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Really Simple Syndication in plain English



By Lee Lefever, April 2007 available Youtube
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KlgLsSxGsU>) and Blip.tv

Using RSS to keep up-to-date

- What types of information are in feeds
 - Journal table of contents
 - News
 - Weather
 - Blogs, Podcasts
 - Shared bookmarks
 - Newsletters
 - Professional and Commercial websites
 - Cartoons, Photographs, and more

What is RSS

- See some RSS then forget it

New Titles in the Law Library
Wednesday, 20 June 2007, 11:00:00 PM

How to write better law essays
Thursday, 28 June 2007, 8:35:09 AM →
K 101 .A1 FOS 2007 Reference Collection

A life in crime
Thursday, 28 June 2007, 8:35:09 AM →
KB 15KUZ KUZ 2007 General Collection

Pervasive problems in international arbitration
Thursday, 28 June 2007, 8:35:09 AM →
KC 1255 PER 2006 General Collection

Congress papers presented at ICMA XVI, 26 February - 2 March, 2007, Singapore.

NEW TITLES IN THE LAW LIBRARY

Titles recently arrived in the Law Library, Bond University.
Updated Wed, 20 Jun 2007 13:00:00 GMT+10:00

This page is generated from an rss feed. It has been formatted using an xsl stylesheet. You can subscribe to the source feed by copying the URL from the address bar and pasting it into your news aggregator to read updates to the list of titles.

[How to write better law essays](#) -- K 101 .A1 FOS 2007 Reference Collection

[A life in crime](#) -- KB 15KUZ KUZ 2007 General Collection

[Pervasive problems in international arbitration](#) -- KC 1255 PER 2006 General Collection

[Congress papers presented at ICMA XVI, 26 February - 2 March, 2007, Singapore.](#) -- KC 1260 INT 2007 General Collection

[The making of international law](#) -- KC 130 BOY 2007 General Collection

[The creation of states in international law](#) -- KC 151 CRA 2006 General Collection

[Human rights](#) -- KC 200 HUM 2007 General Collection

[The human rights field operation](#) -- KC 200 HUM 2007 General Collection

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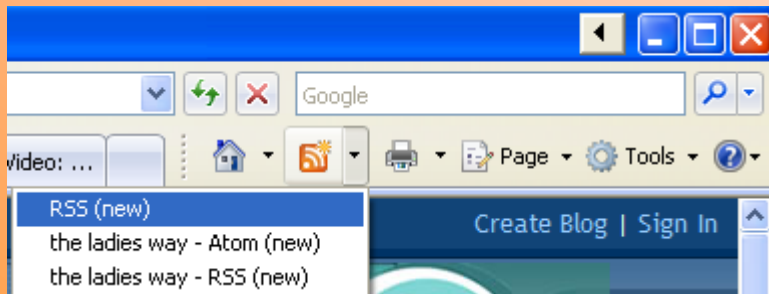
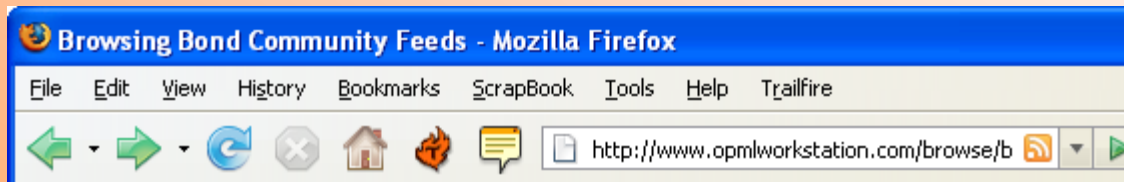


What is RSS

- Bundles of RSS feeds
 - Outline processor markup language (OPML) is used to share reading lists
 - See [some opml](#) and then forget it

Recognising a feed

- Clues in your browser




- What to look for on a website





Try these links

- <http://www.bond.edu.au/library> - then click on “The L files”
- <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/bonduniversity/>
- <http://del.icio.us/tag/elearning>
- <http://www.abc.net.au/services/podcasting/>



Setting up a feed reader

- Get a newsreader account
 - <http://www.bloglines.com>
- Subscribe to feeds
 - <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/edpod/>
 - <http://www.teachertube.com/rssls.php>
- Import a bundle of feeds
- Organise your feeds in folders
- Search for feeds
- Export your feeds

Social Bookmarking with del.icio.us

- Central web-based repository of bookmarks
- Each bookmark is tagged with keywords
- Bookmarks are shared by default, but can be private
- Every tag or search has an RSS feed
- Use subject code/semester for tag; students can access as links or feeds
- See: <http://del.icio.us/mrees/inft232>

Sample del.icio.us tag

The screenshot shows a del.icio.us tag page for the tag 'inf132'. The page header includes the del.icio.us logo, the user's profile 'mrees', and the tag 'inf132'. Navigation links for 'your favorites', 'your network', 'subscriptions', 'links for you', and 'post' are visible. The user is logged in as 'mrees'. The main content area shows a list of items tagged with 'inf132', including 'Free Website Templates', 'Free Website Icons: : tab : FREE Pixel icons', 'The Yellow Icon : Quality Freeware Icons For You', and 'famfamfam.com: Icons'. Each item has a description and a 'saved by' count. A sidebar on the right lists 'related tags' (design, freeware, icons, templates, web) and 'Other tags' (Ajax, Programming, SocialMedia). A search bar and pagination controls are also present.

Tag

Hyperlink

Other tags

RSS feed link

Teaching with student blogs

- Part of continuous assessment worth 5-7%
- Intended to form record of resource discovery and topic understanding through semester
- Approximately twice-weekly blog entries
- All blog entries shared with class
- List of RSS feeds and/or OPML published on iLearn
- See [INFT13-338_072: Programming Web Applications](#)

Links

- What is RSS
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0klgLvSxGsU>
- See some OPML
 - <http://www.opmlworkstation.com/wiki/rssworkshop>
- Recognising feeds
 - <http://www.bond.edu.au/library> - then click on “The L files”
 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/bonduniversity>
 - <http://del.icio.us/tag/elearning>
 - <http://www.abc.net.au/services/podcasting/>
- Sign up for a feed reader
 - <http://www.bloglines.com>
 - Or you might like to try Google Reader: <http://reader.google.com>
- Subscribe to feeds
 - <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/edpod/>
 - <http://www.teachertube.com/rssls.php>
- Practical Ideas for using RSS in teaching
 - <http://del.icio.us/mrees/inft232>
 - [INFT13-338_072: Programming Web Applications](#)

Putting RSS to use

- [RSS and Education](#) Sharon Housely (no date) in RSS Specifications
 - “Academia has embraced RSS as a means to educate **but**, scrutinizing how educational institutions are using RSS feeds in their daily routines show RSS is utilized can vary across different industries.” (sic)