Weather Location
Posted by Gables - 2011/01/03 09:55

Hi everyone,
so I have just discovered and added a "Weather" element from the Chromo Skin.
As you can see from the attached image, it works perfectly for Manchester GBR, but I need to change the location to Verwood GBR.
The Weather location line is : http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:UKXX0092%26weadegreetype=C
Can someone please explain how I can find the command line to substitute it with to display Verwood and other locations.
Many thanks
David

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Gables - 2011/01/04 00:47

Image. http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Rainlendar-6342a9759271f8d563050835b0e5743e.gif

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by anoob - 2011/01/04 03:34

You can try this:
weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:7389307&weadegreetype=C

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Gables - 2011/01/04 06:58

Many many thanx... worked correctly instantly... perfect
David

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Ishte - 2011/01/15 20:17

It's excellent to see that an individualized answer was provided for the user who asked it. However, it didn't help anyone else with the same question. Sorry, I've been trying to get my particular link for Dayton ohio for over an hour. I followed the instructions in this entry:

Weather displays current conditions and the forecast for the given location. To change the location go to weather.msn.com, find your town and click on the rss-feed icon in the weather page and copy the url to the weather location field in the skin's settings.

I can follow the steps up to the point where it says to click on the RSS-FEED icon... which does not appear to exist anywhere on the page. I'm pretty smart with stuff like this, but I've tried several modifications, and several different websites. sometimes I can get as far as getting it to display the word Dayton. IN one instance I was able to get it to display a city IN MY COUNTRY at least... but hundreds of miles away from me. haha New York, NY and Dayton OH can have very different weather. the places where I was able to get code that at least gave the correct location but provided almost no information was actually at accuweather, and not MSN weather, but no other information was displayed. Not even the temperature. Bleh... :angry:

If someone supplies me the correct code, that's fine, and I'll be very grateful, but could you also please explain how you got it so that other people can be assisted also?

Thanks in advance.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Ishte - 2011/01/15 20:55

PS, after another hour of research, I did find out a sort of way to make it work, but it's not something that I would expect a lay person to figure out easily.

1) I deduced from the original code (http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:UKXX0092%26weadegreetype=C) that the location information was included in the UKXX0092 part. All else is unchanged (unless you want to convert from Centigrade to Fahrenheit in which case obviously you change that final C to an F.)

2) The reason I figured this out was that I found another entry that showed NYC as the same code (http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:USNY0996%26weadegreetype=F) Well that got me New York code of USNY0996 and that works.

3) Having sort of worked out how the code for the URL worked, I input that code and then tried changing the USNY part to USOH (for US Ohio) and 0001 to see what that city would be. It worked, and was something like Aberdeen Ohio, so I tried a higher number, and got higher in the alphabet. With that bit of intelligence, I worked my way back and forth until I found Dayton at USOH0245. Final Solution: (http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:USOH0245%26weadegreetype=F)

(added note: USOH0246 also works, the difference being whether you want Cox international Airport (USOH0245) listings or Wright Patterson Airforce Base (USOH0246) It just depends on where you are in Dayton as to which would be best.)

This was a very time consuming method, but none of the other methods I had read about seemed to be working for me. Each time, when the instructions said the mysterious code would be revealed, I ended up either redirected to something else, or got a completely different feed url that did not work.

Anyway, while my problem is solved just as that is of the OP, I hope someone can provide some insight into a better solution than this.

Thanks again
Ishte

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2011/01/16 05:35

There could be a change in MSN Weather between the time that the FAQ was made and the last site update.

Try to use this site: http://tiempo.ar.msn.com/local.aspx
On the upper left side says: "Buscar el clima de (ingresa una ciudad)" or in English "Search weather of (enter city)"
its just like MSN Weather was used to be, and you can find the RSS code there.
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/weather.JPG

UPDATE: Another site is http://www.weather.com/ Search there for the city and in the address bar the city code will appear.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by anoob - 2011/01/16 10:57

To all reader:
First of all, my English is very bad, so this via google translator, I hope you understand what I said.

There are two ways to get local weather's Rss code.

The first method:

We can see:
the weather's Rss of New York, NY is
"http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:USNY0996&weadegreetype=C"
the weather's Rss of Tampere, FIN is "http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:32669&weadegreetype=C"
the different is only "wc:XXXXXXXX"

Because MSN-WEATHER removed the "RSS" button, so we can not directly subscribe to RSS;
But the "wc:XXXXXXXX" can be found by following these steps:

Open the MSN-WEATHER: "http://local.msn.com/weather.aspx", and click the "CHANGE" (on the top-center of screen)
Enter the location name, change to the location page
Right-click, click "View Source" open source
Search for "wc:", we can see the "wc:XXXXXXXX"
(And, if you want "°F", you can set "weadegreetype=F")

The second method:(Similar to the Jorge_Luis wrote)

Subscribe to RSS from the following Web site(Non-English):
http://wetter.msn.com
http://meteo.msn.com
http://weer.nieuws.nl.msn.com
http://tiempo.ar.msn.com

For example:(use "wetter.msn.com")
Open "http://wetter.msn.com", and change to your location page.(e.g. Verwood, GBR)
On the right-top of screen, we can see a "RSS" button.
Copy the RSS code:
"http://wetter.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:7389307&weadegreetype=C&culture=de-DE"
Replace the "wetter.msn.com" into "weather.msn.com", And delete "&culture=de-DE"
Now, we can get what we want:
"http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:7389307&weadegreetype=C"

This is the way I know, you can reference.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Ishte - 2011/01/16 11:43

Thanks, Jorge_Luis. This method does show the code. At www.weather.com you do have to click through one of the links to the city before you get the code in the URL. Thanks for your help. I'm sure that other people having this problem will appreciate having a more detailed explanation like this to help them find their specific code.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Ishte - 2011/01/16 11:48

Thank you anoob. Your English translator did fine. Thanks for more details. I found this to be very easy to do and well explained. I am sure others who encounter this problem will appreciate a more step by step solution to find their own city like this. It will certainly make finding my city easier in the future if I need to change my location.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Rainy - 2011/01/17 13:47

I added a link to here from the skin addon thread. I think we need some other source for the weather information though since if MSN is making changes to their sites I'm not sure how long the rss feeds will be available.

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by rissarose - 2011/02/27 02:18

Is it because of MSN's changes that I can't get the extended forecast at the bottom of my Weather box? (I just get four of those N/A Question Marks.)

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Rainy - 2011/03/01 10:36

Can you give the url which you are using as the weather rss feed?

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by Gables - 2011/03/01 11:15

I use two, one for my home location, and one for relatives location.
http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:ASXX0112&weadegreetype=C
and
http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:7389307&weadegreetype=C
David

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by wizcave - 2011/10/16 01:33

Hello All,

I have the weather URL in and the information is coming through EXCEPT that the numbers at the very bottom are all jumbled together (as well as the days). Everything else is fine. I have tried increasing the "scale" and "grow upwards" both checked and unchecked. Any ideas on correcting? Is it a screen resolution problem? I use Windows 7, if that matters either.

Thank you for your help.
Bill

Edit Note: It seems ALL the windows associated with Shadow 4 Widgets are jumbled.

Nevermind, I have it now. Needed to change Options>Advanced>FontScale=0

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Re:Weather Location
Posted by feldrim - 2013/07/17 10:13

Old but I had this problem and solved. In case of need, you can try http://www.weather.com or http://weather.aol.co.uk/ and just search your city. You can find yor city code as 8 alphanumeric characters (4 letters, 4 digits) and just paste the code in settings.

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