

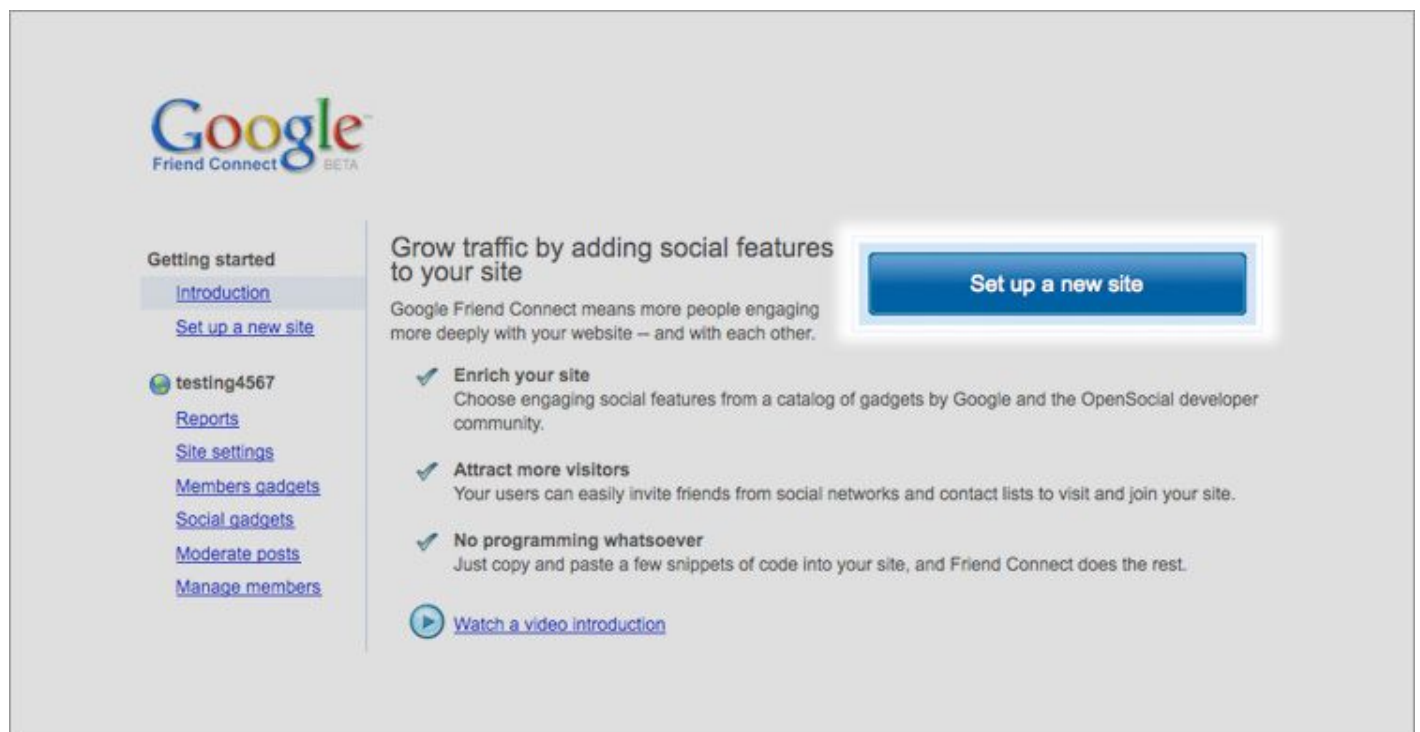
Google Friend Connect

Google Friend Connect is a service that allows you to create social features for your site by allowing people to sign up and become members, right on your site! People can join with their Google, Yahoo, AIM or OpenID accounts, and interact on your site, by inviting friends, posting media or making comments. For more information, you can go to <http://www.google.com/friendconnect/admin/>

Your site needs to be published first, in-order to use Google Friend Connect. If your site is not published yet, please see our tutorial: [Publishing Your Site](#).

Adding Google Friend Connect:

- Go to [Google Friend Connect](#)
- Click the big blue button that says "Set Up a New Site"



- You will be taken to an Overview page. Familiarize yourself with it. Once done, click on "Continue" to proceed with the four step set-up process.

