

iStockphoto Widget

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1. Introduction

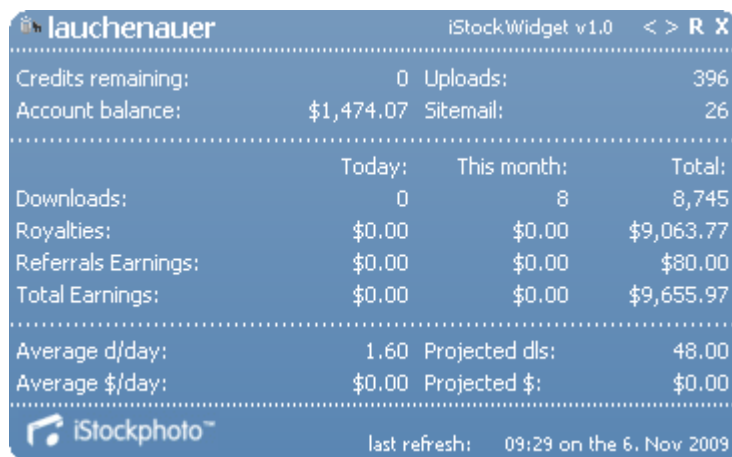
The widget is a little application that will reside in your taskbar to keep you up to date with your file activities on iStockphoto. It checks for updates every 10 minutes and will flash the taskbar icon whenever new downloads are detected or a sitemail is received. It features the following screens (only the first one is fixed, the others are optional).

1.1 Details screen

This page shows most of the current statistics at one glance. Clicking on different parts of the page will open a browser with iStockphoto selected and set to the corresponding pages, i.e. clicking on the sitemails will open the sitemail page on iStockphoto.

To change to a different page, the < and > arrows are used. Clicking any one of those will either move forward or backward to the next page. Clicking on R will call an immediate refresh of all data. The widget will refresh itself every 10 minutes automatically, but using the R you can force such a refresh (last refresh time is shown at the bottom).

Lastly, clicking on the X will close the visible widget, but not terminate the application. It will still remain in the taskbar and be active.



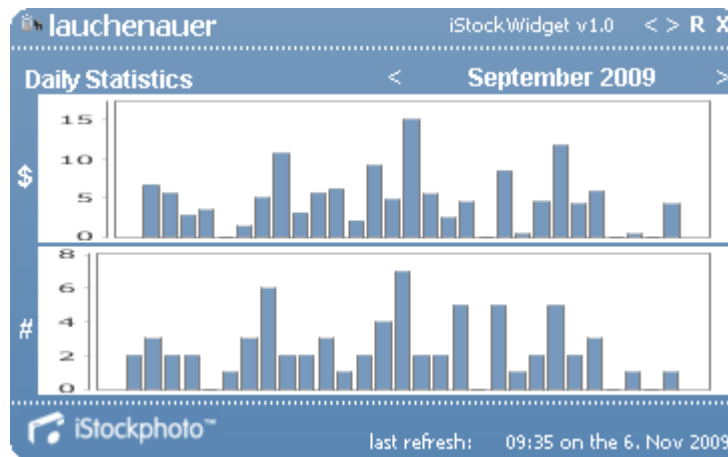
The screenshot shows a blue-themed window titled "lauchenauer" with "iStockWidget v1.0" in the top right corner. The window contains a table of statistics and a footer with the iStockphoto logo and "last refresh: 09:29 on the 6. Nov 2009".

	Today:	This month:	Total:
Credits remaining:	0		
Account balance:	\$1,474.07		
Uploads:		396	
Sitemail:		26	
Downloads:	0	8	8,745
Royalties:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,063.77
Referrals Earnings:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Total Earnings:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,655.97
Average d/day:	1.60	Projected dls:	48.00
Average \$/day:	\$0.00	Projected \$:	\$0.00

1.2 Daily Statistics page

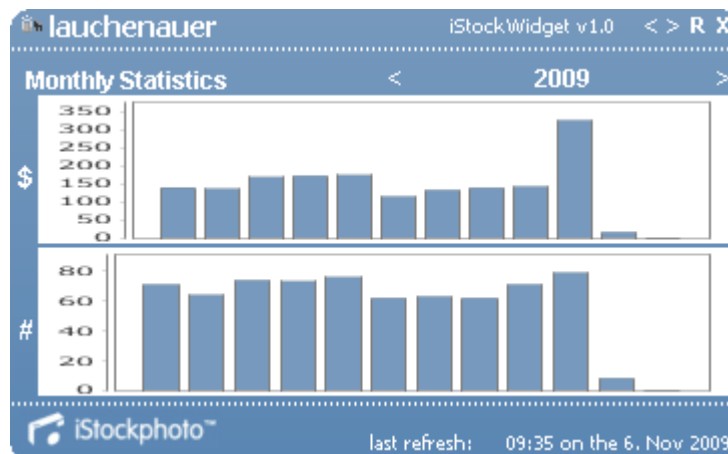
Same as on the iStockphoto website itself you can get the daily statistics covering one month showing your earning and downloads. This only shows total earnings and will not split between the different kinds of earnings. The top graph is the earnings (marked with a \$) and the bottom graph shows downloads (marked with a #).

To change to a different month use the < and > arrows beside the current month display. Trying to move into the future will have no effect and will result in no action being taken.



1.3 Monthly Statistics

Like the previous screen, earnings and downloads are shown, this time on a monthly basis covering an entire year.



