



Google Gadget Awards

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Google Gadget Award Winners

Congratulations to the university student winners of the 2006 Google Gadget Awards!



**Best overall universal gadget**

[MapMyWord Dictionary](#)

Nathan Sakunkoo  
 Stanford University

MapMyWord displays word definitions, synonyms, and relationships in graphs. It is an interactive graphic dictionary and thesaurus, which dynamically draws color-coded vivid representation of words, their relationships (16 types), and meanings in radial clickable graphs. Special editable features include wordlist difficulty setting, next word randomization, spelling suggestions, automatic height adjustment, sample usage mini-message, and clickable nodes and words.

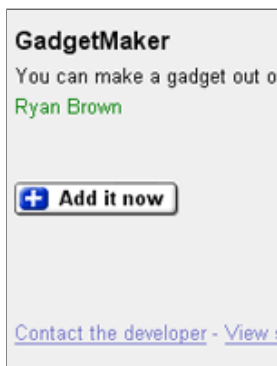


**Best overall desktop gadget**

[World News Viewer](#)

Spencer Slam  
 University of Michigan

News items arrive from around the world and are displayed on a world map. The gadget uses a Reuters RSS feed to find news articles and displays an alert at the location listed in the article's heading.



**Most useful gadget**

[Gadget Maker](#)

Ryan Brown  
 University of Southern California

Make a gadget out of any webpage!

Judged by: Chris Anderson, Editor-in-Chief of Wired Magazine



**Most intelligent gadget**

[MapMyWord Dictionary](#)

Nathan Sakunkoo  
 Stanford University

Judged by: John Hennessy, President of Stanford University

## Awards Categories and Judges:

**Best overall gadgets**

"Gadgets that rule"

One award each for each best universal gadget and the best desktop gadget. These gadgets will be creative, visually appealing, popular, and make the best use of the API.

Judged by: Panel of all 5 judges

**Most useful gadget**

"Gadget better than a toaster"

Judged by: Chris Anderson, Editor-in-Chief of Wired Magazine

**Most intelligent gadget**

"Gadget smarter than you are"

Judged by: John Hennessy, President of Stanford University

**Gadget most likely to help you get a date**

"Wing man gadget"

Judged by: Rob Malda, a.k.a. "Commander Taco," Founder of Slashdot

**Most addictive gadget**

"Gadget that will keep you up at night"

Judged by: Randy Bryant, Dean of the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University

**Prettiest gadget**

"Awww sweet gadget!"

Judged by: Gina Pell, CEO & Founder of Splendor.com

**Top university for gadget submission**

"Innovator U"

Recognizes the school with the most submissions to make the list of top 100 gadgets

Judged by: Top 100 ([Learn more](#))

## Common Questions:

**What's a Google Gadget?**

The word "gadget" covers a wide range of mini-applications, from simple HTML to complex applications. It could be a calendar, a