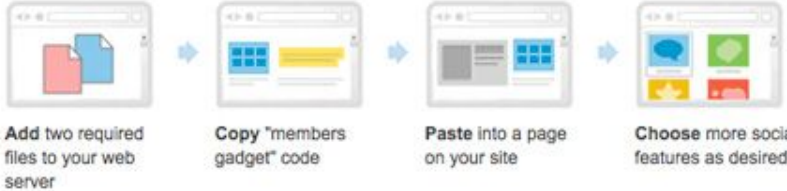
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Overview

Here's what you will do as you add Friend Connect to your site:



Add two required files to your web server → **Copy "members gadget" code** → **Paste into a page on your site** → **Choose more social features as desired**

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Step 1

- Enter your Site Name - this is the name you gave your site when you created it and the default heading that appears on all your pages.
- Enter your Home URL - This is the address of your homepage. Example: `www.myawesomesites.synthasite.com/index.php`

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1 Tell us about your site

Site name:

This is the name of your site that is presented to visitors when they sign in or adjust Friend Connect settings.

Home URL:

This is the full address of your site's home page.
(Example: `http://example.com`)

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- Click on "Continue" once done.

Step 2

- This step wants you to download two files. PLEASE IGNORE THIS STEP! We have already done this for you. Simply click "Continue".

The screenshot shows the Google Friend Connect Beta setup interface. On the left, a sidebar contains the text "Getting started" with links for "Introduction" and "Set up a new site". The main content area is titled "2 Add the following files to your site". It lists two files to be added:

- File 1:** Download: `rpc_relay.html`, Upload to: `http://myawesomesites.synthasite.com/rpc_relay.html`. Below this, it says "You need to put this file on your web site server for Friend Connect to work."
- File 2:** Download: `canvas.html`, Upload to: `http://myawesomesites.synthasite.com/canvas.html`. Below this, it says "You need to put this file on your web site server for Friend Connect to work."

At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: "« Back" and "Continue »". The "Continue »" button is highlighted with a white glow. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "©2008 Google | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Help](#)".

Step 3

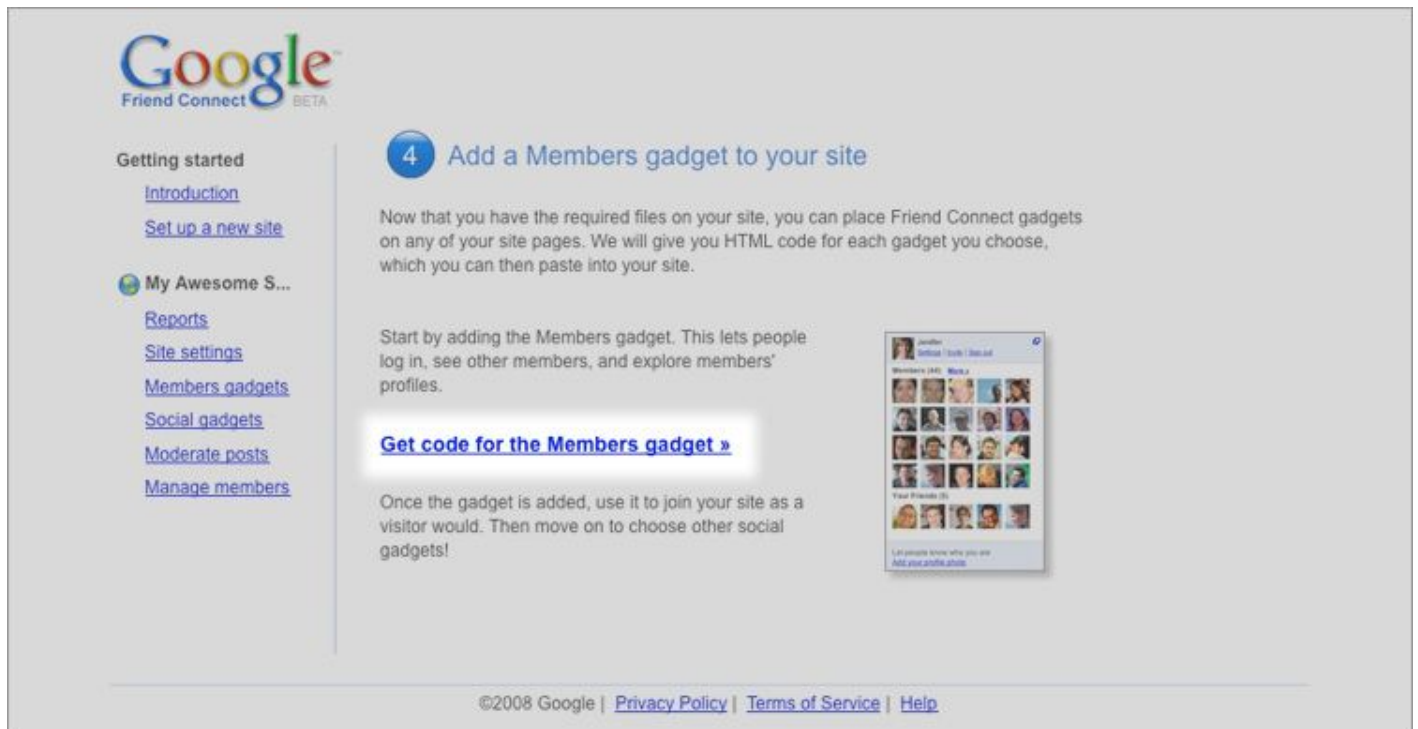
- Step 3 is basically testing your set-up, simply click the "test to finalize set up" button.

