

What is an RSS feed and how can I subscribe?

Really Simple Syndication (RSS) is an XML-based format for content distribution.

Links which give another narrative than this guide.

<http://www.whatisrss.com/>

http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-10088_7-5143460-1.html

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_\(file_format\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_(file_format))

Video casting on how to use RSS feeds: Playable in nearly all browsers by copy/paste of the link into the browser address bar. Ctrl + click will also work.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0klgLSxGsU> Title: *RSS in Plain English, (3:44)*



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn_BZko_wN8 Title: *How to Use **Firefox** RSS feeds (1:23)*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCyBE5ZWf4> Title: ***IE explorer***

RSS tutorial from NCTT (6:07) for both MAC and PC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qygOm0AaMM> Title: *Safari RSS Feed Instruction. **MAC-Safari specific***


What is RSS?

RSS stands for Real Simple Syndication (or Rich Site Summary). Icons represented by  and  indicate the availability of RSS feeds for information displayed on a web page. Some of the online information that can be syndicated via RSS includes news items, tables of contents, short summaries, or links to full-text articles. Via syndication, these can be delivered to your personal news reader or feed aggregator.

What are feed readers or aggregators?

A news reader or feed aggregator is a type of software which is specifically tailored to receive these kinds of RSS feeds. With a feed reader you can view information from multiple web sites in a single interface. When you "subscribe" to an RSS feed, your reader will check that web site on a regular basis and show you any new content.

To subscribe to our RSS feed, simply do one of the following:

- If you are using Firefox as your primary browser, click the "Live Bookmark" icon () in the lower right-hand corner of your browser window (for version 1.5 users, this icon will appear in your address bar). This will prompt you to save the feed in your bookmarks.
- Other users can subscribe to our news feed via a dedicated RSS news reader (many are [freely available for download](#)) or by using a web-based news reader such as [My Yahoo!](#) or [Bloglines](#). See the documentation for your news reader or web-based reader of choice for specific information.
- **Internet Explorer 8:** Go to the help icon (question mark on the top, right hand of your IE8 tool bar) and click.
 - You want to search Help with "RSS" in the "Index". There is a series of common questions pertaining to RSS feeds and any help you may need with RSS. This will also work with IE versions 6 and 7.
 - Microsoft's Internet Explore <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/IE/ie7/tour/rss/>
- **Firefox help site**(with screen shots)

<http://support.mozilla.com/en-US/kb/Live+Bookmarks>

Safari 2.0 Help <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?path=Safari/2.0/en/ibr1087.html>

About RSS feeds

Many websites offer RSS feeds. Using RSS feeds, you can scan articles from several websites in one window, be notified when a website has new articles, and use a bookmark to search specific websites for specific terms.

An RSS feed provides the titles and summaries for many articles on a website. Safari displays this information in a simple list. You can search the list for articles on a specific subject, choose the length of their summaries, and sort them by date or title.

To find an RSS feed for a website:

- If Safari can find the RSS feed for the site you're viewing, an RSS button appears in the address bar. Click it to view that feed. To return to the website, click the button again.
- Choose Bookmarks > Show All Bookmarks, and click All RSS Feeds. Safari lists all RSS feeds from your Bookmarks menu, Bookmarks bar, and Bookmarks library. You may find the one you want here. If an RSS feed appears in more than one location, it's listed multiple times. The Parent column displays the folder that the RSS feed is in.
- Search the website for links to its RSS feeds, and click one. (RSS feeds are sometimes called XML feeds.)

How to get RSS via email: **Blog entry which has a great explanation and justification**

<http://chris.pirillo.com/how-to-get-rss-feeds-via-email/>