

New FriendFeed layout, but there is a fix...

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Abstract

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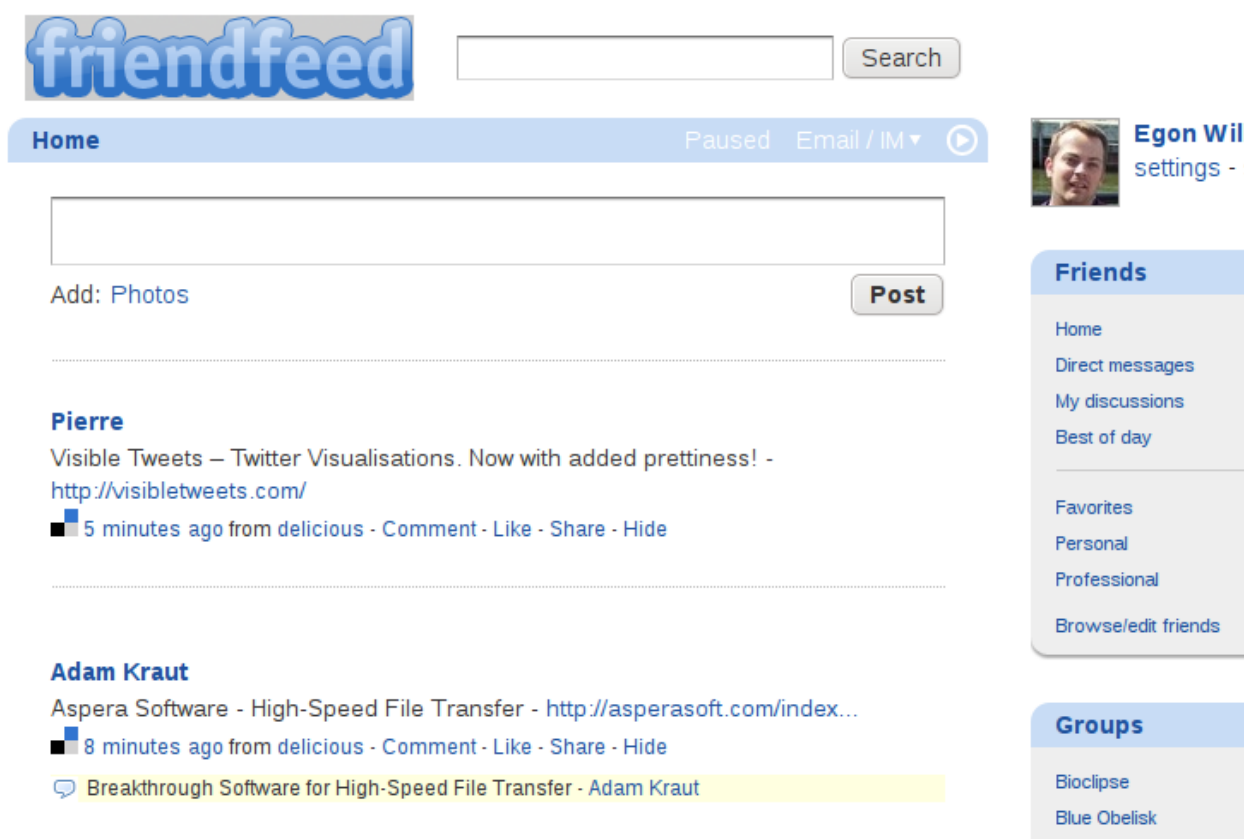
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Fortunately, [Neil](#) posted [three very useful GreaseMonkey](#) script to clean stuff (and since I use those to link science databases and resources anyway, see [Christmas Presents](#) and DOI:10.1186/1471-2105-8-487): [FriendFeed Service Icons](#), [Cleaner FriendFeed](#), and [Remove avatars from Friendfeed beta](#). The last may require the script target websites to no longer point to the beta server, but the real thing. However, by the time you read this, the script may already be updated.

After installing these, my FriendFeed page looks better again:



The screenshot shows the FriendFeed homepage. At the top left is the 'friendfeed' logo. To its right is a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the logo is a navigation bar with 'Home' selected, and 'Paused' and 'Email / IM' options. A large text input field for posting is present, with 'Add: Photos' and a 'Post' button. The main feed area shows two posts:

- Pierre**: Visible Tweets – Twitter Visualisations. Now with added prettiness! - <http://visibletweets.com/>
5 minutes ago from delicious - Comment - Like - Share - Hide
- Adam Kraut**: Aspera Software - High-Speed File Transfer - <http://asperasoft.com/index...>
8 minutes ago from delicious - Comment - Like - Share - Hide

On the right side, there is a user profile for 'Egon Wil' with a 'settings' link. Below that are two sidebar menus: 'Friends' (Home, Direct messages, My discussions, Best of day, Favorites, Personal, Professional, Browse/edit friends) and 'Groups' (Bioclipse, Blue Obelisk).