Feed Ticker Manual

About Feed Ticker

Use any Feed (RSS or Atom), to dynamically show the latest news, photos or what ever you want on your site! Show a list your latest your photos from Flicker, videos from YouTube, the latest songs from iTunes, your newest Blog entries - everything is possible!

Get the best technologies at your fingertips. The extension uses the Google AJAX Feed API, for the most efficient retrieval of your feeds. This automatically enables advanced caching and compression technologies for the fastest Feed retrieval. We use jQuery for the best presentation possible. Include text, thumbnails and cool animation effects. jQuery enables intelligent Feed recognition so it can present thumbnail information regardless of the Feed source while taking care of great visual effects.

Fully integrated in Dreamweaver - Set your options within user friendly interface, no coding is required.

Features in Detail

Feed Ticker: Because We All Want The Latest News

- **Full visual editing in Dreamweaver**
  - o Place a RSS or Atom Feed on your site. Add fluent transitions in seconds all visually in Dreamweaver
 - o Feeds with images are directly displayed in your Feed Ticker Preview window
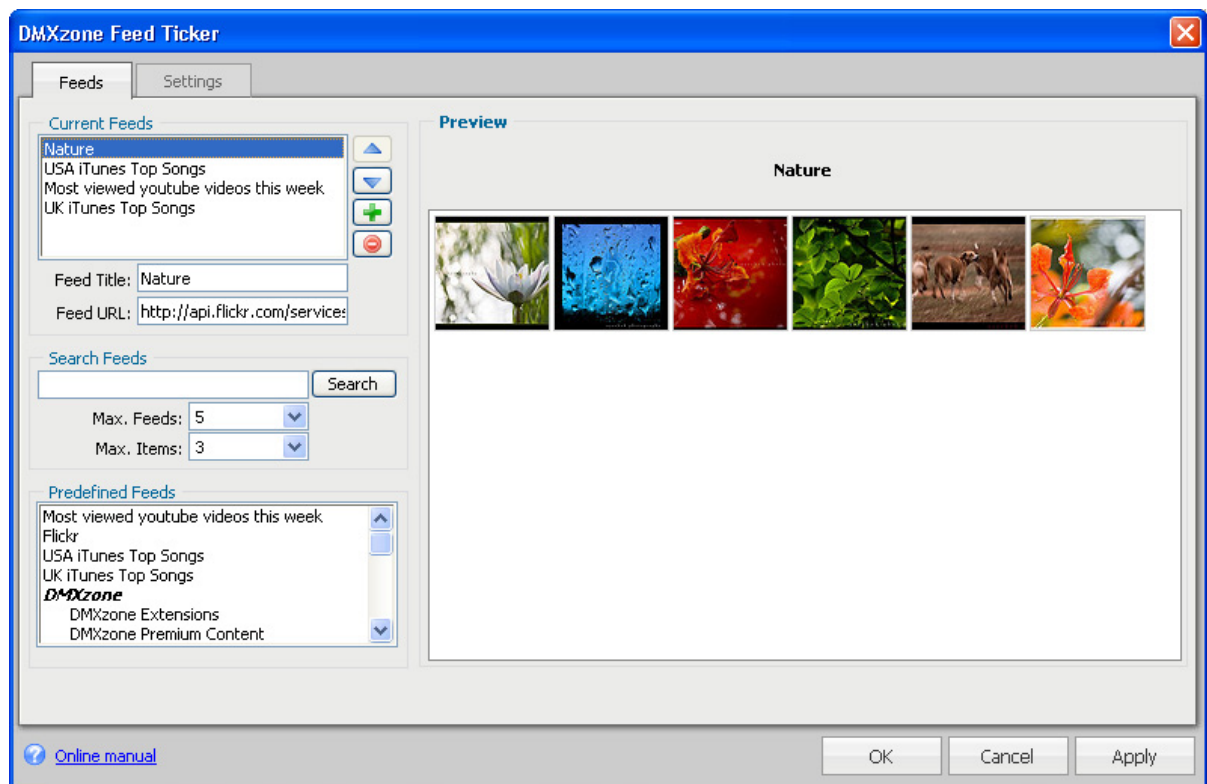
  - o Fully PC and MAC (OSX 10.4+ Safari 3) compatible.

- **Amazing Animation and Transition Effects**
    o Choose from 11 effect settings to set the transitions and animations between your slides, fade, shuffle, scroll and turn in multiple directions. Make your feeds visually attractive like never before.
    o Set the interval time between your transitions and animations.
    o Determine the duration of your transitions and animations.
    o Optionally pause transition effects on mouse over.

- **Multiple feed support**
  Cycle through multiple feeds and add the ones you like, all visually and easy.
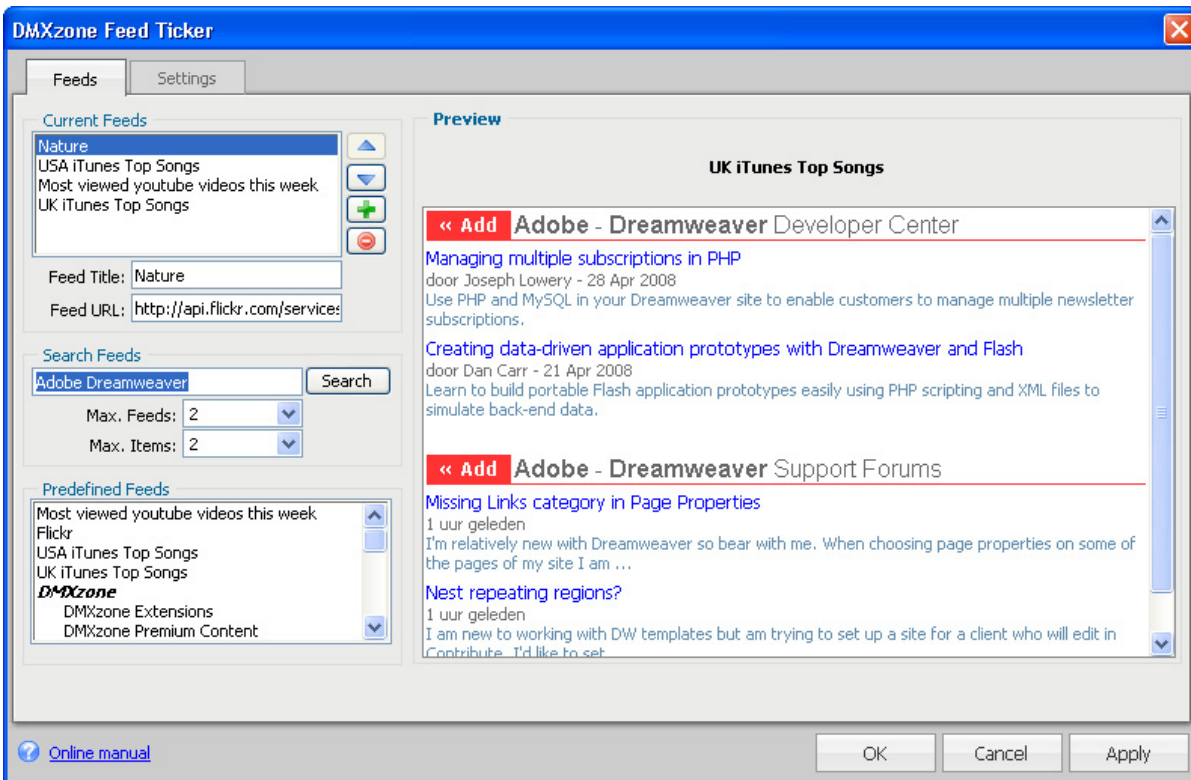
- **Publish a cool Feed in seconds**
    o Display the latest news, photos or what ever you want on your site

