Roll your own alternative to Ning.

Aaron Sumner
University of Kansas
Center for Research on Learning
SIDLIT, August 2010
Handout: http://db.tt/f8udAD
Slides: http://db.tt/rlZt5A
A little about me:

- 16 years experience developing web apps at KU, KU Med, University of Washington
- Developed Ning networks for projects at KU and ESU
April 15, 2010
An Update from Ning

Posted by Jason Rosenthal on April 16, 2010 – 3:13 pm

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know, we made a decision yesterday to focus 100% of the company on enhancing the features and services we offer to paying Ning Creators. The tens of thousands of you who already use our paid service represent over 75% of our traffic, and we've heard repeatedly from you ways that we can deliver a killer service to help make your Ning Network more effective. Some examples of things we are working on that you’ve asked for include new APIs, a new mobile experience and new advertising and revenue opportunities.

As part of this change, we’ll be phasing out our free service. On May 4, 2010, we will share with you all of the details of our new offering, including features and price points, through a series of blog posts, emails, and conference calls. We recognize that there are many active Ning Networks for teachers, small non-profits, and individuals and it’s our goal to have a set of product and pricing options that will make sense for all of them. For Ning Creators using our free service who choose to move to another service, we will offer a migration path and time to make that change. We will still continue to allow free trials and test networks on the Ning Platform.

We look forward to talking to you further on May 4th.
July 20, 2010
Last week our three new plans went live. Many of you chose to upgrade immediately to take advantage of our new features and get your transition out of the way early. If you haven’t chosen a plan yet, your three choices will remain available until August 20, 2010. Today, we want to give you some insight into the new plans, provide you with some additional ways to include music on your Ning Network, and highlight some of your most urgent questions.

**TOP 5 QUESTIONS**
Got a question about the new plans? We’ve collected the most popular questions we’re hearing on Creators.

- How do I buy?
- Am I going to lose features?
- What happens to my content?
- When should I switch?
- No credit card. What can I do?

John McDonald  
VP, Advocacy

HAVEN'T UPGRADED TO MINI, PLUS OR PRO?  
GET STARTED NOW »
Three options:

1. Stick with Ning
2. Switch to a hosted, non-Ning platform
3. Host your own
1. Stick with Ning
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>NING MINI</strong></th>
<th><strong>NING PLUS</strong></th>
<th><strong>NING PRO</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The simplest and fastest way to set up a social network for your classroom, community group, small nonprofit or family</td>
<td>The tools and features you need to customize your Ning Network with greater design flexibility and control over your members’ experience</td>
<td>The ideal solution for building a custom social experience with premium add-ons, integration options, and more bandwidth and storage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>$2.95/month</strong>&lt;br&gt;or <strong>$19.95/year</strong>* (save 44%)</td>
<td><strong>$19.95/month</strong>&lt;br&gt;or <strong>$199.95/year</strong>* (save 16%)</td>
<td><strong>$49.95/month</strong>&lt;br&gt;or <strong>$499.95/year</strong>* (save 17%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Up to 150 members</td>
<td>Unlimited members</td>
<td>Unlimited members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full control over your branding and member experience</td>
<td>Full control over your branding and member experience</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Features include blogs, photos, forum and video embeds</td>
<td>Full feature set including events, groups, chat, pages and Ning Apps</td>
<td>Full feature set plus video and music uploads and branded players</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Simple customization options</td>
<td>Advanced customization options including CSS, Javascript and the Language Editor</td>
<td>Advanced customization options, plus the API access upgrade when launched</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Includes run your own ads</td>
<td>Includes run your own ads, use your own domain and remove Ning links</td>
<td>Includes run your own ads, use your own domain, remove Ning links and add storage and bandwidth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community-based support</td>
<td>Help Center support</td>
<td>Premium support</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plan</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Cost</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NING MINI</strong></td>
<td>The simplest and fastest way to set up a social network for your classroom,</td>
<td>$2.95/month or $19.95/year* (save 44%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>community group, small nonprofit or family</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NING PLUS</strong></td>
<td>The tools and features you need to customize your Ning Network with greater</td>
<td>$19.95/month or $199.95/year* (save 16%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>design flexibility and control over your members’ experience</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NING PRO</strong></td>
<td>The ideal solution for building a custom social experience with premium</td>
<td>$49.95/month or $499.95/year* (save 17%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>add-ons, integration options, and more bandwidth and storage</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2. Non-Ning hosted platforms
Enter Site Title
(this can be changed at any time)
Enter Site Address
http://www.name.spruz.com
Be the 401,797th person to make a free website with us!

