

Widgets

Definition from the Tech Terms Computer Dictionary

<http://www.techterms.com/definition/widget>

A widget is a small program run by the Mac OS X Dashboard or the Yahoo! Widget Engine. Dashboard is only available on Macintosh computers, while the Yahoo! Widget Engine is available for both Windows and Macintosh platforms. Dashboard and Yahoo! widgets are not compatible with each other, so similar widgets must be created separately for each widget engine.

Some common widgets include weather guides, stock lists, flight trackers, calendars, and search boxes for various websites. Widgets are convenient tools since they are always only one click or keystroke away. By default, pressing the F12 key brings up Dashboard widgets on the Mac, while pressing the F8 key brings up Yahoo! widgets. When widgets are active, they jump to the front of the screen. When Dashboard widgets are not active, they completely disappear, while Yahoo! widgets move to the background.

The idea of widgets started with a program called Konfabulator, which allowed many small programs to run simultaneously on the computer's desktop. Apple introduced a similar program, called Dashboard, with the release of Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger. Shortly after, in 2005, Yahoo! bought Konfabulator and now markets the program as the Yahoo! Widget Engine. While both widget engines come with several standard widgets, there are thousands more available online.

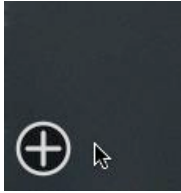
1. Click on the Dashboard icon in your dock (or depress the tiny button on your Mighty Mouse.)



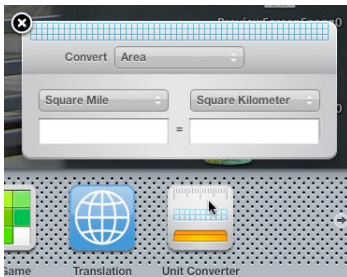
2. Your widgets will appear on your desktop. Click on your desktop to make your widgets disappear.



3. Click on the “I” to configure your widget. Click on “done” to set.



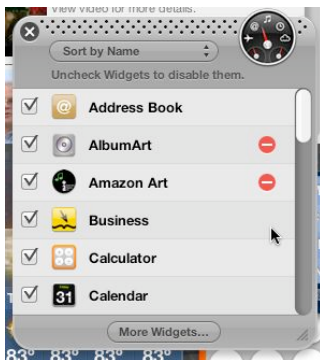
4. Click on the + icon to see your widget menu.



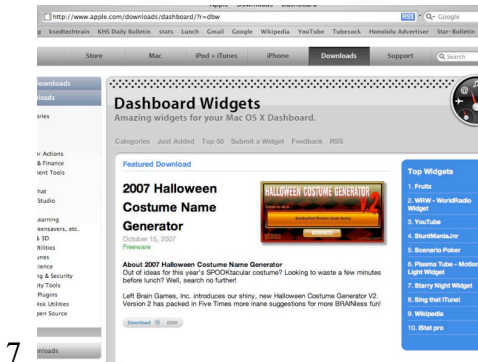
5. When you click on the icon in the menu bar, your widget will appear on screen. Click on the “x” if you do not want that widget activated.



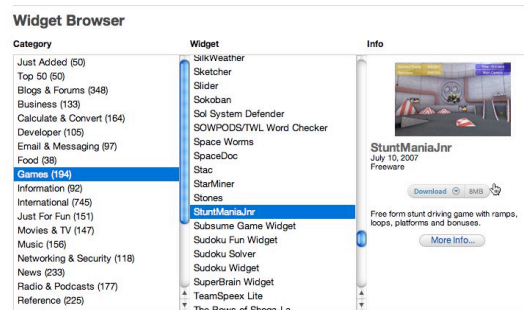
6. Click on “Manage Widgets” to access more widgets.



Then click on “More Widgets.”



7. This will take you to the Apple website.



Here you can browse for cool widgets. They're all free.

8. After you find one, click on "download." Then click on "install."



Then click on "keep."

9. Pau.