    o Support for Media RSS and feeds like iTunes, Flickr, Youtube and many other RSS Feeds

- **Based on the Google AJAX Feed API and jQuery**
    o The extension uses the Google AJAX Feed API, for the most efficient retrieval of your feeds.
    o Advanced caching and compression technologies for the fastest Feed retrieval.

- **Configure your Feed to suit your needs**
  - o Display your feed horizontally or vertically and choose how many items you'd like to display
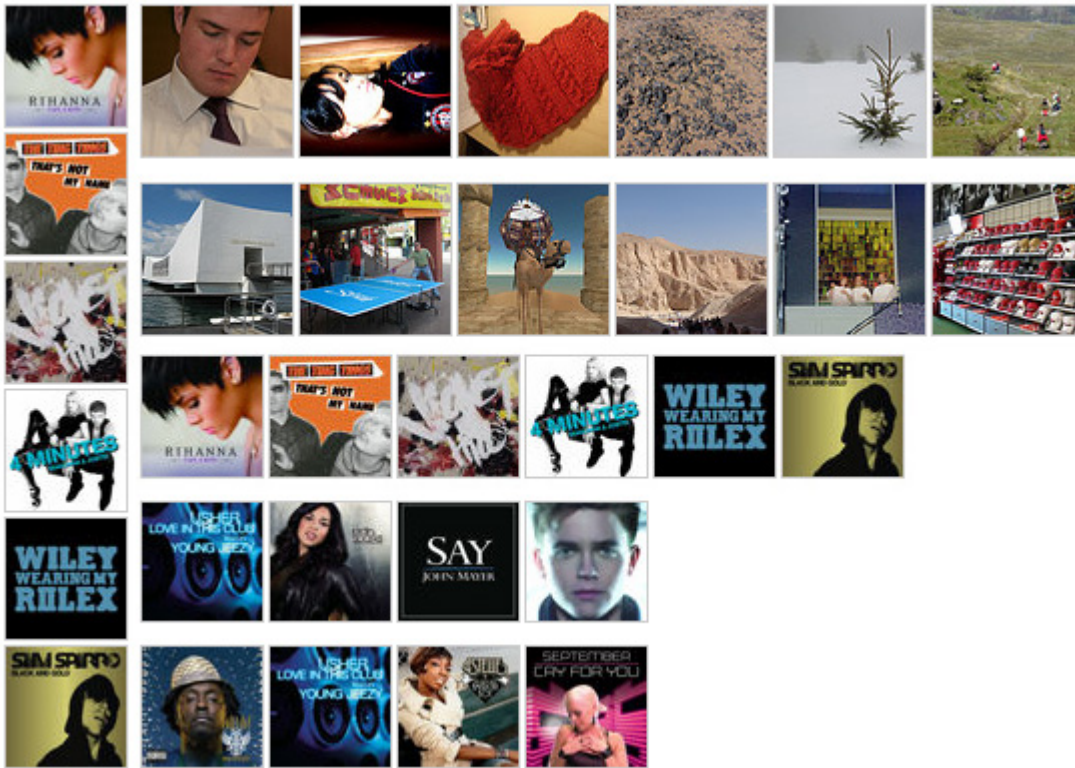
  - o Choose the size of your thumbnails

o   Display feeds with images or text

- **New generation property inspector**

   The property inspector enables you to change several options directly.

Before you begin

Make sure to setup your site in Dreamweaver first before creating a page, if you don't know how to do this please read this.

Installing the extension

Read the tutorial at http://www.dmxzone.com/ShowDetail.asp?NewsId=4671

Login, download the product, and lookup your serial at
http://www.dmxzone.com/myZone.asp?Section=purchases

Get the latest extension manager from Adobe at
http://www.adobe.com/exchange/em_download/

Open the .mxp file (the extension manager should start-up) and install the extension.

If you experience problems please read the FAQ at
http://www.dmxzone.com/index.asp?TypeId=7&CatId=687 before contacting support.

Building A Basic Feed Ticker
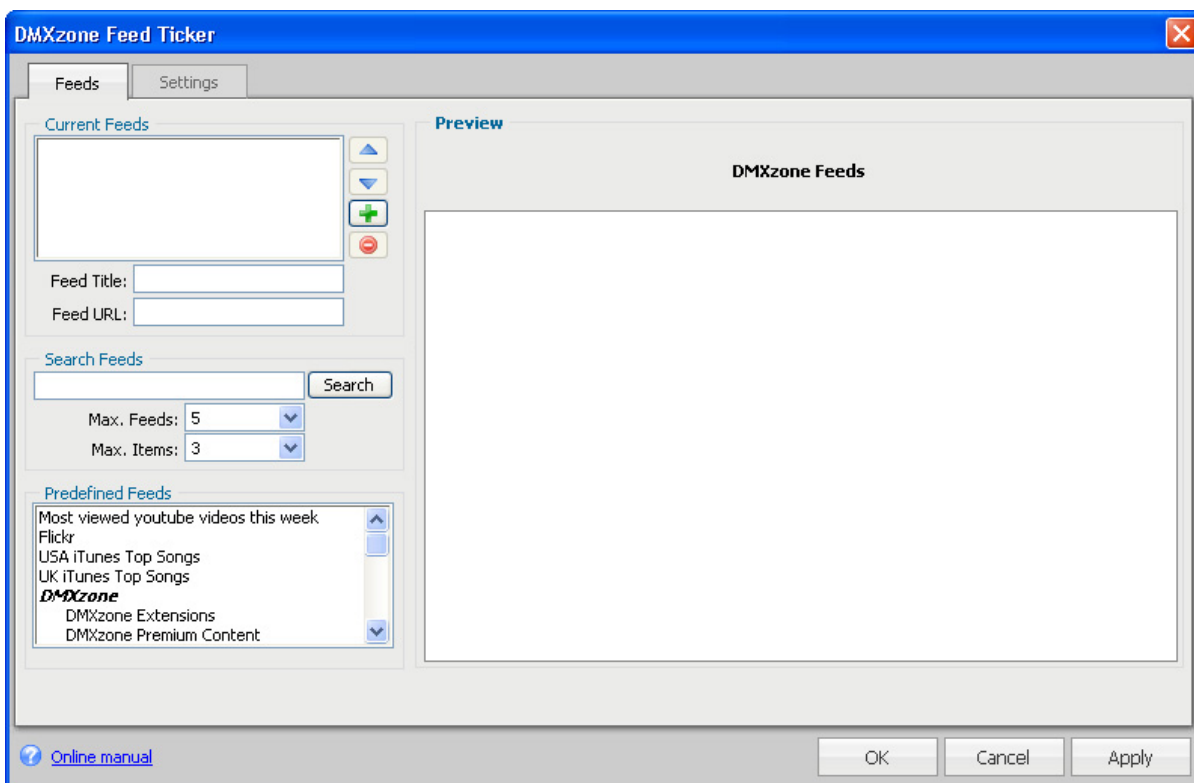
Introduction

