

In Windows® XP you can add gadgets to your Google "side bar" to just like the one in Vista. Here is my desktop with a larger image of the sidebar itself.



This is the "side bar". It looks a bit like glass and sits at the side of the screen. You can make it wider and more the gadgets around, even to another part of the screen - that's called "undocking".

You can add and remove gadgets from a huge store. See below for my gadgets on show.



Weather forecast - can be reset for Bristol or a holiday destination.

A notepad or "scratchpad" - you can make this as big or small as needed. As you can see I was busy.

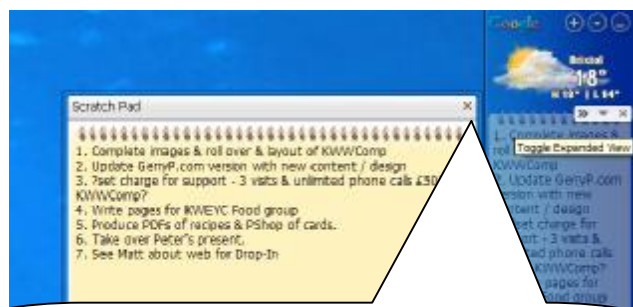
This is just one of the alarm clocks I found 12 / 24 hour options.

I like this style of clock - you can also "undock" this and move it to a different part of the screen.

Quick search with Google

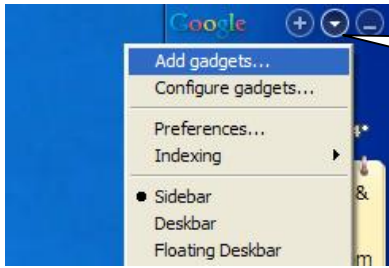


To see more of a gadget move the mouse into it. This grey bar appears - click on the "<<" symbol.

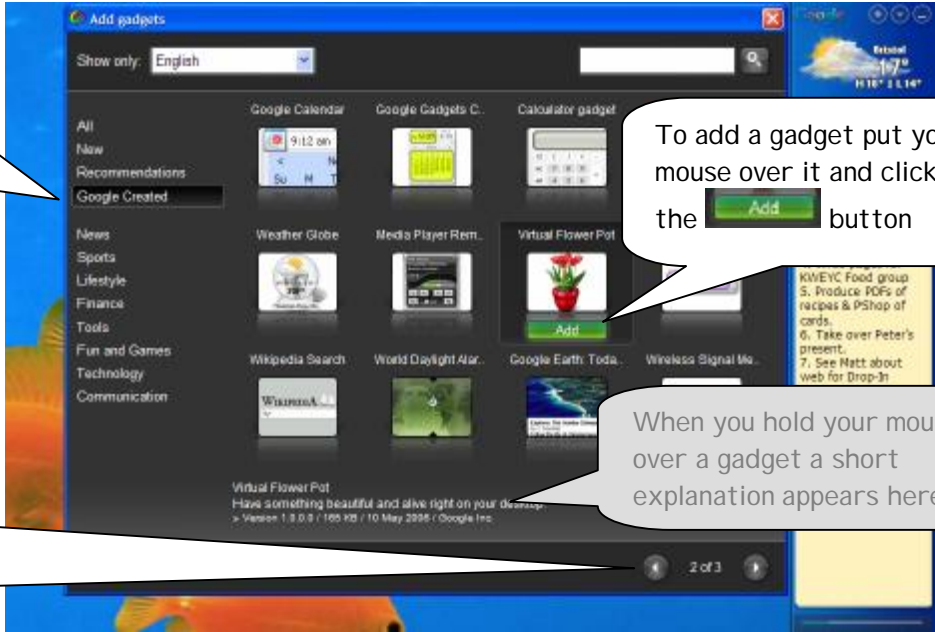


The "scratchpad" moves out and gets bigger. You can make changes here or read it if this is easier. Click the "X" symbol to close it back

Now the fun part – adding gadgets.



Move the mouse to the very top of the side bar next to the Google symbol. Click on this 'plus' symbol to open the 'Add gadgets' window.



There are different categories to look through. Why not start with the ones created by Google©

To add a gadget put your mouse over it and click the Add button

Use these arrows to move through the pages. In this case I'm on the 2nd of 3 pages.

When you hold your mouse over a gadget a short explanation appears here

I decided to add a bowl of tulips. If you hold your mouse over the pot 'rain' falls and the flowers gradually open. I managed to 'grow' these while I wrote this sheet.



- I could have picked:
- Latest news
 - Weight / money converters
 - A website translator - English to 7 languages
 - Calenderers & clocks
 - Games - Sudoku, chess, PacMan etc.
 - Stocks & shares
 - Daily Horoscopes
 - You Tube videos
 - Live webcam from Monterey Aquarium
 - Etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.,