Spruz welcomes Ning Social Network Creators! Get Started
We have live chat staff on hand to help you with your questions or if you need help getting familiar with the Spruz Platform. Our Live Chat Buttons are located on our website and in the management bar of your new Spruz powered website! Spruz Welcomes You!

Try our Ning Member Migration Script
Spruz allows you to export your data, and we will never market to your members.

Social Networking
God's Green America has utilized the Spruz platform's strong social networking capabilities to promote...
Free or Pay it is up to you. Our plans help you grow before you have to pay us a dime!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Features</th>
<th>Free</th>
<th>20G</th>
<th>100G</th>
<th>250G</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pricing</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>$9.95/mo</td>
<td>$19.95/mo</td>
<td>$49.95/mo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member Limit</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monthly Bandwidth/Transfer Allowance</td>
<td>5GB</td>
<td>20GB</td>
<td>100GB</td>
<td>250GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Space*</td>
<td>100MB</td>
<td>2000MB</td>
<td>10,000MB</td>
<td>25,000MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User your own domain name (myname.com)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ad Placement Module</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Word Replacement Filter Control</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member Subscription Module</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Video Processing</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shopping Cart</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
<td>Add $10/mo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove “Powered by Spruz”</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Add $4.95/mo</td>
<td>Add $4.95/mo</td>
<td>Included</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Promotional advertisements may display on free website accounts. Save up to 50% by prepaying your plan!
## Pricing

GROU.PS has a very simple pricing plan:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Storage Tier</th>
<th>Bandwidth Tier</th>
<th>Pricing</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>First 10GB</td>
<td>First 100GB Data Transfer</td>
<td><strong>FREE</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next 1TB</td>
<td>Next 10TB Data Transfer</td>
<td>0.90 Crd* per GB of storage and 10GB of data transfer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next 4TB</td>
<td>Next 40TB Data Transfer</td>
<td>0.85 Crd* per GB of storage and 10GB of data transfer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next 15TB</td>
<td>Next 150TB Data Transfer</td>
<td>0.80 Crd* per GB of storage and 10GB of data transfer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage Used</td>
<td>Data Transfer</td>
<td>0.75 Crd* per GB of storage and 10GB of data transfer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Crd means Credits

Also we offer Premium Support, with 24 hour response guaranteed for max 30 tickets per month and it's 10 credits per month. ([http://premiumsupport.grou.ps](http://premiumsupport.grou.ps))
mixxt for colleagues and partners

- Create a network for colleagues and partners
- Discuss and share ideas and projects in Forums
- Keep your knowledge and experiences in your wiki
- Communicate faster, more efficient and more productively
- Use the power of shared knowledge and collaboration

Start your own free Social Network with these features:

- Forums
- Events
- Wiki
- Your design
- Images
- Private networks

Search for networks

Featured networks

Largest networks  Most active networks  All networks
No word on pricing.
Build a **FREE** Social Networking Website in minutes

Whether you're a beginner or seasoned developer, build a feature-packed Social Network customized for your group on SocialGO. No software, hosting or coding required just pick your features, monetization options, support package and go.

1. **Is Social Networking for me?**
   SocialGO let's you take your offline community online so you can build a thriving social network where you & your members can communicate & share.

   Manage & organize your community and even build a lasting and profitable business.

   View some of our social networks and see how people are bringing offline communities online today.

2. **Create a Network**
   Name your social networking website:

   Choose an address:

   http://[your-username].socialgo

   Add your own domain later.

   **It’s FREE! Click Here**

   Go for a **Premium Network** now

3. **Help on Demand**
   Choose to D.I.Y. or get a helping hand from us. SocialGO has a range of services to help you set up and run your network.