In this tutorial we're going to show you how easy it is to insert a feed on to your page.


The Feed on your page.

Building the Feed Ticker

1. **Create a new HTML page**
    Create a new or open an existing HTML page and save the page.

2. **Applying the extension**
    Choose the [icon] icon from the DMXzone object bar to apply the extension, the following popup appears:

3. **Adding Feeds Manually**

Ever spotted an icon like this; ![RSS icon] ? This means the site has a feed that is most likely supported by the Feed Ticker extension. In our example we're going to add a Feed manually from flickr. In this example we'll use a collection of nature photos. We click the Feed Link at the bottom of the page and we copy it.
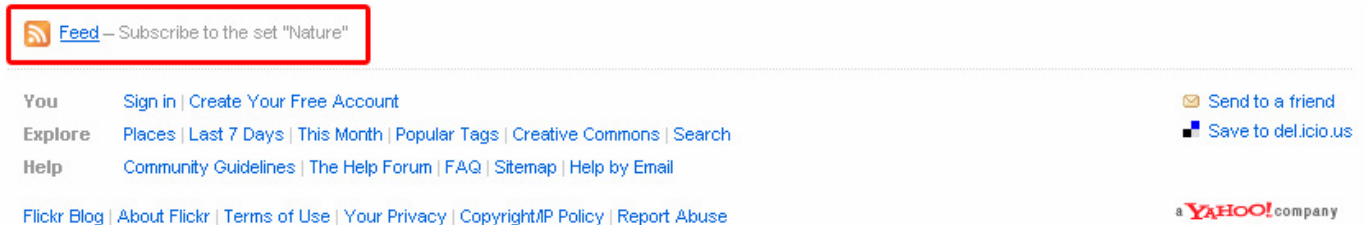

We go back to Dreamweaver and press the ![plus button] button, we enter "Nature" in the **Feed Title** and we paste the Feed Link in the **Feed URL** field.

Note: make sure the flickr link ends with &format=rss_200 if it doesn't (like in our example), add this to the end of your link.
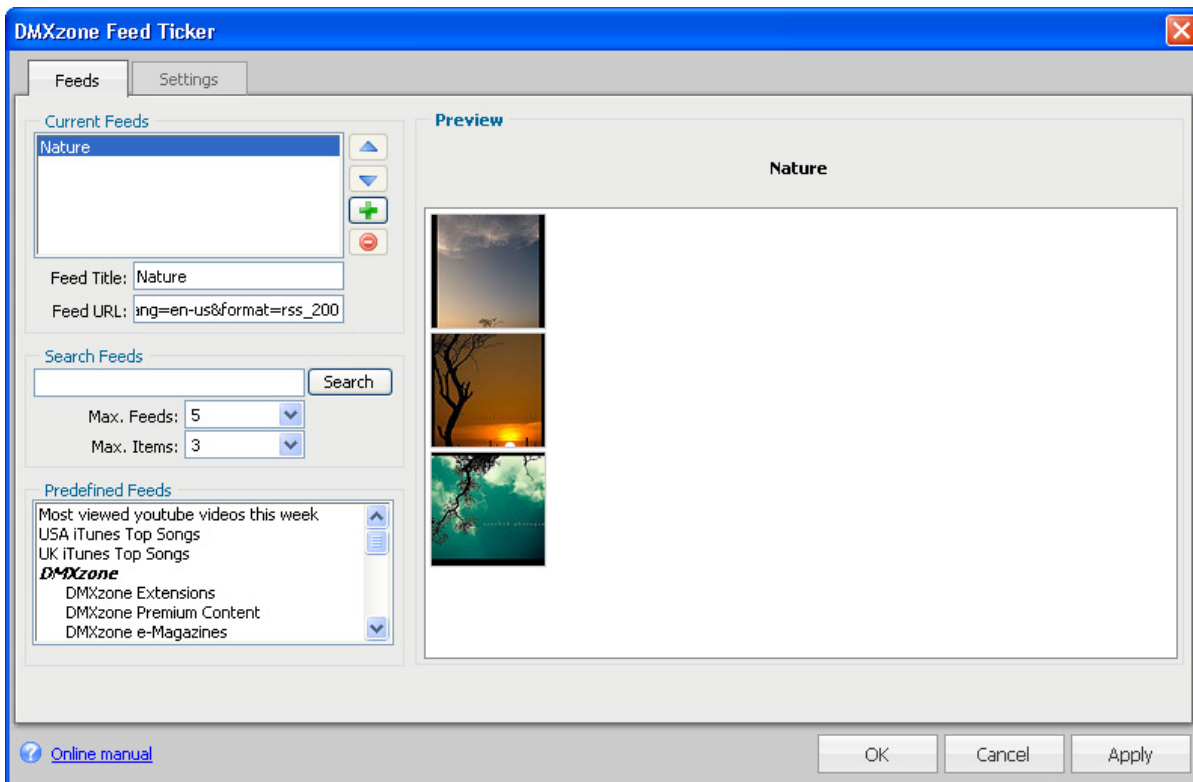
4. **Adding Searched Feeds**
   You can search **text feeds** with the **Search Feeds** function. Let's enter "Dreamweaver Tutorials" in the
   Search Feeds field and press the **Search** button. This delivers the following results:
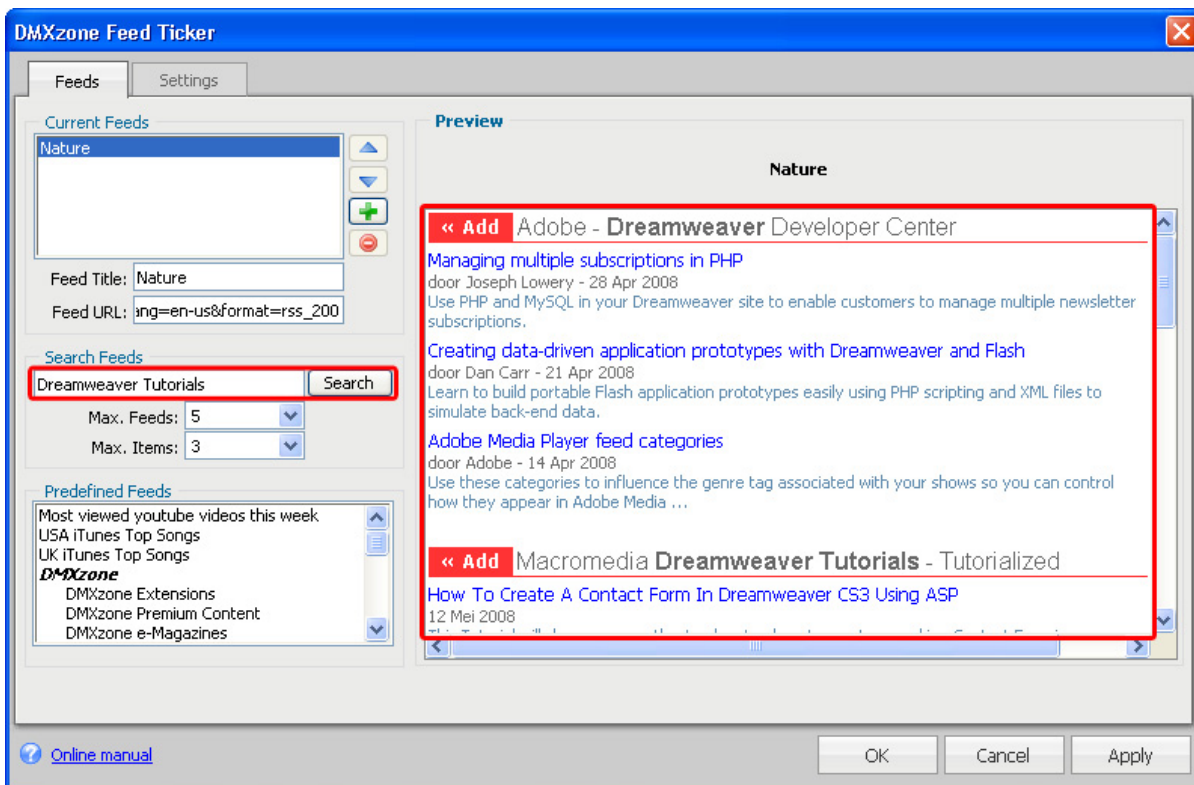
We press the next to the "Adobe – Dreamweaver Developer Center" feed we've **Searched
on**. You can change the **Max. Feeds** to set the number of search results that are displayed. **Max.
Items** shows the number of (news) items per feed.

