



# Basic guide to RSS Readers



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# What is RSS?

RSS is generally known as Really Simple Syndication. An RSS document, which is called a 'feed' contains either a summary of content from a web site or the full text.

RSS enables you to keep up with all your favorite web sites at one location. When you subscribe, you automatically get the news you want from the sites you want. You no longer have to repeatedly visit all the sites to keep updated.

## How RSS works

RSS is based on XML. (XML stands for Extensible Markup Language) A typical RSS feed is actually an XML file that contains one or more news items. The easiest way to find out if a website is RSS ready is to look for the icon or search for the site through an RSS reader.

Look for this symbol on a website.



## RSS Readers

To help you locate websites with RSS you can use an RSS reader program. Alternatively, visit your favourite websites, look for the RSS symbol, and add them to your reader.

Sites to join:

[www.search4rss.com](http://www.search4rss.com)

<http://feedfinder.feedster.com/>

[www.completerss.com](http://www.completerss.com)

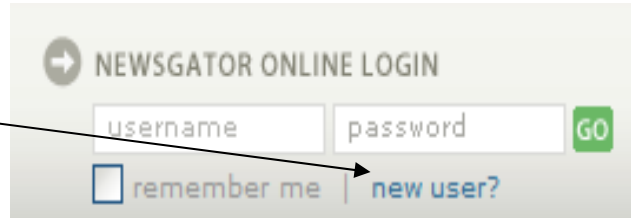
[www.newsgator.com](http://www.newsgator.com)

[www.google.com/reader](http://www.google.com/reader)

[www.bloglines.com](http://www.bloglines.com)

We use Newsgator in this handout. If you have a Gmail account you can use Google reader, or search Google with 'RSS reader' and you should be able to see a list of other RSS reader sites.

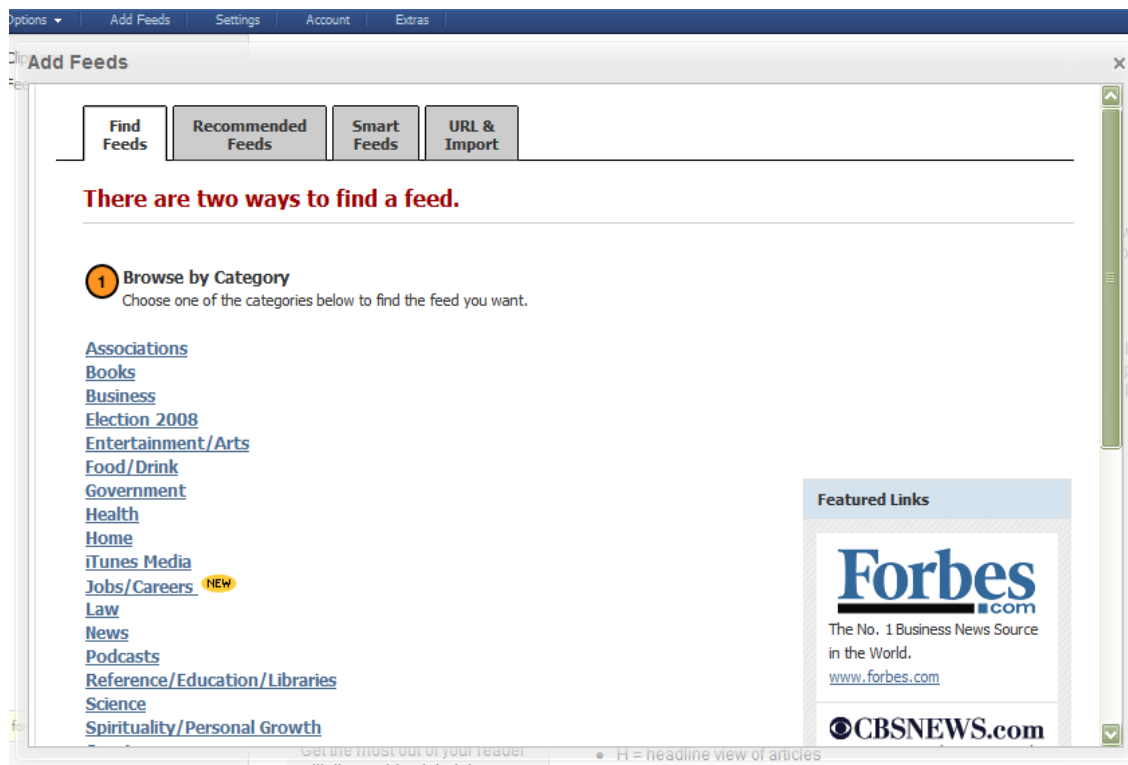
Go to [www.newsgator.com](http://www.newsgator.com)  
Click on **new user?**



Complete the registration form and click on **next**

## Adding feeds

All sites added to your RSS newsreader are referred to as 'feeds'. To add a feed to your account click on **Add Feeds**.



