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Review Guide
Google Personalized Home for mobile

Google Personalized Home for mobile brings the information you care about to your mobile device. Combining Google functionality and content from across the web, the mobile version of Google's personalized homepage delivers hand-picked content that's easy to read and navigate.

Benefits of Google Personalized Home for mobile

Information you want to see – and nothing more. The mobile version of Google Personalized Home collects and displays the same content available in the web version. Examples include your Gmail inbox, stock quotes, news headlines, weather reports, and movie times. A personalized homepage can also include RSS or Atom feeds offered by other sites, so you can select and customize the content you want to receive.
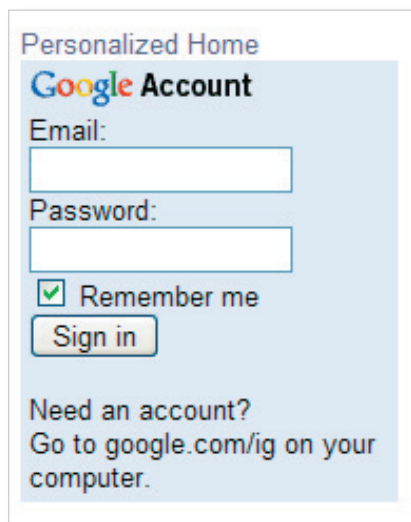
Everything on one screen. Since thumb-typing URLs on a mobile phone is painfully slow, Google Personalized Home for mobile aggregates content sources into a single, scrollable page. No more multiple round trips in search of information.

This is how your screen looks after you have configured your content selections

Getting started

1) To confirm that your phone includes an xHTML-capable browser, visit **http://www.google.com/** using your phone. If you see the colorful Google logo, you'll be able to use Google Personalized Home for mobile.

2) If you don't already have a Google personalized homepage on your computer desktop, you will need to do two things:

   - Have a working Google Account. If you've used services like Gmail, Google Groups, Google Alerts, Froogle Shopping List, or Personalized Search, you already have one. If not, create one at **https://www.google.com/accounts/.**

   - Configure your personalized homepage on your computer. Set up your desktop version by going here: **http://www.google.com/ig.**

Signing up for a Google Account is easy.

3) Once you've set up your Google Account and you're signed in, go to the Google homepage on your computer and click on the 'Personalized Home' link in the top right corner of your screen. Next, use the left column to add sections to your homepage. Once the section appears on your homepage, click on the 'edit' link to adjust the section's settings.
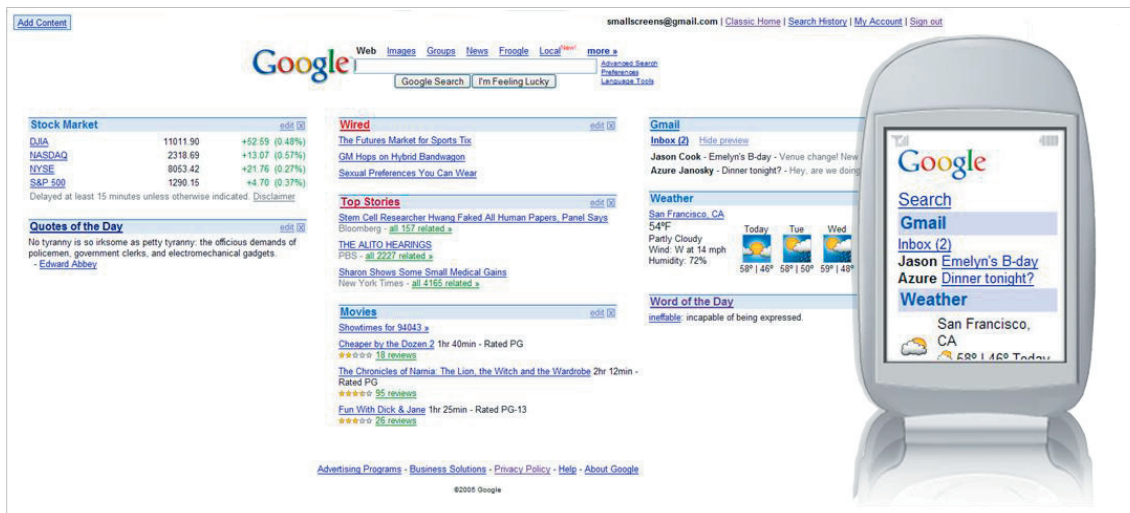
Using Google Personalized Home for mobile

1) Visit **http://www.google.com** with your mobile phone browser.

2) Select the 'Personalized Home' link below the radio buttons, then sign in with your Google Account username and password. Because phones tend to be personal devices that are rarely shared, you will see a "Remember me" box that is already checked by default. (Of course, uncheck it if you wish to sign in each time.) If you choose "Remember me," you will see the Google page without having to sign in again.

3) All set! Now when you visit **http://www.google.com** using your mobile, you'll see the same customized content modules you've chosen on your desktop.

Customizing content on Google Personalized Home (web and mobile)

The Google personalized home interface displays the same page sections on both mobile and web versions. At this time, you must personalize your Google homepage by signing into the web version, and making changes there. (Note also that content offerings from third parties using the Google API are not accessible from your mobile device.)

To add new content to your Google personalized home, click the 'Add Content' link in the upper lefthand corner. Select an item from the left panel to add it to your personalized homepage. (To delete a page section, click the delete icon in its header.)

You will also see that the computer desktop version features a three-column web format which will switch to an easier-to-read single-column format on your mobile.

The three-column format on a browser is displayed in one column separated by colored bars on your mobile device.

The sequence of information sections is automatically presented in this order (based on the content people access most on their phones):

- Gmail
- Weather
- Stocks
- Movies
- Other things under 'My Stuff'
- News
- Business
- Technology
- Sports
- Lifestyle
- Fun

If you don't have a particular content module turned on for your desktop page, that module won't appear on your mobile device either. (And if you don't have a Gmail account, your first item will be Weather.)

Any website offering an RSS or Atom web feed can be included as a page section by using the 'Create a Section' feature. (You may delete any and all content modules at any time.)

Requirements

Google Personalized Home for mobile requires a mobile device with an xHTML-capable web browser. In general, a color screen phone purchased within the past year is likely to have this functionality.

Google's mobile services are free, but carriers may charge data service rates for browsing the web with your phone. We recommend that you contact your carrier about an unlimited data plan. These are usually available for a flat monthly fee in order to avoid having to count bytes as you would minutes.

Google Personalized Home for mobile and your privacy

Google respects and protects the privacy of people who use our services. Please review our Privacy Policy at **http://www.google.com/privacy.html**, and note especially the "Personalized Home" section.

Feedback and support

Your opinions and feedback can help us improve Google Personalized Home for mobile, so please let us know what you like, what you don't like, and what you'd really like.

Write to us at **mobile-support@google.com**, and we'll do our best to respond quickly.

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