5. **Adding Predefined Feeds**

   Select the "USA iTunes Top Songs" from the **Predefined Feeds** and press the button in the
   preview field.
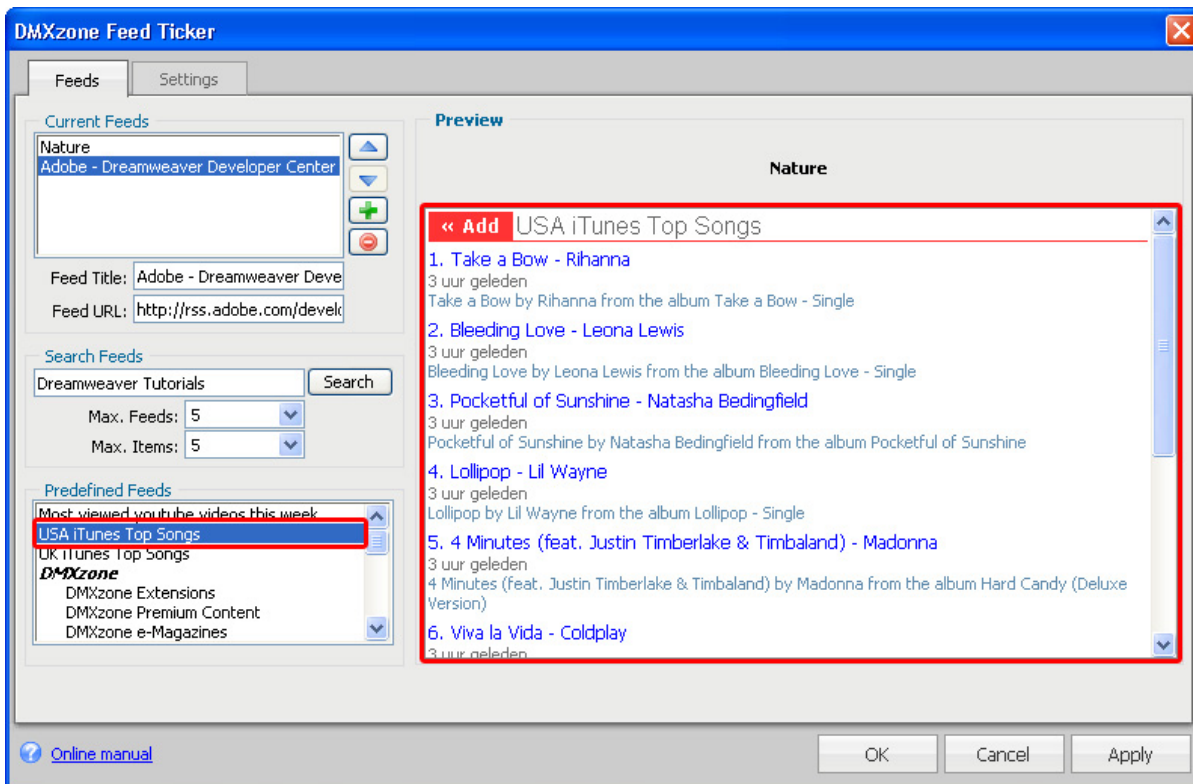
We'll also add the "Most viewed youtube videos this week" and the "UK iTunes Top Songs" so the following feeds are listed in our **Current Feeds** window;
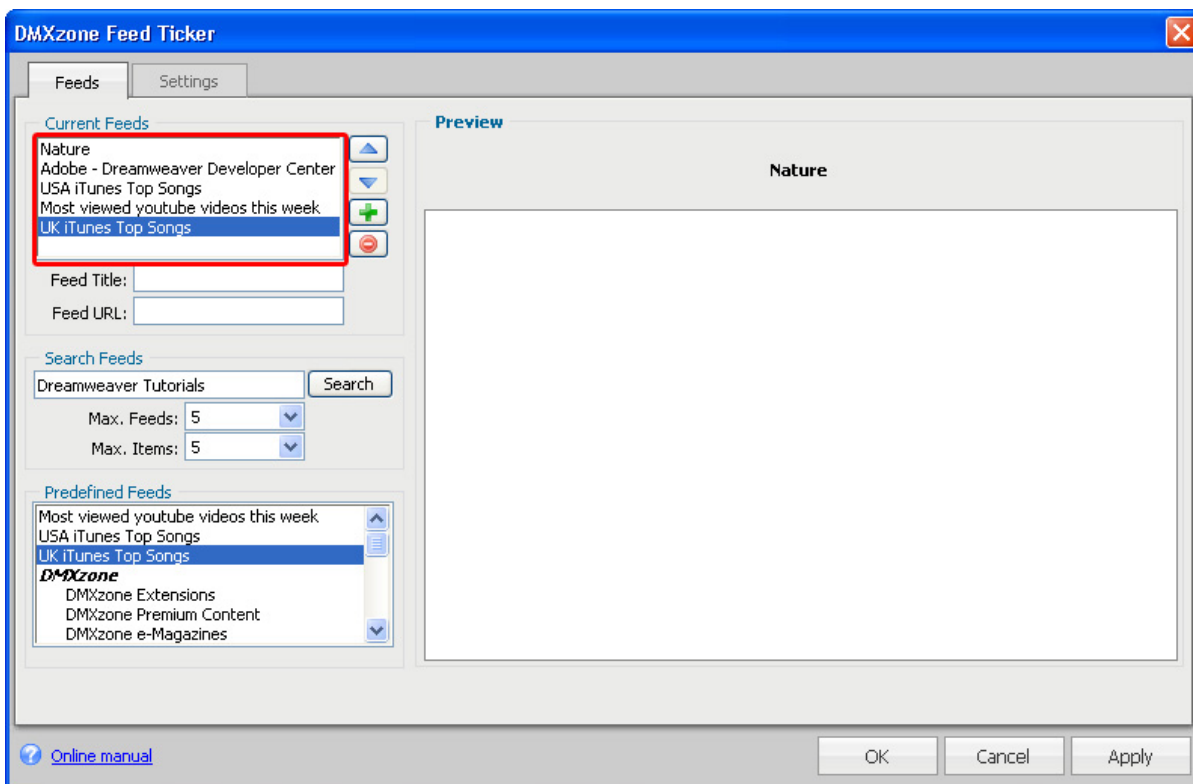
6. **Rearranging and deleting Feeds**
   Let's delete the "Adobe – Dreamweaver Developer Center" by pressing the 🔴 button. You can
   and change the order of your feeds with the 🔼 and 🔽 buttons, we won't do this now.

