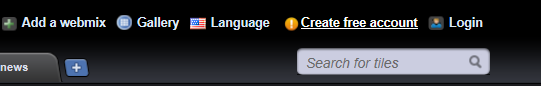
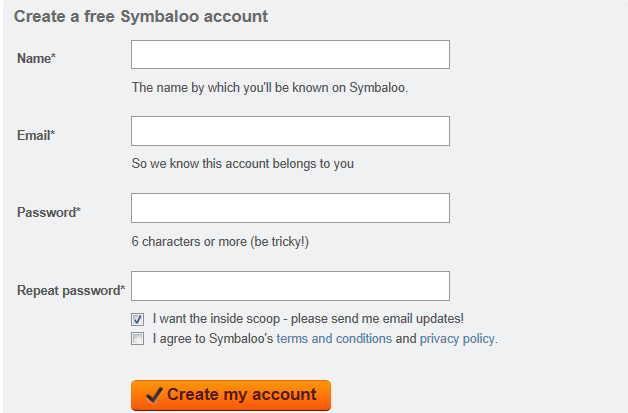
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| **Personal Learning Environments** |
| Using Symbaloo in the Classroom |
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| Directions: This handout details step-by-step directions on how to register for a Symbaloo Account. Also covered in this document will be how to edit/manage your home page, search for existing Webmixes, and creating your own. |
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**How to Create a Symbaloo Account**

1. Access [www.symbaloo.com](http://www.symbaloo.com) Click on “Create Free Account” on the top right of the viewing screen. 
2. Include the necessary information each of the designated fields. Your name1, your school email2 and designated password3 4. Deselect the “I want the inside scoop5” 🡺 Select the “I agree to Symbaloo’s terms6”… Click on the create_my_account.pngbutton located on the bottom of the frame.



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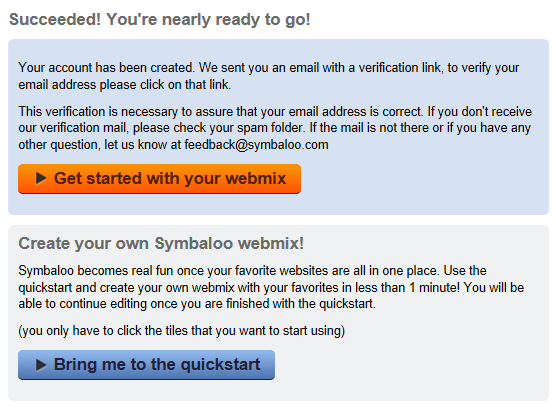
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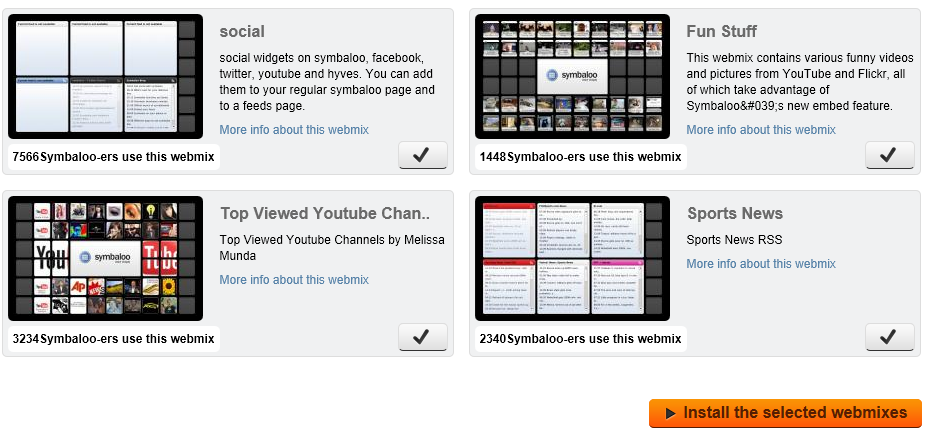
1. Click on the bring_me_to_the_quickstart.png button….