The screenshot shows the Google Friend Connect Beta setup interface at Step 3. The sidebar on the left is the same as in Step 2. The main content area is titled "3 Test your setup". It contains the text: "To finalize setup, press the button below. We'll look for your Home URL and for the two Friend Connect files within." Below this text is a button labeled "Test to finalize setup". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a button labeled "« Back". At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "©2008 Google | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Help](#)".

- Google will use the URL you submitted to look for the two files, which we have already added to your site on your behalf.
- When you click on "Test your setup", you should see the following message at the top of the Google page: "Your changes have been saved". That means that Google has successfully detected the two required files.

Step 4

- This step allows you to configure and customize your Google Friend Connect Members' Gadget. You can also preview the Gadget to see what it will look like.



The screenshot shows the Google Friend Connect interface. At the top left is the Google logo with 'Friend Connect BETA' underneath. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Getting started' section with links for 'Introduction', 'Set up a new site', and 'My Awesome S...', followed by a 'My Awesome S...' section with links for 'Reports', 'Site settings', 'Members gadgets', 'Social gadgets', 'Moderate posts', and 'Manage members'. The main content area is titled '4 Add a Members gadget to your site'. It contains the text: 'Now that you have the required files on your site, you can place Friend Connect gadgets on any of your site pages. We will give you HTML code for each gadget you choose, which you can then paste into your site.' Below this is a paragraph: 'Start by adding the Members gadget. This lets people log in, see other members, and explore members' profiles.' A prominent blue link reads 'Get code for the Members gadget »'. Below that is another paragraph: 'Once the gadget is added, use it to join your site as a visitor would. Then move on to choose other social gadgets!'. To the right of the text is a preview of the Members gadget, which displays a grid of member profile pictures and includes a 'Your Friends (5)' section. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text '©2008 Google | Privacy Policy | Terms of Service | Help'.

- Once you have finished customizing the gadget, click "generate code" and copy all of the HTML embed code Google provides to your computer clipboard.



The screenshot shows the '3 Create the HTML code' step in the Google Friend Connect interface. The main heading is '3 Create the HTML code'. Below the heading is the text: 'We will generate some lines of HTML that creates and renders the Members gadget. To make Friend Connect work, you have to put this code into your site.' At the bottom of the content area is a button labeled 'Generate code'.

3 Create the HTML code

We will generate some lines of HTML that creates and renders the Members gadget. To make Friend Connect work, you have to put this code into your site.