7. **Settings: changing the Look and Feel Options**
   Press the **Refresh button** at the bottom of your page to display your feed. Let's change the
   Orientation to **Horizontal**;
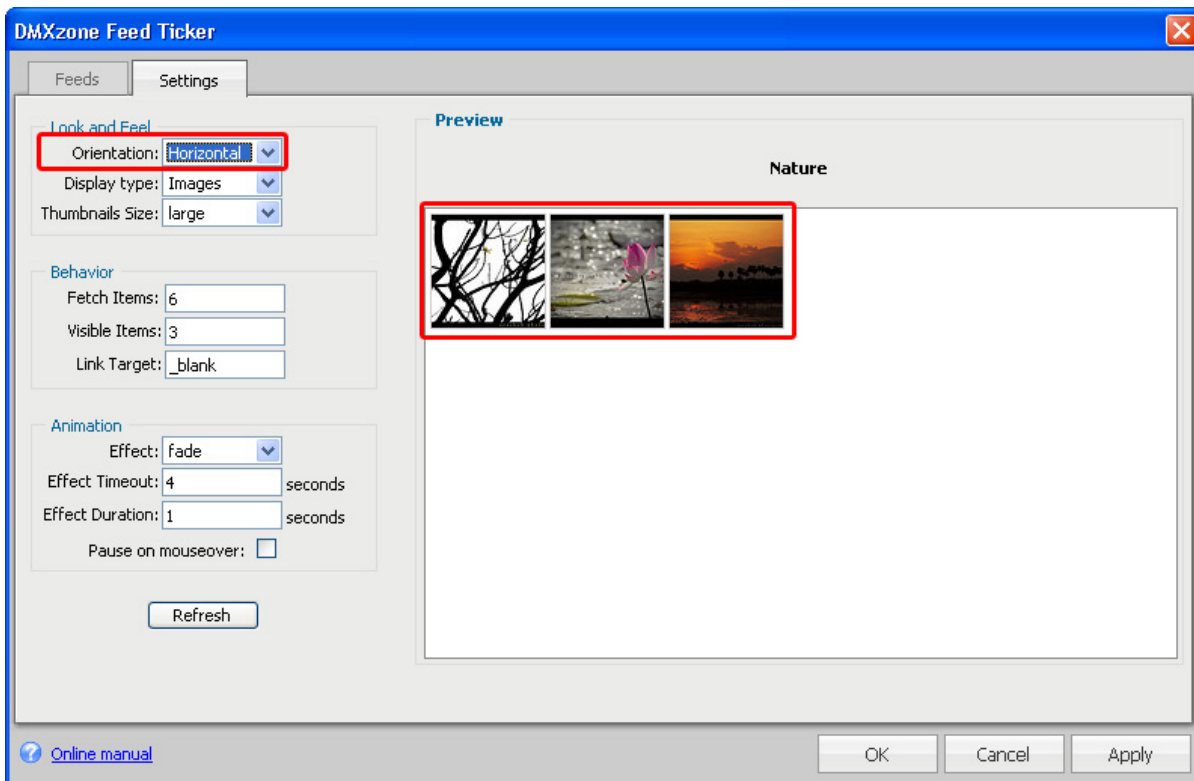
We'll leave the **Display type** to **images** as we'd like to display **images** instead of **text.**

