

# Getting Started With Web 2.0 in Ten Easy Steps

## Step 1: Set up a Google Reader account

Visit <http://www.google.com/reader>

Click **Create an account** if you don't already have a Google account (sign in if you do)

Complete the sign-up process

## Step 2: Add a few blog feeds

Visit <http://www.google.com/reader> and sign in, if necessary

On the left, click **Add subscription**

Type [www.neatorama.com/feed](http://www.neatorama.com/feed) and click **Add**

Repeat previous two steps with [www.virtualmax.com/dessert](http://www.virtualmax.com/dessert) and

<http://lifehacker.com/tag/top/>

## Step 3: Add some news feeds

Visit <http://www.google.com/reader> and sign in, if necessary

On the left, click **Add subscription**

Type <http://insidemedford.com/feed/> and click **Add**

Repeat previous two steps with each of the following:

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/medford/homepage/rss>

[http://syndication.boston.com/news?mode=rss\\_10](http://syndication.boston.com/news?mode=rss_10)

<http://feeds.wired.com/wired/index>

## Step 4: Create an iGoogle page

Visit <http://www.google.com/ig> and sign in using your Google account, if necessary

Select some interests and a theme, if desired, and click **See your page**

## Step 5: Customize your iGoogle page

Visit <http://www.google.com/ig> and sign in, if necessary

Enter your zip code in the weather gadget, and click **OK**

Enter your zip code in the movies gadget, and click **Save**

At the top-right of the screen, click **Add stuff**

In the **Search for gadgets** box, type **Google Reader** and click **Search**

In the results, find **Google Reader** and click **Add it now**

Repeat previous two steps to add **Wikipedia** (use the first result, which should be the "official" Wikipedia gadget)

Drag (using the light blue title bars) the gadgets to where you'd like them

## Step 6: Set iGoogle as your home page

Visit <http://www.google.com/ig> and sign in, if necessary  
In Internet Explorer, choose **Internet Options** (**Options** in Firefox) from the **Tools** menu  
Click the **Use Current** button (**Use Current Pages** in Firefox), and then click **OK**

## Step 7: Create a Facebook account

Visit <http://www.facebook.com>  
Fill out the **Sign up for Facebook** form  
Complete the sign up process as directed

## Step 8: Customize your Facebook profile

Visit <http://www.facebook.com> and sign in, if necessary  
Click **View and edit your profile** (or click **Edit** next to **Profile** at the top of the screen)  
On each screen (Basic, Contact, Relationships, etc.) fill in as much information as you are comfortable sharing and click **Save changes**  
In the top-right, click **Privacy** and then **Profile**  
Select the options you are comfortable with, then click **Save Changes** at the bottom

## Step 9: Find friends and family on Facebook

Visit <http://www.facebook.com> and sign in, if necessary  
Use the **search** box on the left to search for friends and family by name or e-mail address  
If you find someone, click **Add as Friend**  
Add a personal message, if desired, then click **Add Friend**  
Once your friend confirms your request, s/he will show up in your list of Friends

## Step 10: Keep it going

As you find new blogs and sites, add their RSS feeds to Google Reader  
Click on interesting stories, read the comments, and add your own  
Check in on Facebook once per week to update your status and check in on friends  
While logged into Facebook, check the **Online Friends** link at the bottom to see who's online and available to chat (indicated by a green dot); click someone's name and type a message

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