

# SIDEBAR *gadgetline*

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## Introduction

First of all my thanks and gratitude go out to the original authors of some of the gadgets. These are in random order :

- Clock and cpu gadget : Microsoft
- Easy shutdown gadget : Vonzz
- Pop3 email checker : Thomas Pleasance
- Harddisk usage gadget : Sfkilla
- Network Utilisation : Jonathan Abbott
- Weather : Accuweather.Com
- Feed Reader : Cristian Patrasciuc

Permissions to 'mod' these 'no-house' gadgets are included below. All other gadgets are written and designed by me.

## Summary

This package consists of 16 equally themed gadgets that are great to have in your sidebar for daily usage. So what do we have in this package?

- Clock : analog clock to display the time.
- Radio : this is a streaming mediaplayer to play radiostation streams from the internet, in this release i've bundelled the "digitally imported" radiostreams.
- Stats : this one displays your online/offline status, the computers uptime, your local ip adress. Optionally you can make it display the current date and/or wireless network info and/or battery info.
- Control : quickly reboot, hybernate, shutdown, logoff or lock your computer.
- Launcher : have easy acces to your 3 most favourite programs or folders.
- Pop3 email : this gadget tells you when there"s new email in one of your mailboxes.

- Recyclebin : empty or open the recyclebin, or view the number of files in your bin by clicking on the gadget icon.
- Netgraf : this one displays your network traffic in two ways, grafically and realtime.
- Cpu and ram : to see how much stress your computer is taking at the moment.
- Weather : if you never come out, at least with this gadget you now know what wheather it is outside.
- Calendar : this one is for usage on the desktop and displays the date like a normal calendar would do.
- Postit notes white : for desktop usage only with standard big handwriting font and a tape on top of the gadget, this gadget has 6 white postits with slightly different tapes.
- Postit notes yellow : for desktop usage only with standard big handwriting font and a tape on top of the gadget, this gadget has 6 colourfull postits with slightly different tapes.
- Newsfeedreader : for reading newsfeeds in the sidebar or on the desktop, you can import feeds from internet explorer or add them manually.
- Diskmon : for monitoring your harddisk free space, this gadget can monitor 3 disks at once, you can monitor free space on usb sticks or dvd rw media as well!
- Ispmonitor : (Dutch edition only) for monitoring your monthly bandwidth usage with your service provider. Most of the Belgian and Dutch providers are supported. For this gadget to work you must install the program ispmonitor from here : <http://ispmonitor.be/>

# Installation

When you are reading this you probably figured out how to unzip the downloaded package (duh?) so once properly unzipped you will see 12 sidebar gadgetfiles, you just click them to install them.

All gadgets will work on any installation of windows vista, nomather what language you`re on, the output Of the gadgets is in English. (that is if you have installed the English gadgets, the output of the Dutch gadgets is in Dutch)

## The gadgets quickly explained (special functions)

### ***Email gadget :***

when the mail icon is clicked a flyout pops up with more info on how much email is on witch account, double clicking on the other part of the gadget opens you standard email client.

### ***Recyclebin gadget :***

when you click on the bin icon you will see a flyout with more info on how much files and the current size of the recyclebin.

### ***Weather gadget :***

has alarms for all us locations, a flyout with 5 day weather forecast. Most of its info is clickable to connect to the website [Accuweather.com](http://Accuweather.com) to get more information.

### ***The stats gadget :***

has some interesting options, check them out. The options are displayed in sequence with intervals of approx. 6 seconds.

***Launcher gadget :***

in the settings you can browse for executables to link to, give these links custom names and choose a custom icon for them. You can link to folders aswell to files. (eg type c:\ in the link area and the launcher will open a window displaying the root of your c-drive)

If you want to link to Mycomputer you should add following link :

::{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}

# Permissions

**The original authors all got an email or a pm with the following question :**

- *Hello, my name is Gersma and i'm from Belgium, i am currently working on a gadget suite for the vista sidebar, and i would like to include your gadget in it, with another background and a bit modified code. Would that be ok for you? you can se a preview here of the suite : [http://users.skynet.be/gersma2/yingyang\\_screenshot.png](http://users.skynet.be/gersma2/yingyang_screenshot.png) Plz contact me. Thx in advance... Gerdy*

**These were their answers :**

## **Kristian Kenny**

from the uptime gadget :

- *Feel free to do this. Looks great, by the way.*

## **Vonzz**

from the easy shutdown gadget :

- *Hi !! No problem for that ... All I ask you to do is to say my name ( Vonzz ) somewhere in a kind of participation !!! I'll be father really soon (about 2-4 days max.) so I don't have much time for working on gadget for now but i'll come back to build more of them ... and more efficient. I'm looking for implement a confirmation to my shutdown gadget ... See ya ! And PM me when your suite will be ready !!*

## **Jonathan Abbot**

from the network utilisation gadget :

- *I think you mean the Network and CPU Utilization Gadgets. Yes, feel free to include them. I'd include some documentation with a link back to their respective home pages though - just in case they find any bugs etc.*

## **Thomas Pleasance**

from the pop3mail gadget :

- *Hi Gerdy That would be fine to use my gadget in your gadget suite.*

## **Sfkilla**

from the haddisk usage gadget :

- *Need this information inside the coding of the gadget, Just past the info above inside the coding....Also i need a link to The Hobby Lounge.You have space enough inside the gadget settings to putt a link there :) (surely in the readme files you talked about too) There is one thing i'm concerned about... i often update my gadgets and i directly realised that you used an older build version. which will be buggy in some cases (exemple try to run your gadget in 120dpi resolution) you will see what i mean. For the rest, as long as you include what i asked....i'm ok with it ;) Regards SFkilla*

Enjoy This Release

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