

Tips for Creating a Protopage

What is Protopage?

Protopage = personalized news + sticky notes + bookmarks, all on one page.

To create your own free Protopage, click here
(No registration required)

Try it now - you're just one click away!

How to use Protopage

Create your own free Protopage, then:

- Use it to **catch up with news from hundreds of sources** (including the BBC, CNN, Reuters, New York Times, London Times, CNET, ESPN, ...)
- Put color coded **sticky notes**, todo lists and reminders on it
- Keep your frequently accessed **bookmarks** on it
- Name it (e.g. as www.protopage.com/yourname)
- **Share parts of your page** with friends, or **keep it private**
- Set it as your browser 'start page' for easy access

Sample news feed panel

CNN.COM - WORLD

mark

U.S. lawyer addresses Saddam court

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark addressed Saddam Hussein's tribunal Monday on behalf of the deposed president after leading a w...

Strong earthquake hits East Africa

Read full story for latest details.

SKY NEWS OFFBEAT: WEIRD NEWS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD

mark

Onion Porn Makes Shoppers' Eyes Water

Shoppers got more than they bargained for when a kitchenware department's demonstration video suddenly cut to a hardcore porn movie.The s...

Announcements

Version 2.0 released, now with RSS feeds, **rich text** editing, and virtual pages that can be individually shared or kept private.

Versions 2.1 and 3.0 are now in development - please send your suggestions here. Thank you!

Check our new blog for news and updates.

What is a Protopage?

- The purpose of Protopage is to be a “homepage” helping you to get organized, gather useful information...
- A great use of protopages is to use their ‘bookmark’ widget to keep important links organized. (you’ll learn what a widget is later)
- You will be creating your own protopage to keep track of important info you learn from this training!

Boing Boing edit x

Czech pranksters sneak mushroom cloud into wea
Guinness pint balancing
Moore's "Sicko" leaks onto P2P
Buy EMI's catalog as MP3s for 30% cheaper than i
Good Copy, Bad Copy: music copyright document
What steampunk r
World's most exp

BBC News | World | UK Edition edit x

Sarkozy wins 'mandate for reform'
EU plans direct Palestinian aid
Children die in Afghan air raid
Top Malaysian murder trial opens
Manhunt after Melbourne shooting
UK forces clash with Iraq militia
East Africa trade bloc expanded

PopSugar edit x

Beckham Boys Bid Farewell To Real Madrid
Ellen Wins Daytime Emmy Awards, Rosie Gets
The Return of Cowgirl Britney
Deacon Shows Ryan Around
Sugar Shout Out: Happy Hour With Entourage

Honolulu edit x

77° 

Partly Cloudy
Weather by weather.com®

Bookmarks edit x

Protopage Manual

Protopuppy edit x



more...

REGISTER HERE
[Click here to name this page](#)
(e.g. as www.protopage.com/yourname)
It will otherwise expire in 48 hours.

Click the 'Add widgets'
button to add news, blogs,
sticky notes and other widgets
to your page.

How to get started:

OK, so the protopage looks confusing. You are in control!

- Move blocks around
- Delete blocks that you don't want
- www.protopage.com

Widgets and Tabs

- **The blocks on the page are called widgets**
 - You can always add another widget, so feel free to get rid of some of them
 - Widgets are used to help you quickly add something to your page
 - Protopage offers hundreds of pre-made widgets ready to use
 - For our purposes today you are going to use at least 3 types of widgets (you can use more if you are brave enough!)
 - Bookmark
 - Sticky notes
 - Photo
- **The tabs on the page are there to help organize your Protopage**
 - Once you have registered your page you will have “private tabs” that only you can see when you’re logged in.
 - You will also have “public tabs” that everyone can see when they go to your protopage.
 - Change the name of your tabs according to your needs.
 - For example you may name tabs by the subjects you teach or by students names...
 - You can add more tabs if you need to!

Dive In and Get Wet

- Think of a title for your page and enter the text at the top of the page where it says “Click to Title Your Page”
- Scroll down the page and watch the gravity bar move with you
- Delete one of the widgets (blocks) on your page- just click on the ‘X’ in the upper right corner of the block.
- Include the following widgets on your page: bookmark, photo and sticky note
- Change the names of a tab
- Create new tab
- Keep going...you are in control...what would be nice to have on your page?
- Don’t forget to register your page!
- <http://www.protopage.com/gunderwood>

Great way to use Protopage

- Use Google Docs with Protopage [directions](#)
- Paperless conferences
http://www.protopage.com/gunderwood#My_public_category/Try_this
- Importing other's Protopages
 - Click on “Import these tabs into your own Protopage”

- There are other sites that let you create your own homepage besides Protopage
 - www.pageflakes.com and www.webwag.com (very similar to protopage but have to use pictures from Flickr not from your computer)
 - www.myownstartpage.com (mainly used for displaying favorite links—doesn't have as many options as others)