   **GO Setup and Design**
   We will work with you to setup, create, design and launch your SocialGO network.

   **SocialGO Concierge**
   Get a personal support service from a member of the SocialGO team.

   **SocialGO Help**
   24/7 Helpdesk & useful tutorials.

---

Social Networks Made With SocialGO...
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Concierge</th>
<th>Premium</th>
<th>Free</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monthly subscription</td>
<td>$149.99/mo.</td>
<td>$24.99/mo.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Free trial period</td>
<td>7 DAYS FREE</td>
<td>1 MONTH FREE</td>
<td>FREE FOREVER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Included storage</td>
<td>UNLIMITED</td>
<td>UNLIMITED</td>
<td>1 GB Storage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Included bandwidth</td>
<td>UNLIMITED</td>
<td>UNLIMITED</td>
<td>10 GB Bandwidth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standard features</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No SocialGO advertising</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run your own advertising</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Widget store</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use your own URL</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Live audio/video chat</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advanced layout manager</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advanced developer access</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network Setup &amp; Design Service</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Priority Support</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>White Label</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No SocialGO branding or references.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add $19.99/mo.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member Billing</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>×</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Create your own social network

Our award-winning platform provides a great way to connect, share and collaborate. Ideal for businesses, schools, universities, groups and associations.

Get Started!
Sign up for your own social network with a free 15 day trial.

Email address:

Choose a network address:

Register now!

Got a question? Get in touch

Everything you need for a great social network
Elgg enables you to create a rich social environment, with a host of features that facilitate communication and collaboration
More.

Keep control of your data and relationships
Maintain full ownership and control over your data, with a platform built on our award-winning open source software.

Customize your site to engage your audience
Choose from a selection of compelling themes, upload your own logo or banner and make it your own. Need something tailored just for you? We can help.
Create your own social network for free and paid plans

Our award-winning platform helps you connect, share and collaborate.

See more organizations who create social networks

Everything you need to create your own great social network.

Elgg enables you to create a rich online environment, with a host of features that facilitate communication and collaboration.

More.

---

**Pilot**

To get up and running with Elgg, this package is a low cost option.

- Monthly subscription: $29.95
- Number of users: 100
- Features:
  - User profiles
  - Activity streams
  - Conversations
  - Channels
  - File sharing
  - Social bookmarks
  - Facebook / Twitter login
  - Blogs
  - Groups
  - Pages
  - Video embeds
  - Photo Albums
  - Google App Integration
  - Export all data

- Custom options:
  - Custom branding and design
    - Your own logo or banner
    - Choose from professional themes
  - Your own domain name
    - $4.95 month
  - SSL encryption
  - Dedicated communities
    - Customized to your requirements

- Deployment:
  - Storage/bandwidth allowance: 1GB/10GB

- Support and consulting:
  - Support channel: Forum / Email
  - Level: Unlimited / 5 tickets per month
  - Education and training

---

**Popular**

The best way to get a fully featured, unlimited user, social hub into your organization.

- Monthly subscription: $49.95
- Number of users: Unlimited
- Features:
  - User profiles
  - Activity streams
  - Conversations
  - Channels
  - File sharing
  - Social bookmarks
  - Facebook / Twitter login
  - Blogs
  - Groups
  - Pages
  - Video embeds
  - Photo Albums
  - Google App Integration
  - Export all data

- Custom options:
  - Custom branding and design
    - Your own logo or banner
    - Choose from professional themes
  - Your own domain name
    - Fully customized to meet your branding and design requirements

- Deployment:
  - Storage/bandwidth allowance: 3GB/30GB

- Support and consulting:
  - Support channel: Forum / Email
  - Level: Unlimited / 10 tickets per month
  - Education and training

---

**Campus**

A dedicated option designed for institutions, school districts and large organizations.

