



Radio UserLand

Radio UserLand Quick Start Guide

Welcome to the *Radio UserLand Quick Start Guide*. This Guide is written for Radio users on the Windows operating system. Mac users will notice slight differences.

We recommend printing a copy of this Guide for easy reference.

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Downloading and Installing Radio on your Computer ↩

On the Radio UserLand [Download page](#), follow instructions for downloading and installing the version of Radio for your computer. Once downloaded, double click the Radio UserLand Setup icon on your desktop to install. The installation process for Radio is very simple and takes only a few minutes to complete.

Launching Radio from your Desktop ↩

When Radio is installed, it places an icon on your desktop with the words Radio UserLand beneath the icon. Double-click on the icon to launch Radio. When Radio is launched, it will open your web browser to the Radio registration page. Depending on the configuration of your browser, you may need to enter this URL <http://127.0.0.1:5335/> into your browser's address bar to get to the registration page the first time you launch Radio.

Windows Users: When Radio is running, the application is hidden with an icon in the System Tray.

MacOS X Users: When Radio is first launched, it is still performing some startup tasks in the background. Complete the registration page, but don't hit the submit button right away. Wait a couple of minutes until Radio finishes, then continue.

After completing the registration, you are ready to begin using Radio. You will be taken to your unique Radio Desktop Website (Figure 1).



Albert Einstein's Radio Weblog

The screenshot shows the Radio Desktop Website interface. On the left is a WYSIWYG editor with a toolbar containing options for Paragraph, Font, Size, and Color. Below the toolbar are radio buttons for 'WYSIWYG' (selected) and 'Source', and a 'Post to Weblog' button with an orange question mark icon. On the right is a sidebar with a calendar for December 2003, a 'Cloud Links' section with an orange question mark icon, and several links: 'Home' (public page), 'Referers' (sites pointing to yours), 'Ranking by Page-Reads' (popular weblogs), and 'Updates' (recently updated weblogs).

Figure 1. The Desktop Website

From your Radio Desktop Website, you'll be able to write and manage your weblog. The URL for your Radio Desktop Website is <http://127.0.0.1:5335>. You can bookmark this page in your browser and return to it anytime Radio is running -- please open the Desktop Website and bookmark it now.

The Desktop Website has several work areas that you will quickly master. For a quick overview of the Desktop Website, please visit this [introductory page](#). Because the Desktop Website is served by Radio on your computer's hard drive, until you are ready for advanced features, you can only access the Desktop Website while using the computer on which the Radio UserLand application has been installed and is running.

Radio's Built-in Help System

Radio has a built-in help system. Every section of the Desktop Website includes a small orange icon with a question mark. When you click on one of the icons you are taken to Radio's [online help system](#) where you can learn more about each of Radio's features. Please take a moment and click on one of the help icons now in order to acquaint yourself with the information that is always at your disposal within the Radio UserLand application itself. You can return to your Desktop Website at any time by clicking on the "Home" button within the navigation bar at the top of every page.

Posting a Weblog Entry

The centerpiece of the Desktop Website is the Editing Box (Figure 2). The Editing Box looks like and can be used much like a typical word processor.

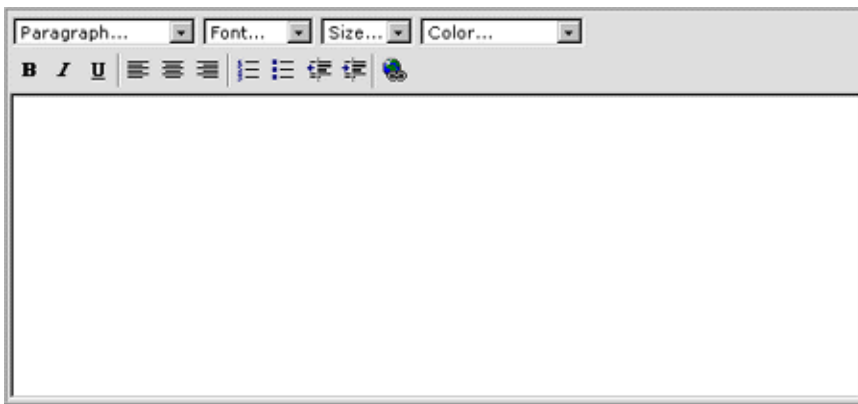


Figure 2. The Editing Box

Go ahead and type something in the Editing Box and then click on the "Post to Weblog" button located below the Editing Box. When you click this button, Radio sends the content that you just created to UserLand's Internet servers. You've just created a public weblog viewable by anyone on the Internet. To view your public weblog, click on the Home link located to the right of the Editing Box on your Desktop Website (Figure 3). Note your Radio Weblog's unique URL address in the address box at the top of the browser page. To return to your Desktop Website, click on the browser's back button.