1.4 Latest uploaded images

This page will display the latest accepted uploads of all contributors on iStockphoto. Clicking on any of the images will open the corresponding image page in the browser.

CAUTION keeping this page active can cause significant internet traffic. Even though each image is only a few kB of data, downloading 10 new images ever 10min for 24h ongoing can add up, so keep that in mind when having this page active.



1.5 Latest accepted uploads

Like the previous page, this page shows the latest accepted images, but this time limited to yourself and not all contributors to iStockphoto.



2. System Requirements

The widget will only run on a windows PC with Java 1.5 or later installed. You can download the latest JRE (Java Runtime Edition) from <http://www.java.com>

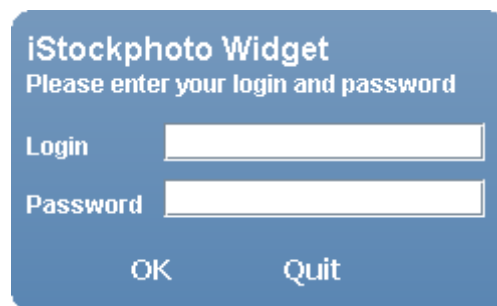
3. Installation

Installation consists of unzipping the .exe file and copying it into it's own folder somewhere on your computer. Executing it will start the widget. If you want to start the widget every time you start your computer, create a shortcut to it in your Startup menu folder:



4. First Start

On first start you will be presented with a Login dialog:



You need to enter your iStockphoto Login name and password here as that is required to access your data using the iStockphoto API. Once you have entered the correct login the widget main screen will be shown on your screen. Drag it to wherever you want it (the position will be remembered). Entering a wrong password will just close the application, so if that happens, restart it and enter the correct password. The login and password will be remembered by the widget so you only have to enter it once.

What also happens is that the widget will place itself in the taskbar:



On first start that icon will either be blinking the sitemail or the download found icon. This does not mean you have a new sitemail or download, this happens because the widget doesn't have your correct numbers yet. Double clicking the icon in the taskbar will bring up the main widget screen when you have closed it.

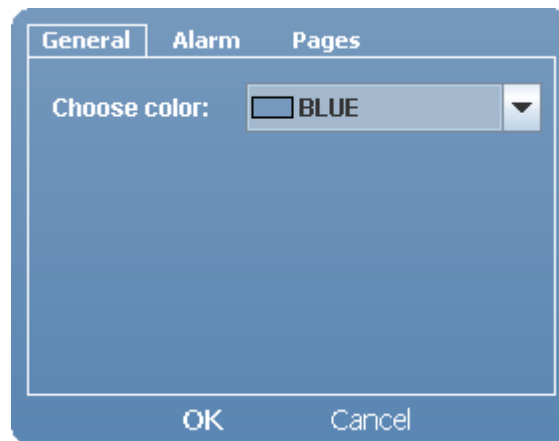
5. Options

Right-clicking on the taskbar widget icon will bring up a popupmenu:

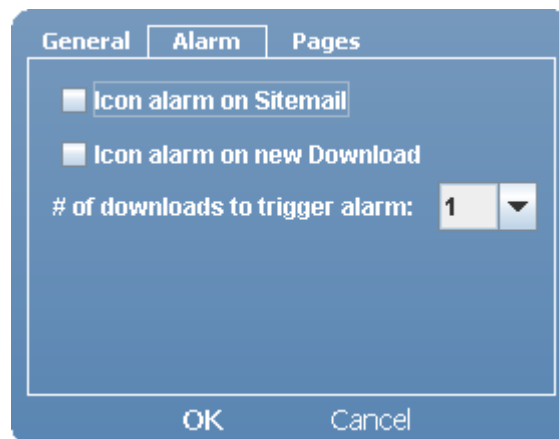


Open and close widget will open and close the main widget window. Refresh is the same as clicking the R on the main widget page.

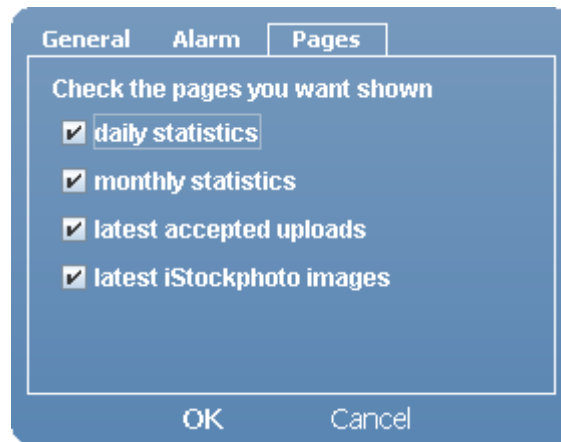
Clicking on Exit will exit the widget completely, shutting the application down. Lastly, a click on Options will bring up a new dialog, with 3 tabs available. In the General tab you can change the color scheme for the widget. To change it, select the scheme of your choice in the combobox.



The alarm tab allows you to set whether you want the flashing icon in the taskbar when you receive new sitemails or downloads, and for those with huge amounts of downloads, you can set the amount of download you have to get before the flashing icon is triggered.



The last page allows you to select which pages you want to have present in your widget. Deselecting any of these pages will also stop the data for those pages being downloaded from iStockphoto, so if you want to reduce the bandwidth consumption a bit, deselecting the latest iStockphoto images is suggested.



6. Problems / Suggestions

If you run into any kind of problems with the widget or have suggestions on how to improve it, please contact me on widget@lauchenauer.info