Let's set the **Thumbnails Size** to **medium** to create smaller thumbnails. This affects the feeds that
support thumbnails size, such as the iTunes feed.
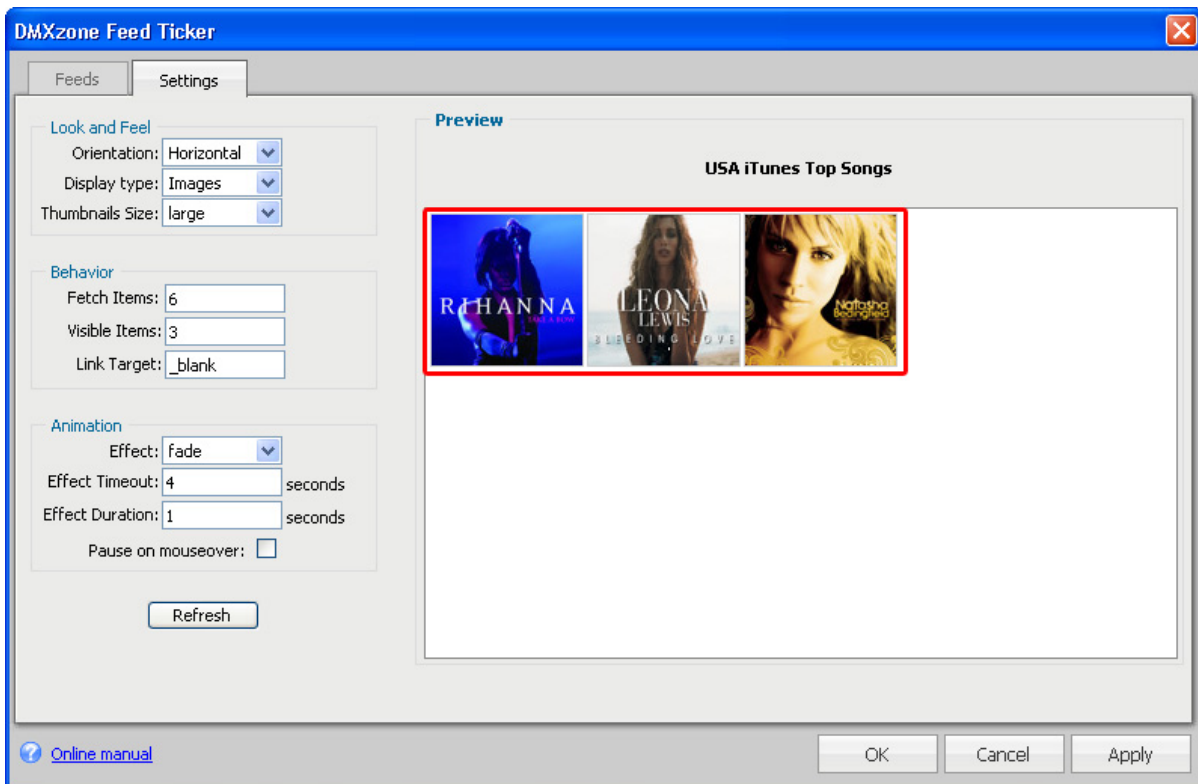
USA iTunes Top Songs feed with large thumbnails
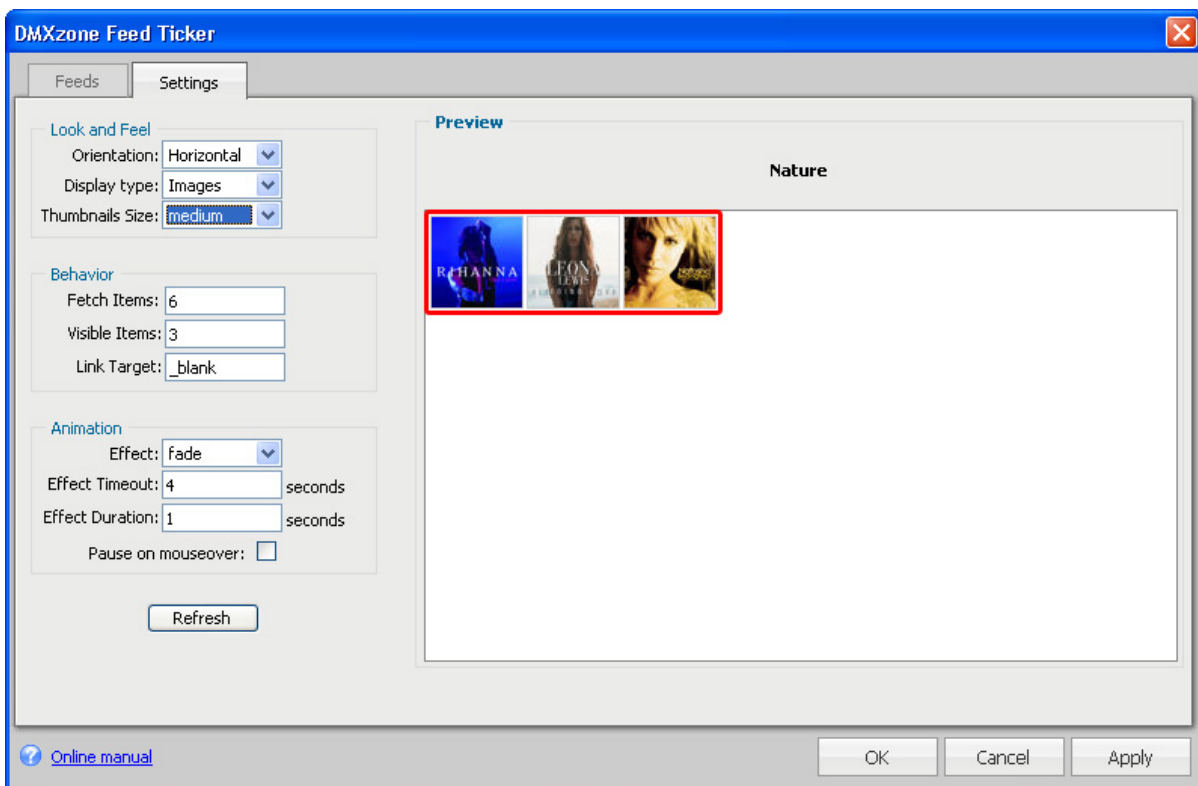
USA iTunes Top Songs feed with medium thumbnails

8. **Settings: Defining the Behavior Options**
   We change **Fetch Items** to **18** to set the **maximum number** of items we fetch from each feed. We set the **Visible Items 6** to display six items per slide. We'll leave the **Link Target** to _blank to open the links in a new window. And we press the **Refresh** button to apply the settings.