Browse by (1) category or (2) enter a search term. When you use option 2 you can enter the website or your own category e.g. scrapbooking

When you are satisfied with your search result click on **Add**

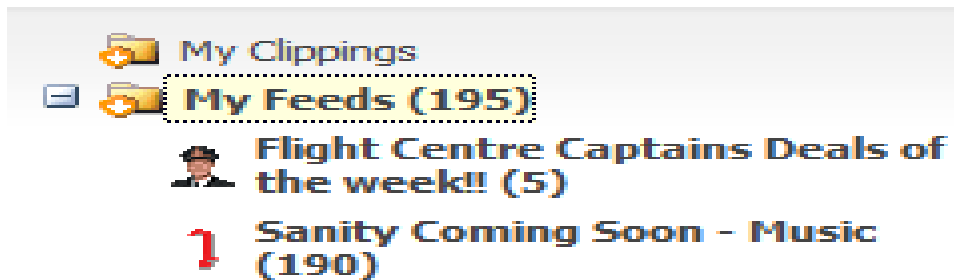
Then click on **Add Subscription**

You have now added your first feed. You can add more feeds as you progress. Remember that not all websites feature RSS.

## Reading feeds

Click on **My Feeds** to read your latest feeds at any time. Every time the websites you've added to the reader are updated, a number will appear next to the name of the site. For instance 10 would mean 10 updates to the website.

Check your feeds regularly to ensure you don't have to read a large number of updates.



Click on the feed you want to read, e.g. Flight centre. Each feed will come up with a title and paragraph. You can then read that post, and

click on the arrow to mark it as read.



Once you have read all the posts you are up to date with the information from that website.

There will no longer be a number next to the feed. The next time the site updates its information a number will appear next to the feed name.

## Flight Centre Captains Deals of the week!!

5 SUBSCRIBER(S) | MARK ALL IN FEED READ | EDIT | UNSUBSCRIBE | GET OLDER POSTS

### Experience Thailand

FLIGHT CENTRE CAPTAINS DEALS OF THE WEEK!! 2/ 01/ 2007 11: 28: 38 AM

Possibly the perfect introduction to Thailand, take an 8 day tour from \$450\*. This trip takes in Bangkok, Grand Palace, Greater Khao Yai National Park, Phimai and Teak House Homestay, Kanchanaburi and Bridge over the river Kwai, Hellfire Pass and Erawan Falls. Included is all transportation, an experienced leader, sightseeing and some meals.



Mark All Above Read ↕

### Escape the heat in Canada

FLIGHT CENTRE CAPTAINS DEALS OF THE WEEK!! 2/ 01/ 2007 11: 28: 38 AM

Escape the summer heat and head to Canada for a ski holiday from \$715\*. The package includes a 7 days accommodation at Whitefoot Lodge Big White, a 6 day interchangeable ski lift pass, plus return Kelowna Airport to Big White transfers. Big White is a modern alpine village offering the ultimate mountain experience with world-class restaurants



Mark All Above Read ↕

If you don't want to read all the posts click on **MARK ALL IN FEED READ**. You can unsubscribe from your feeds too.

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## Display Options

Select **Display Options** to change the look of your post. You can view headline, summary or full posts.

## My clippings

Add your favourite posts to **My clippings** to access them from one place. If your feed has new posts everyday and you see one you want to keep, save it by clicking on the yellow envelope under the post. This will store the post for you in your clippings folder.

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### **Ivanhoe Library**

255 Upper Heidelberg Road

Ivanhoe 3079

Phone 9497 5780

## **Rosanna Library**

72 Turnham Avenue

Rosanna 3084

Phone 9459 6171

## **Watsonia Library**

Ibbottson Street

Watsonia 3087

Phone 9435 2397

## **Nillumbik**

### **Diamond Valley Library**

Civic Drive

Greensborough 3088

Phone 9434 3809

## **Eltham Library**

Panther Place

Eltham 3095

Phone 94399266

## **Whittlesea**

### **Lalor Library**

2A May Road

Lalor 3075

Phone 9465 2353

## **Mill Park Library**

394 Plenty Road

Mill Park 3082

Phone 9437 8189

## **Thomastown Library**

52 Main Street

Thomastown 3074

Phone 9464 1864

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### **Home Library Service**

Outreach Library Service

## **Mobile Service**

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