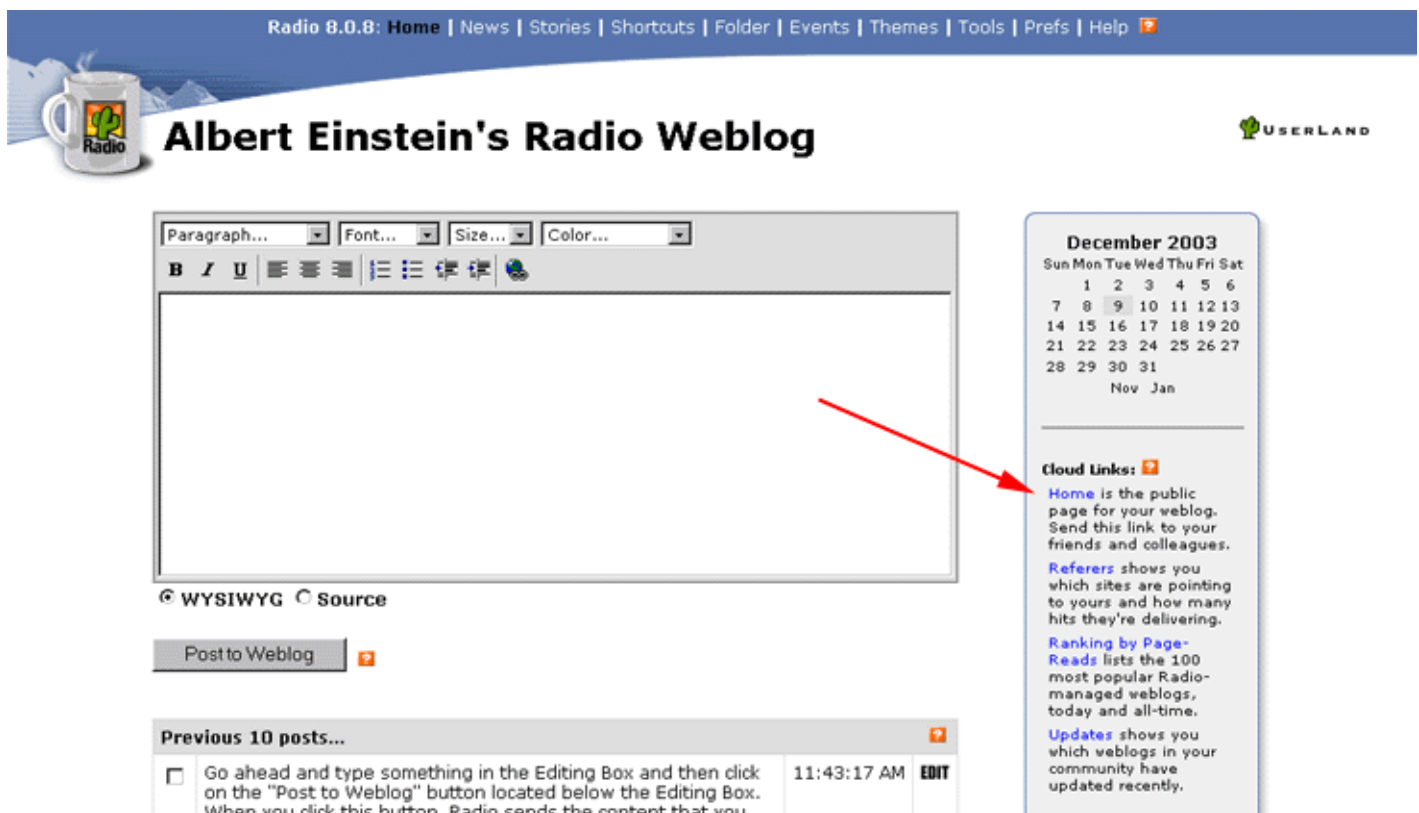


Figure 3. Home link

After posting content to your weblog, you can easily edit, or delete it. Below the Editing Box, Radio displays a copy of the last 10 posts you've created (Figure 3). To edit any post, click the EDIT button to the right of that post. This places the prior post back into the Editing Box where you can make changes. When finished, click the Post to Weblog button. To edit older posts not in the previous 10 posts section, you can use the calendar on your Desktop Website home page. Each post also has a checkbox to the left. To delete a post, check the boxes to its left, scroll to the bottom of the page and click the Delete button.

Below the text box there are two text entry options. WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) is the default option. The other option, Source, can be used to enter HTML code. But you don't need to learn HTML to develop a sophisticated Radio weblog. Most Radio users find that WYSIWYG is more than flexible and powerful enough to meet their needs

Adding Hyperlinks to Your Posts ↩

As shown in figure 4, adding links to a post is easy. To add a link, select the text you want to link with your cursor then hit the "link"

button. A text box will appear. Type or paste the URL of the page you want to link to in the box, and click "OK".