9. **Settings: Choosing the Animation Options**
You can choose from many transition effects, feel free to experiment with them, we'll leave the effect at the default **fade** effect.
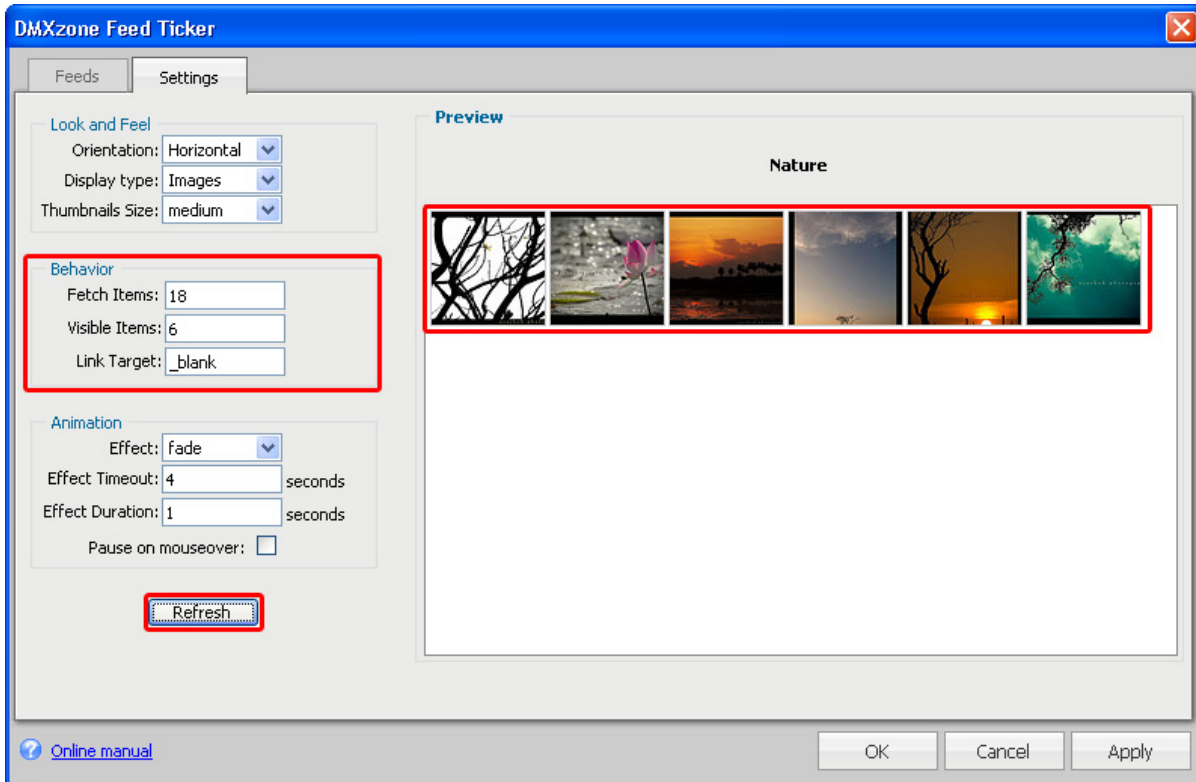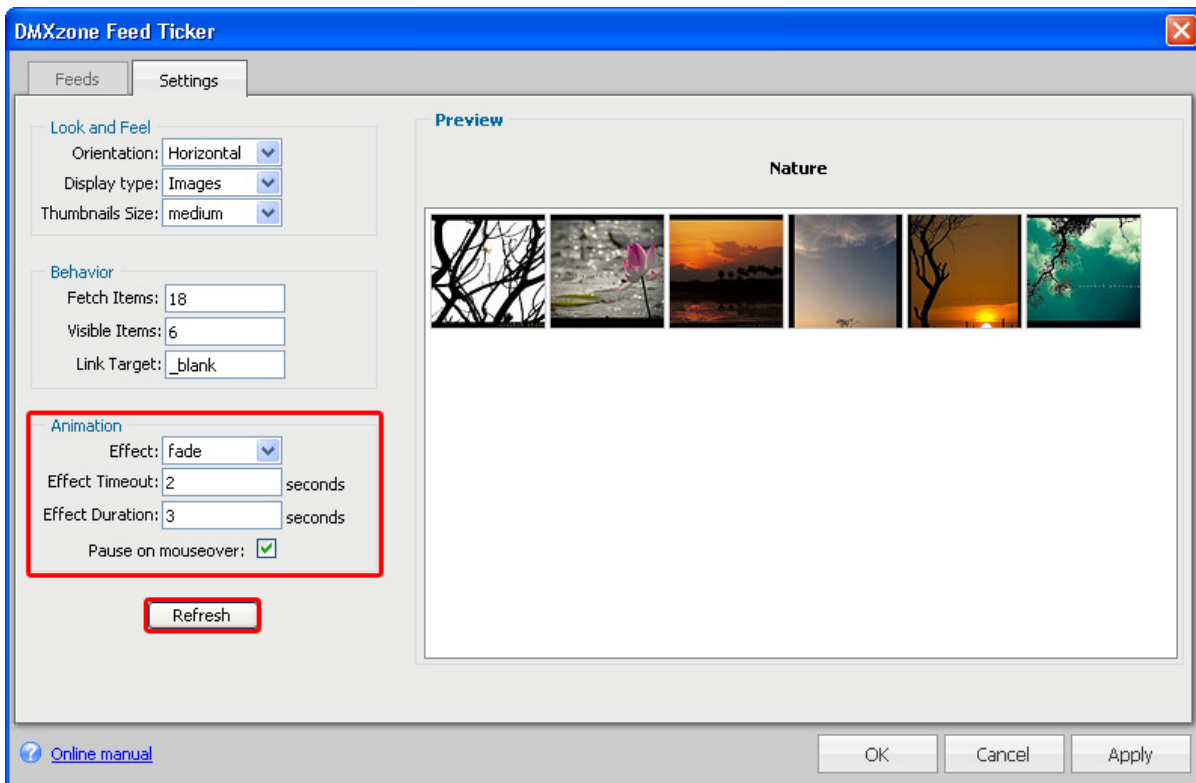
The **Effect Timeout** sets how long it will take before the next transition sets in, we'll set it to **2** seconds. The **Effect Duration** determines the transition time from start to end. We'll set it to **3** seconds. We'll also **check** the **Pause on mouseover** option to freeze the feed when we move the mouse over it. Press the **Refresh Button** after changing the Animation settings.

10. **Final Steps**
Press **OK** to generate your feed. The standard feed will have a width of 100%, so in most cases you need to put it in a div or table.

Editing the Feed Ticker with the Property Inspector

Introduction

In this chapter we're going to edit the properties of the Feed Ticker using the property inspector of Dreamweaver. Click on the Feed Ticker object in the design view to display its properties.

