

What is RSS and what does it have to do with nursing?

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The Challenge



- How can I find information when it's stored in a dozen different places?



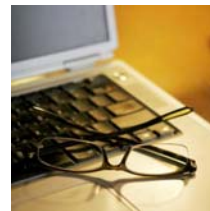
Where did I find it?

- No single repository
- No single best medium
- Resides in multiple human and electronic networks



Technology - cause and cure?

- Technology is a reason for information proliferation so let's use some technology to help manage the situation



But first a couple of questions

- How many professional journals do you subscribe to? Scan?
- How many websites/blogs/forums/twitter sites do you regularly follow?



A possible solution

- RSS can have changes and updates from on your favorite sites delivered to you electronically
- Free!



At the end of this session

You will be able to:

- Set up 2 kinds of RSS readers
- Find journals, podcasts and discussion groups (and more) with RSS feeds
- Know where to go for more information

What is RSS

- **Rich Site Summary**
or **Really Simple Syndication**
- Subscribe to your favorite resources using a Feed Reader
- Automatically checks for new content



Types of RSS readers

- Types of Readers
- Download and Install
 - NewsGator, Juice
- Web based
 - Google Reader, Bloglines, Pageflakes, Netvibes
- Email based
 - Feed My Inbox

Download & install

- Pro: Read anytime, anyplace without having to be connected to the Internet.
- Con: Only available on that computer



Web based

Pro: Available anytime/anywhere there is an internet connection

- Con: You must be connected to view content.

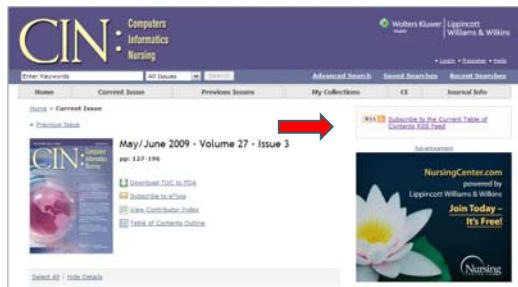


Email

- Pro: Familiarity - updates are automatically delivered to your email
- Con: Your mailbox can fill up VERY quickly



Subscribe to a Journal



For Life:
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Follow someone on Twitter



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Discussion board updates

- Forums such as allnurses.com (click on the sitemap)



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Custom Google News searches



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Google Video searches

- Add "&output=rss" to the URL of a search results page and get a RSS feed
- <http://video.google.com/videosearch?q=%22nursing+informatics%22&output=rss>

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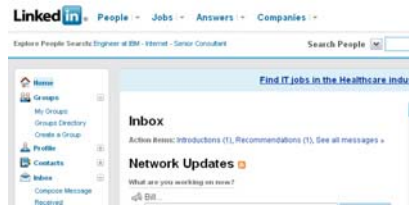
Subscribe to a podcast



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Social networking

- LinkedIn updates

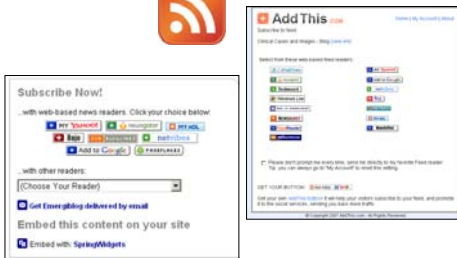


Searching PubMed

- Enter your search terms, and select RSS feed. An address will be generated that you can copy into your feed reader.



RSS icons



Entering the feed address



- The URL usually ends with .xml

Create a Google Reader account 1/2

Google reader

Have trouble keeping up with the sites you visit?

Read them in one place with Google Reader, where keeping up with your favorite websites is as easy as checking your email.



- <http://reader.google.com>

Adding feeds

- Click the "Add subscription" link and enter the address of the RSS feed.



Categorize, mark and search

- Feeds can be organized into folders, marked for easy retrieval, searched and shared with others

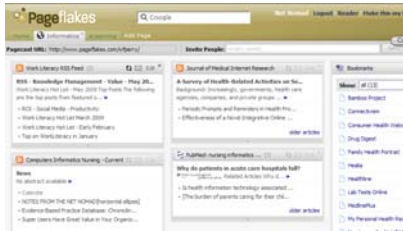


Bloglines



- <http://www.bloglines.com>

Personal Start Pages



- Pageflakes
<http://www.pageflakes.com>
- Netvibes
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Thank You!

Any Questions?

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Resources

- Centre for Learning & Performance Technologies
<http://c4lpt.co.uk/Directory/Tools/rss.html>
- David Rothman: RSS Notes for Clinicians
<http://davidrothman.net/2006/07/04/recap-my-notes-on-rss-for-clinicians/>
- RSS in Plain English
http://www.commoncraft.com/rss_plain_english
- Tutorial: Create RSS Feeds for your Website
<http://www.labnol.org/internet/create-rss-feed-for-websites/5470/>

Resources

- Turn Any RSS Feed Into A PDF Newspaper:
<http://www.masternewmedia.org/turn-any-rss-feed-into-a-pdf-newspaper/>
- Webicina
http://www.webicina.com/journals_and_sites/how_to_keep_yourself_up_to_date_83/
- Feed My Inbox (RSS to Email) <http://www.feedmyinbox.com/>
- Juice <http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/>
- NewsGator <http://www.newsgator.com/individuals/default.aspx>