- Find out more
- Features will be customized and configured as required to meet your objectives

- Deployment:
  - Storage/bandwidth allowance: Customized

- Support and consulting:
  - Support channel: Phone, email or on-site consulting
  - Level: Premium support levels, tailored to meet your needs
  - Education and training

---

Learn more about getting started.
3. Host your own
Comparison of social networking software

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Social Network Engine Comparison

Social Network Engines provide the basis for community driven content and social/business networking.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>BuddyPress</th>
<th>EngineY</th>
<th>PeopleAggregator</th>
<th>ELGG</th>
<th>Mugshot</th>
<th>Drupal</th>
<th>Telligent Community</th>
<th>iScripts Socialware</th>
<th>ImpressCMS</th>
<th>Joomla!</th>
<th>PHPZabi</th>
<th>ODS</th>
<th>Jcow</th>
<th>phpFox</th>
<th>XOOPS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>License</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>Apache 2.0</td>
<td>Custom [1] [5]</td>
<td>Open source under the GPL 2.0[2] [6]</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
<td>GPL 2.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free (not free, $2700–$20,000) [clarification needed]</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Per License</td>
<td>Per License, $147.00</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>$99, $199, $299</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source Code</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Freely available via stable releases and development SVN</td>
<td>SVN[6]</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1.2pre6</td>
<td>1.7.1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>5.12, 6.16</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>1.13</td>
<td>1.5.12</td>
<td>0.848b C1 HFP1</td>
<td>5.0.5</td>
<td>1.3.5</td>
<td>2.0.5</td>
<td>2.4.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Codebase</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>Ruby, Rails</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL/PostgreSQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td>PHP, MySQL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSO support</td>
<td>Facebook Connect, Twitter Connect, LDAP, OpenID (via plugins)</td>
<td>Facebook Connect, LDAP, OpenID</td>
<td>Yahoo! Flickr ID, OpenID, QanSpace (under dev)</td>
<td>LDAP built in, OpenID by plugin</td>
<td>Yes – OpenID, LDAP, Active Directory, Facebook, Cookie, Forms</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes – OpenID by module</td>
<td>Yes – OpenID, LDAP, Active Directory, built in</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes – OpenID and YubiKey compliant</td>
<td>Yes – OpenID, module</td>
<td>Facebook Connect</td>
<td>Yes – LDAP + Active Directory, built in</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Nice things about Elgg and BuddyPress:

- Open Source (free)
- Written in PHP
- Relatively easy to configure
- Good functionality out of the box
- Plugin architecture
- Hosting options available
Caveats:

- No clean way to export from Ning into Elgg (yet)
- You need server access
- You need some tech know-how
- Yet-another-social-network
Setup:

- Download Elgg or BuddyPress
- Configure your web server
- Add the database
Enter your database settings below and hit save:

Database user: ruralocityelgg

Database password: ********

Elgg database: ruralocity_elggdemo

Database hostname (usually 'localhost'): ruralocity-elggdemo.rura

Database table prefix (usually 'elgg_'): elgg_
System settings

Elgg's database was installed successfully.

Now that the Elgg database has been successfully installed, you need to enter a couple of pieces of information to get your site fully up and running. We've tried to guess where we could, but you should check these details.

The name of your site (eg "My social networking site"):  
SIDLIT 2010 Network

Short description of your site (optional)  
A demonstration network for the SIDLIT conference.

Site email address (used when sending system emails)  
asumner@ku.edu

The site URL, followed by a trailing slash:  
http://localhost:8888/elgg/

The full path to your site root on your disk, followed by a trailing slash:  
/Applications/MAMP/htdocs/elgg/

The full path to the directory where uploaded files will be stored, followed by a trailing slash:  
/Applications/MAMP/elggdata/
Enter the view which will be used as the default for your site or leave this blank for the default view (if in doubt, leave as default):

```
default
```

The default language for your site:  

The default access permissions:  

Debug mode provides extra information which can be used to diagnose faults. However, it can slow your system down so should only be used if you are having problems:

```
Turn off debug mode (recommended)
```

Enable this to have user logins performed over HTTPS. You will need to have https enabled on your server for this to work.

- [ ] Enable HTTPS logins

The RESTful API is a flexible and extensible interface that enables applications to use certain Elgg features remotely.

- [x] Enable the RESTful API
Your initial configuration settings have been saved. Now register your initial user; this will be your first system administrator.
Register
Display name
Aaron Sumner
Email address
asumner@ku.edu
Username
asumner
Password

Password (again for verification)

Register
You have successfully registered for SIDLIT 2010 Network.
You have been logged in.