Editing the Feed Ticker options

The **Look and Feel** and **Behavior** properties are the same as those of the Settings panel in the previous chapter. In our example we change the **Orientation** to **Vertical.** We set the **Fetch Items** to **15** to change the maximum number of (news) items per feed. We set the **Visible Items** to **5**, to display five feed items.
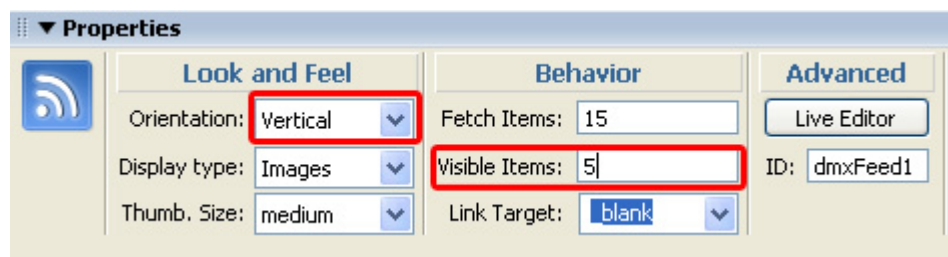
You can press the **Live Editor** button to change your feeds or the **Animation Settings,** we won't do this now.

The **ID** gives your feed gallery a unique name that can be useful when using multiple feeds. We won't change this now.

Advanced: Changing the Feed Ticker Properties

.dmxFeedTicker
This is the main container of the Feed Ticker, we'll show you how you can use it to add a background, border, margins, padding, the width and the overflow properties.

Property	Relevant CSS rule	Description
Background		Background color or image.
Border		Border options.
Margin	.dmxFeedTicker	Spacing around the div.
Padding		Spacing inside the div.
Width		Width of the div.
Overflow		Prevents overlap of the feed items, we recommend to leave this setting to hidden.

.dmxFeedTicker_list
We explain how to change the margin, padding and style of list items (ul and li), this is only used when using **text feeds**.
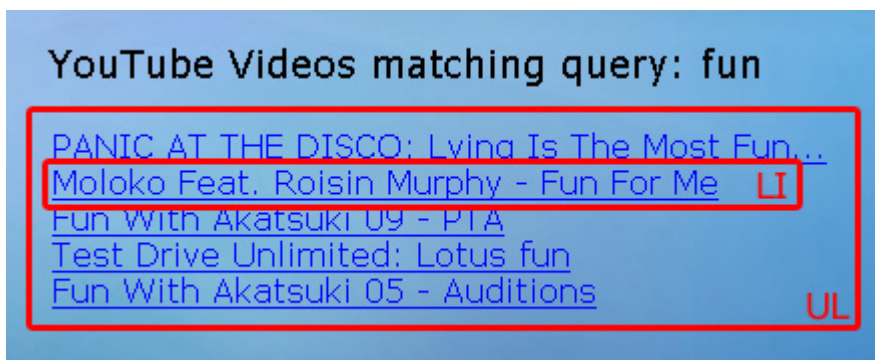
Property	Relevant CSS rule	Description
font-Family	.dmxFeedTicker_list	Set the font family
font-size		Set the font size
font-weight		Font weight
margin		The spacing around the text items
padding		The spacing around the text items (we recommend to adjust the margin and leave the padding at 0px).
list-style		Change the list style to add bullets or other list styles in front of your text items. You may need to adjust the margins of your list to ensure a proper display of your list items.
white-space	.dmxFeedTicker_list li	This parameter is set to nowrap to prevent text from being cut-off, we recommend to leave this property to nowrap.

.dmxFeedTicker_table_div and .dmxFeedTicker_table (tr,td, img)
We explain how to change the alignment of your feed and how to change the border and background options of your image.

Aligning your image feeds to the left
1. Set the **text-align** of your **.dmxFeedTicker_table_div** CSS rule to **left**.
2. Remove the **margin-right** property and set the **margin-left** property to another value then **auto** or remove it.
3. Add a **float** property with value **left.**

Aligning your image feeds to the right
4. Set the **text-align** of your **.dmxFeedTicker_table_div** CSS rule to **right**.
5. Remove the **margin-left** property and set the **margin-right** property to another value then **auto** or remove it.
6. Add a **float** property with value **right.**

Property	Relevant CSS rule	Description
border		Border options.
background list-style white-space	.dmxFeedTicker_table img	Background color or image.

.dmxFeedTicker_result (a, img)
We explain how to change the margin, padding around your photos.
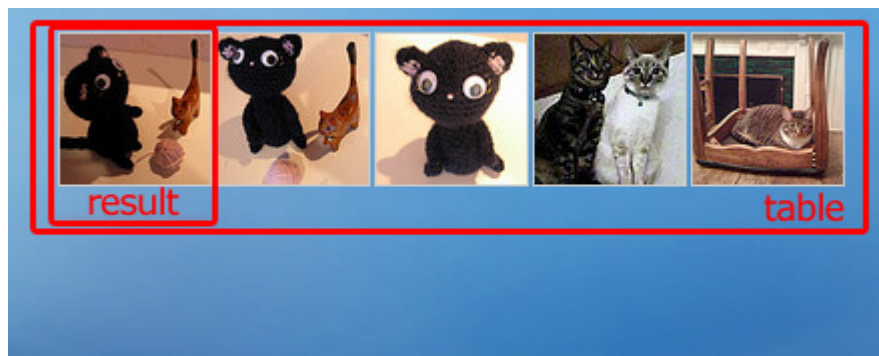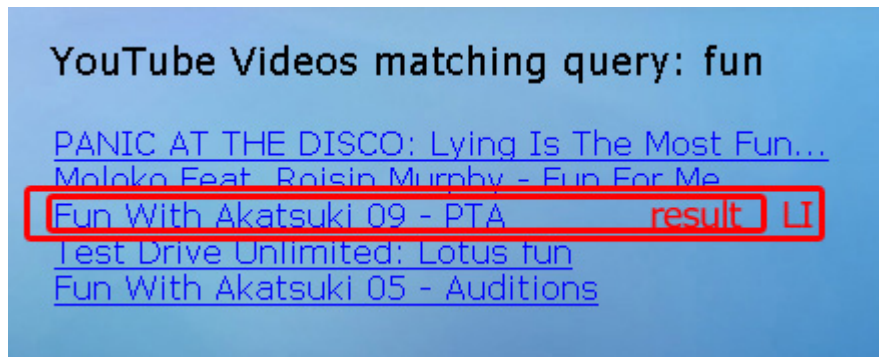
Property	Relevant CSS rule	Description
margin	.dmxFeedTicker_result	The outer spacing around the text items
padding		The inner spacing around the text items
color	.dmxFeedTicker_result a	Change the color of your **text feeds**
background	.dmxFeedTicker_result a:hover	Background color or image.
border	.dmxFeedTicker_result a:visited .dmxFeedTicker_result a: active	Border options.
display	.dmxFeedTicker_result .dmxFeedTicker_result img	We recommend to leave this style to their original value as it is used to make sure the Feed Ticker is displayed correctly in all browsers.

FAQ

Q: Feed Ticker does not work, what should I do?
A: Make sure that you have uploaded all the files required by the extension.