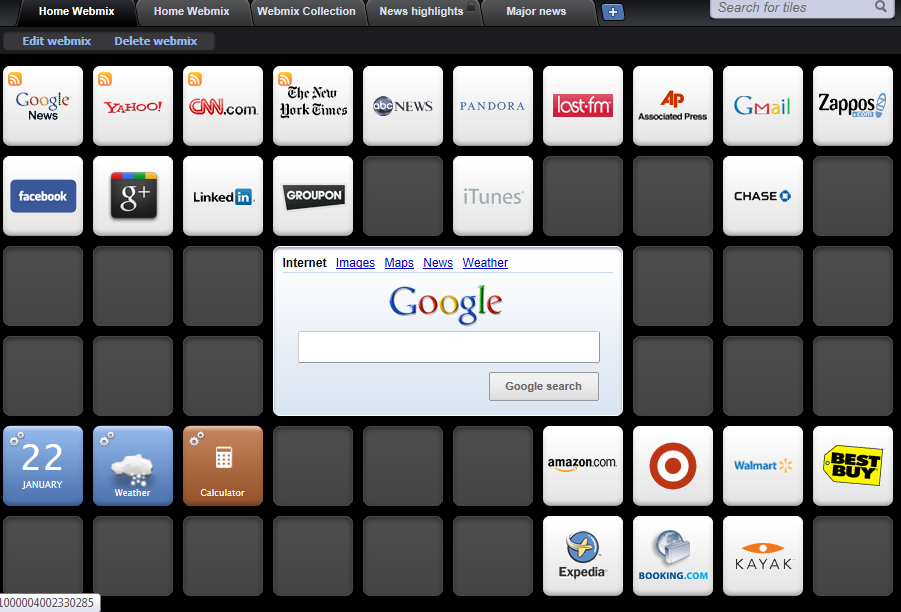
1. Click on the tiles you would like to add to your Symbaloo webmix. If you click "Create webmix" at the bottom, a new page with the selected tiles will be created.



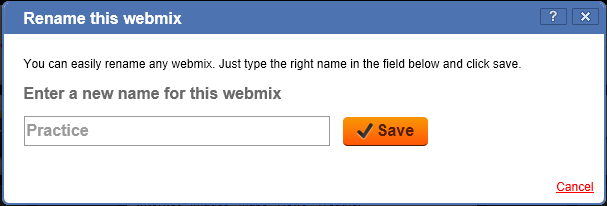
1. At this time, do not add any other webmixes to your choice….just click on the install_the_selcted_webmixes.png button on the bottom right.



1. Symbaloo will preview your new webmix from the selections that you have made. Below, is the one I have created from my selections. (*Note how the tiles are grouped*). Click and drag allows you to move the tiles to blank areas for further customization.



1. Now you have 2 different tabs designated as “Home Webmix”. Change the name of the first one to “Practice” by clicking on the edit_webmix.png tab underneath the first home_webmix.pngtab. This automatically opens the editing toolbar (editing_toolbar.png) were the rename_webmix.png button allows you to change the name of the webmix from “**Home Webmix**” to “**Practice**”. Click save.png when done.



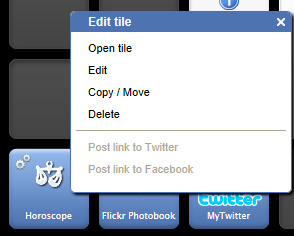
1. The Symbaloo user now has 5 Webmixes (collections of web resources) that you can edit (adding or deleting tiles) to your own personal needs. This is the beginning of making a Personal Learning Environment.

5_webmixes.png

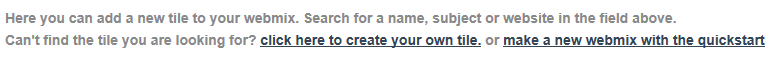
1. Clicking on the home_webmix.png designates a start page similar to a group of icons that are used in the desktop area in the popular Windows environment.