Your new Elgg site has been successfully installed and your administrator account created. You can now configure your site further by enabling various installed plugin tools.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tool Administration</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>blog</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elgg blog plugin</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>bookmarks</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elgg bookmarks plugin</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>captcha</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provides captcha support (Requires the php_gd library.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>categories</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site wide categories</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>crontrigger</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provides a poor man's cron trigger to trigger cron scripts based on site visits.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>custom_index</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A simple plugin to replace the sites index page with boxes containing the latest content from the site.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>more info</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SIDLIT 2010 Network

Your dashboard is your gateway into the site. Click 'Edit page' to add widgets to keep track of content and your life within the system.

Alternatively, click here to view the latest content from across the site.
Add widgets to your page

Choose the features you want to add to your page by dragging them from the Widget gallery on the right, to any of the three widget areas below, and position them where you would like them to appear.

To remove a widget drag it back to the Widget gallery.

Left widgets  Middle widgets  Right widgets

Widget gallery

Bookmarks

Group membership

Your dashboard is your gateway into the site. Click 'Edit page' to add widgets to keep track of content and your life within the system.

Alternatively, click here to view the latest content from across the site.
Add widgets to your page

Choose the features you want to add to your page by dragging them from the Widget gallery on the right, to any of the three widget areas below, and position them where you would like them to appear.

To remove a widget drag it back to the Widget gallery.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Left widgets</th>
<th>Middle widgets</th>
<th>Right widgets</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Group membership</td>
<td></td>
<td>Bookmarks</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Your dashboard is your gateway into the site. Click 'Edit page' to add widgets to keep track of content and your life within the system.

Alternatively, click here to view the latest content from across the site.
Add widgets to your page

Choose the features you want to add to your page by dragging them from the Widget gallery on the right, to any of the three widget areas below, and position them where you would like them to appear.

To remove a widget drag it back to the Widget gallery.
Aaron Sumner

Brief description: Director of Technology for Research and Development, CRL

Location: lawrence ks

Interests: baseball, bowling, kansas jayhawks

Skills: ruby on rails, social media, adobe connect

Contact email: asumner@ku.edu

Website: http://www.aaronsumner.com/

About me
I'm the Director of Technology for Research and Development and the Center for Research on Learning at the University of Kansas. I set this site up to demonstrate Elgg at the 2010 SIDLIT conference.

Group membership

iPad Users Group
We are iPad users who want to get the most of Apple's magical device.

Rushmore Bombardment

Blog

Blog: Showing off Elgg
Aaron Sumner yesterday

More blog posts
Welcome to Elgg's plugin directory.

What are plugins?
Plugins extend your Elgg site by adding additional functionality, languages and themes. They are contributed by members of the Elgg community.

To get started you could either browse the available plugins, or search for a specific one, upload one of your own, or rate & comment on others.

Categories
- All (955)
- Site admin (28)
- User admin (23)
- Events (13)
- Authentication (18)
- Clients (0)
- Photos and Images (9)
- Third Party integrations (25)
- Tools (43)
- Media (22)
- Communication (44)
- Widgets (51)
- Games (4)
- eCommerce (3)
- Languages (159)
- Themes (81)
- Misc (47)
- Uncategorized (385)

Newest
- Admins
  - Uploaded 5 hours ago (19)
- Milocker.com Shoutcast Radio Plugin
  - Uploaded 13 hours ago (25)

Most downloads
- Tidypics Photo Gallery Plugin
  - Uploaded 488 days ago (24403)
- Simple BlueWhite Theme
  - Uploaded 637 days ago (15440)

Most recommended
- Profile Manager
  - Uploaded 337 days ago (10455)
- Tidypics Photo Gallery Plugin
  - Uploaded 488 days ago (24403)
Try it out!

http://elgg.ruralocity.com/
Handout: http://db.tt/f8udAD
Slides: http://db.tt/rIZt5A
Thanks!

Keep in touch:

On the clock:

asumner@ku.edu
@stratepedia
blog.stratepedia.org

Off the clock:

@ruralocity
www.aaronsumner.com
@everydayrails
www.everydayrails.com

facebook.com/stratepedia