

Dashboard Widget Resources

Dashboard Utilities

Dashboard Kickstart (free)

Not a Widget, but a small application that makes Dashboard more responsive. With it, you'll always have the Dashboard ready to use the first time you want. This application runs in the background and reacts to the starting or re-starting of the Dock. When that happens it initiates the starting of the Dashboard. This prevents the delay you otherwise experience when launching Dashboard the first time you want to use it.

<http://www.alwintroost.nl/?id=40>

Widget-to-Desktop (donationware)

If you'd rather have one or more Widgets right on your desktop instead of having to go to the Dashboard, this will do it. Widget-to-Desktop is an Automator action that allows you to run Dashboard Widgets right on your desktop. Once installed, you move a Widget around in Dashboard and hold the Dashboard hotkey. It will spawn the Widget on your desktop. Please read the manual before you begin using this app.

<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/24561/widget-to-desktop>

Widgets

Note: There are different kinds of Widgets. Some, for instance, are designed to be embedded in websites. What you want are Widgets specifically designed for the Mac OS Dashboard, so if you do a web search for Widgets, be sure to include the word "dashboard".

Sources

Here are some sources for more than 5,000 Dashboard Widgets.

<http://www.apple.com/downloads/dashboard/>

<http://www.macupdate.com/dashboard.php>

<http://widgets.yahoo.com/>

Make Your Own

You can turn a selected part of any website into a Widget in the Dashboard. This is done by clicking on the **Webclip** icon in the upper left in Safari, selecting the part of the website, clicking on it, then clicking on **Add** in the upper right. Try it! The resulting Widget will then act exactly like the part of the website you clipped. This makes an easy way to navigate directly to a part of a website that you use often.