Generate code

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<!-- Include the Google Friend Connect javascript library. -->
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://www.google.com
/friendconnect/script/friendconnect.js"></script>
<!-- Define the div tag where the gadget will be inserted. -->
<div id="div-1233149024066" style="width:282px;border:1px solid
#cccccc;"></div>
<!-- Render the gadget into a div. -->
<script type="text/javascript">
var skin = {};
skin['HEIGHT'] = '385';
skin['BORDER_COLOR'] = '#cccccc';
skin['ENDCAP_BG_COLOR'] = '#e0ecff';
skin['ENDCAP_TEXT_COLOR'] = '#333333';
skin['ENDCAP_LINK_COLOR'] = '#0000cc';
skin['ALTERNATE_BG_COLOR'] = '#ffffff';
skin['CONTENT_BG_COLOR'] = '#ffffff';
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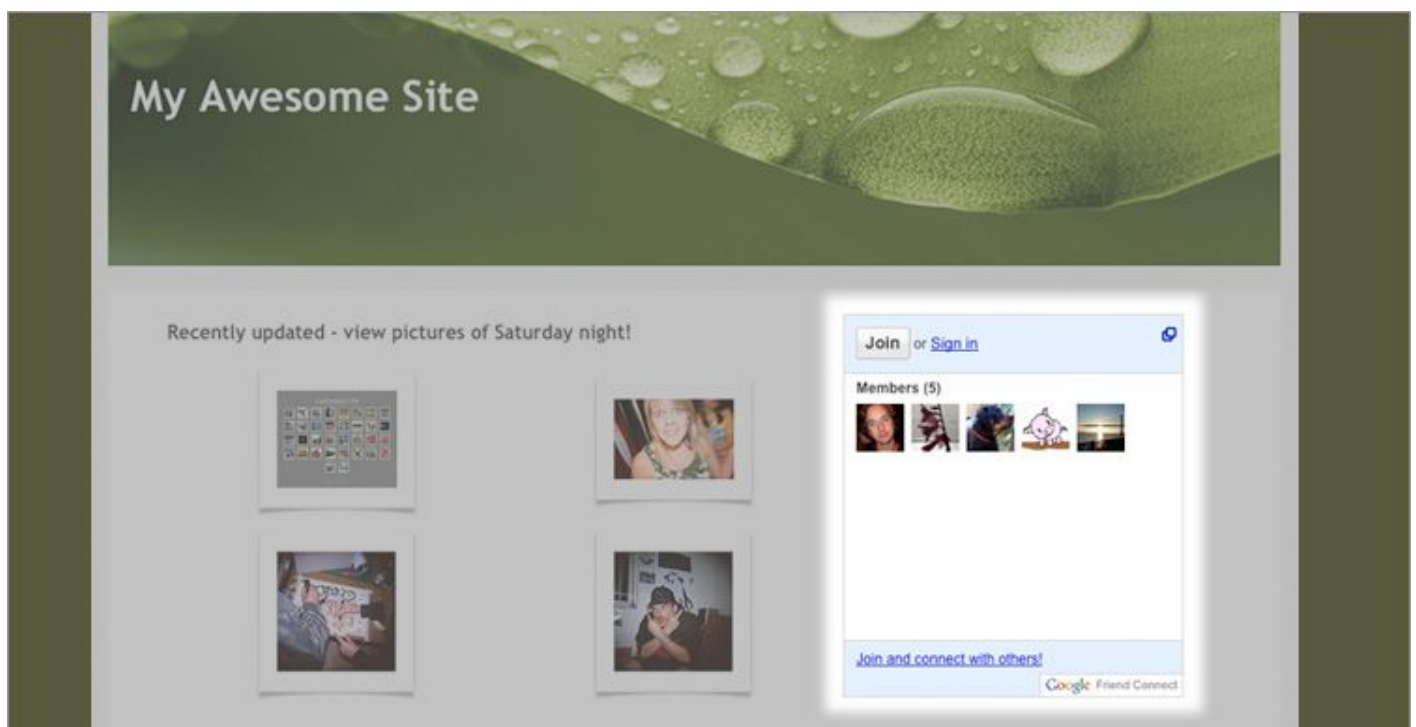
Hint

Copy the code by selecting it and using right-click > copy or the ctrl-c keys.

All four steps on Google Friend Connect are completed, now all you need to do is go back to your Site within the Sitebuilder and install the widget.

Follow these steps on Site within the Site Builder:

- Drag and drop an HTML widget onto your page. (The HTML widget is located in the Content sidebar on the right of your screen, directly below the Two Column Layout widget).
- A dialog box will open, paste the code you copied in Step 4 into the HTML box and click "OK".
- Click the yellow "Update my Site" button.



Please note the following:

- When adding a Members Gadget to your Yola page, the gadget will not show up properly until you update (republish) your site.
- While you are editing or previewing your site, Google cannot match your site address to display the gadget. Do not be alarmed if you see an error message before you publish, such as: "We're sorry... This gadget is configured incorrectly. ...". Just click "Update my Site" and the gadget should appear correctly configured.
- Your site is now verified with Google Friend Connect and you can start using this great new feature to grow a community on your very own website.