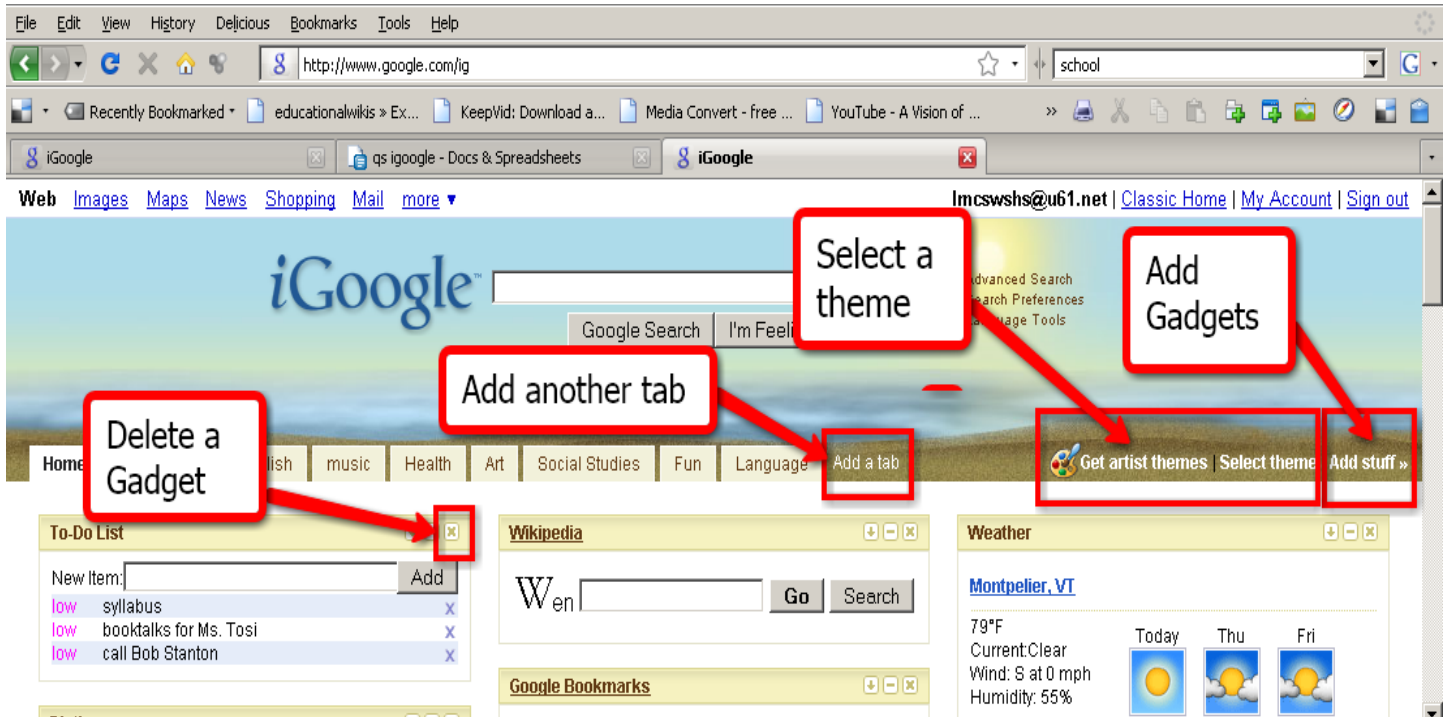
1. Add a couple categories by clicking in the check boxes.
2. Choose a theme.
3. Type in your zipcode to get local information from your gadgets.
4. Click the 'See Your Page' button.

A screenshot of the "Create your own homepage in under 30 seconds" form. The form is titled "Create your own homepage in under 30 seconds" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains several sections:

- Select Interests: (Choose all that apply)**: A section with a red box around the title and a red arrow labeled "1" pointing to it. It contains a grid of checkboxes for various categories: Burlington (checked), News, Humor, Music, Games, Cooking, Business, Art, Technology, Politics, Entertainment, and Sports.
- Select a theme:**: A section with a red box around the title and a red arrow labeled "2" pointing to it. It shows four theme options: "Google" (selected), a sunset theme, a night sky theme, and a nature theme.
- Choose Location:**: A section with a red arrow labeled "3" pointing to it. It includes a "Country/Region" dropdown menu set to "United States" and a "Zip code:" input field.
- See your page**: A button at the bottom right with a red arrow labeled "4" pointing to it.

Change themes. Add, move, delete gadgets.

1. Click on 'Add Stuff' to add gadgets to your page.
2. Click on 'Select theme' to choose a banner.
3. Add another tab to your home page.
4. Have a gadget you don't want? Click on the 'x' box to delete it



Check out a few gadgets

- ✓ To-do list
- ✓ Weather
- ✓ Dictionary.com
- ✓ Wikipedia search
- ✓ Driving directions
- ✓ CNN.com
- ✓ This day in history
- ✓ Word of the day
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Tips and ideas

- Make your iGoogle the start up page in your browser. In Firefox load your iGoogle page, then click 'Tools,' 'Options,' 'Main,' 'Use Current Pages,' then 'OK.' In Internet Explorer, load your iGoogle page, then click 'Tools,' 'Internet Options,' 'General,' 'Use Current,' then 'OK.'
- Check out this [article](#) for some great tips on using iGoogle with students.
- Remember to click 'Sign Out' in iGoogle when you leave your classroom.