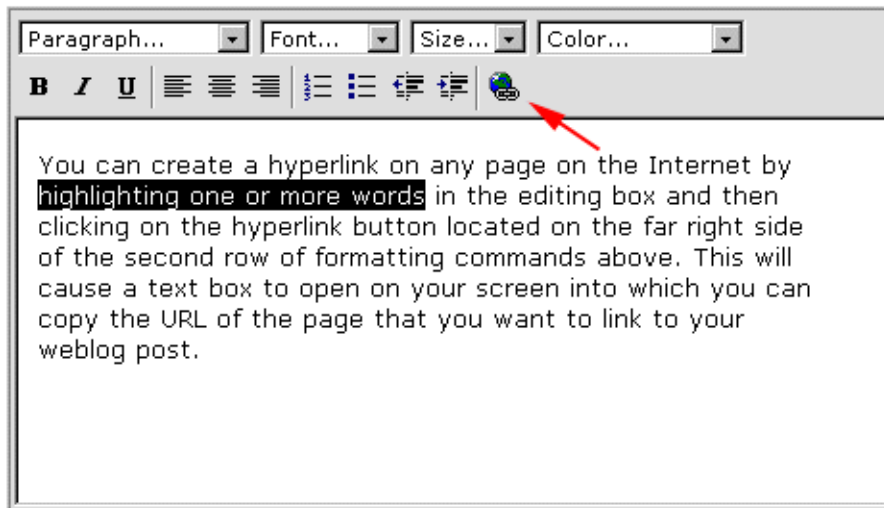


Figure 4. Creating hyperlinks.

Using the News Aggregator and RSS Feeds ↵

Radio UserLand includes some very powerful Internet tools. One of its most popular features is its integrated RSS news reader. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication and is an XML-based web syndication format co-authored in 1998 by Netscape Communications and UserLand's founder, Dave Winer.

Once every hour while Radio is running, Radio will scan for new articles or updates published by your favorite websites (such as Yahoo, InfoWorld, or the New York Times) or weblogs (such as Scripting News, Jake's Radio Blog, or Workbench). Summaries of these new articles and posts are aggregated on your Radio News page. To access your News page, click on the News link at the very top and near the center of your Desktop Website page.

Radio comes preset with subscriptions to several RSS news feeds, but you should customize this feature to match your specific interests. You will quickly learn that your Radio News Aggregator is the fastest and easiest way to monitor all the news that interests you on the Web. Each news source will be identified by a shaded bar, with the name of the source and the date and time that source was last updated (Figure 5).



Albert Einstein's Radio Weblog

News Aggregator

This page lists the most recent stories from the channels you've **subscribed** to. Click on the POST button to add a story to your weblog, to categorize the story, or edit its text. You can delete stories from this page. Check the stories that you want to delete, then click the Delete button.

<input type="checkbox"/>	New York Times: Technology, 09/12/03; 11:57:34 AM.	<input type="button" value="XML"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last-Minute Shipping for Online Buyers. Hear this, procrastinators. More online merchants say they can deliver the goods for last-minute shoppers. By Bob Tedeschi.	<input type="button" value="POST"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scripting News, 09/12/03; 11:19:03 AM.	<input type="button" value="XML"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Philadelphia Inquirer announces RSS support.	<input type="button" value="POST"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paolo : "I would like comments I write on other weblogs to be saved on my own weblog."	<input type="button" value="POST"/>

Figure 5. The News Aggregator

You can manage your subscriptions by clicking on the blue subscribed link in the first paragraph. This will take you to a page listing all of your subscriptions. To delete subscriptions, check the boxes to the left of the subscriptions you wish to delete, scroll to the bottom of the page and click the Unsubscribe button.

You can add subscriptions by copying the URL of any XML page into the box at the top of the subscriptions page. Web publishers have made this easy by displaying an orange XML box on pages that participate in RSS (noted by the red arrow in Figure 5). When you click on any orange XML box, you will see the XML version of the page you had been viewing. Go to the address box at the top of the page, copy the URL and paste it into the URL box on the top of your Radio subscriptions page.

Finally, note that each item within your news page includes on the right a linked labeled POST. If you click on that link, the post from your News page will immediately be copied to the Editing Box of your Desktop Website. You can edit the entry or provide your own comments on the prior author's post. This is the heart of blogging and you are now a blogger with potentially hundreds of news items fed to you every hour on which you can comment and publish your thoughts through your own Radio Weblog.

Purchasing Radio

At any time during your 30-day free trial of Radio, you can purchase rights to use the software for one year by visiting the [UserLand Store](#). The software license includes all updates during the year, optional hosting on radio.weblogs.com and technical support.

This is a [Manila](#) site.