1. Right-click on tiles will provide users options to edit designated tiles. This is the menu provided when right-clicking on the  button. The options to open tile, edit the tile options, move it from its current location, and deletion are available. Also tiles can be removed by click and dragging a tile to the top of the screen and dropping it into the red garbage can icon (top right).



1. Adding a tile to your Home Webmix. Click on a blank tile area🡺 Click on “click here to create your own tile”🡺



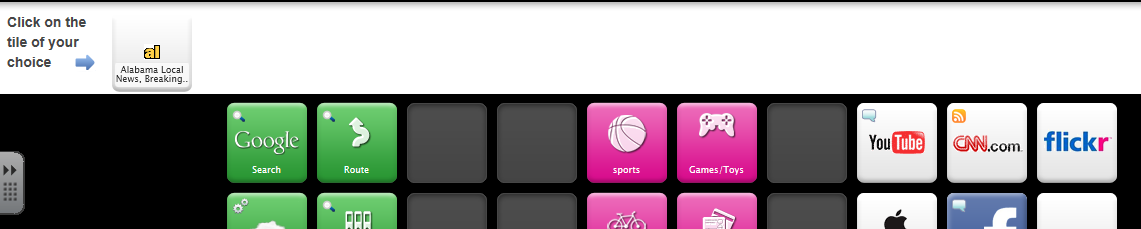
1. Complete the 3 step process to create a tile. Add the physical address of the website1. Click on the second box to confirm address. Determine if you want the name to be present on box (select box option) and choose text color2. Add color to tile and icon OR choose a picture that you want as background3. Click add.png to add new tile.



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1. Click and drag new tile into designated location…
2. Reviewing content in the webmix_collection.png (2nd tab) this is what it will look like. Symbaloo has given you a collection of resources in each tile. Some may be of use to you. For example, click on the red Food Recipes icon in the bottom right area. Click on the Soup Recipes (2nd row, 2nd column). Provided will be a webmix of collection of recipes…pretty neat, huh?



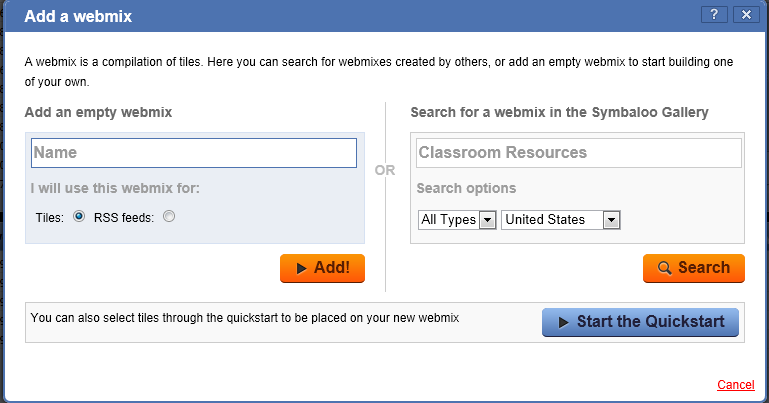
1. Reviewing content in the news_highligh_webmix.png (3rd tab) this is what it looks like. This webmix feature pictorial shortcut to current news events via yahoo. Clicking on any picture will take you to today’s story.



1. Reviewing content in the major_news.png (4th tab) this is what it looks like. This webmix is a live RSS feed with news stories from multiple news outlets and great place to begin research/ current events.



1. How to find existing webmixes already created. I have one titled “Classroom Resources”…we are going to add this webmix to your collection. Click the add_a_webmix.png button in the top right area 🡺 choose the section option on the right and enter “Classroom Resources” then click search.png



1. Go to the 3rd page of results and you find the one “Classroom Resources” with 635-665 users🡺 click view_this_webmix.png on the right side🡺 then click add_this_webmix.png button on the top or bottom right. This will automatically add this webmix to your collection designating this as a 6th webmix in your collection. Note that to remove webmix tabs previously opened 🡪 click on the webmix 🡪 then remove_blue.png🡪 then remove.png button.

current_tabs.png