

Podcast Script: Dashlets

Welcome to this 60 second sugar snippet. My name is Susie Williams. Today we're going to explore one of the productivity features available in all editions of SugarCRM—Dashlets.

What's a dashlet? Well, it's a handy little accessory that lives on the home page of your Sugar software. It's similar to a Google "gadget"; it shows dynamic content placed within your Sugar application, so you can see what's relevant to you right as you log on for the day. Dashlets can be added or deleted to your home page, depending on what you find useful.

There are several types of dashlets built in to the product. There are dashlets representing each module of the application, from "My Accounts" to "My Top Ten Opportunities" to "My Favorite Reports". There are also basic charts, plus Report Charts for Pro and Enterprise users. Dashlets can also be "Tools", like Jotpad or Team Notices or even the time-sucking Space Invaders game.

To add a dashlet to a tab on the home page, just click on the double arrow, then select one or more dashlets from the box that appears. Your new dashlet shows up instantly on your page.

Beginning with Sugar 5.1, it's easy to create a new dashlet that contains data from a module you have built with the Module Builder tool. Just add or modify the layout fields to the dashlet like you would to any of the other views; your dashlet appears on the list of modules when you select the "Add Dashlet" menu item from your home page.

Additional dashlets are available on SugarForge so you can spruce up your home page with useful extras such as a Weather display or an RSS feed for your favorite news feed (like this Sugar podcast!).

And that's your 60 second Sugar snippet. Goodbye!