

Personal Computer Tutor

Hi ,

One problem with the Internet is that it is so vast. Billions of web pages being updated everyday. How do we keep up with it all? Of course we don't even try to follow billions of pages. But what about the few websites we visit over and over again? One way to read our favorite websites is to build a list of "Favorites" or "Bookmarks". Another way is to use RSS. This is good for newspaper and weather websites that we know change often and for websites that might not change that often?

Technology Tip Of The Month: RSS (Really Simple Syndication)

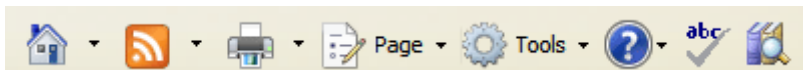


On a website click the RSS logo or look for a RSS link

Another way to keep up on our favorite websites is with [RSS](#) (Really Simple Syndication). With RSS the information comes to us instead of us going to them. Once we have subscribed to RSS feeds we then simply open our browser and viola, all of our news is there for us to read. The new information has come to us!

How it works

More and more websites now have a RSS logo like the one above. When you find this logo on a website, click on it to subscribe to the RSS feed. The "Feed" then delivers the new information on that website to your browser.




The Internet Explorer 7 RSS toolbar button is the second one from the left

Another way to subscribe to a feed: Internet Explorer 7 is a RSS Reader so it has a RSS button on the toolbar. If an RSS feed is present on a website the button will become active. Click on it and you will see the screen change.

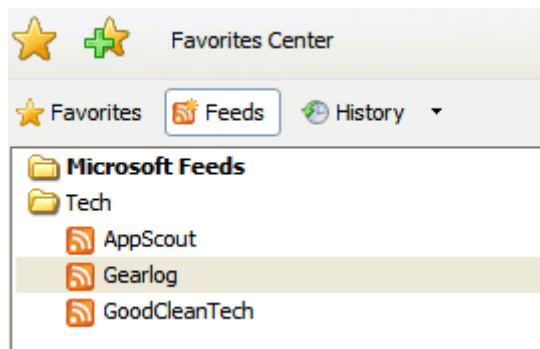
Google News

You are viewing a feed that contains frequently updated content. When you subscribe to a feed, it is added to the Common Feed List. Updated information from the feed is automatically downloaded to your computer and can be viewed in Internet Explorer and other programs. [Learn more about feeds.](#)

 [Subscribe to this feed](#)

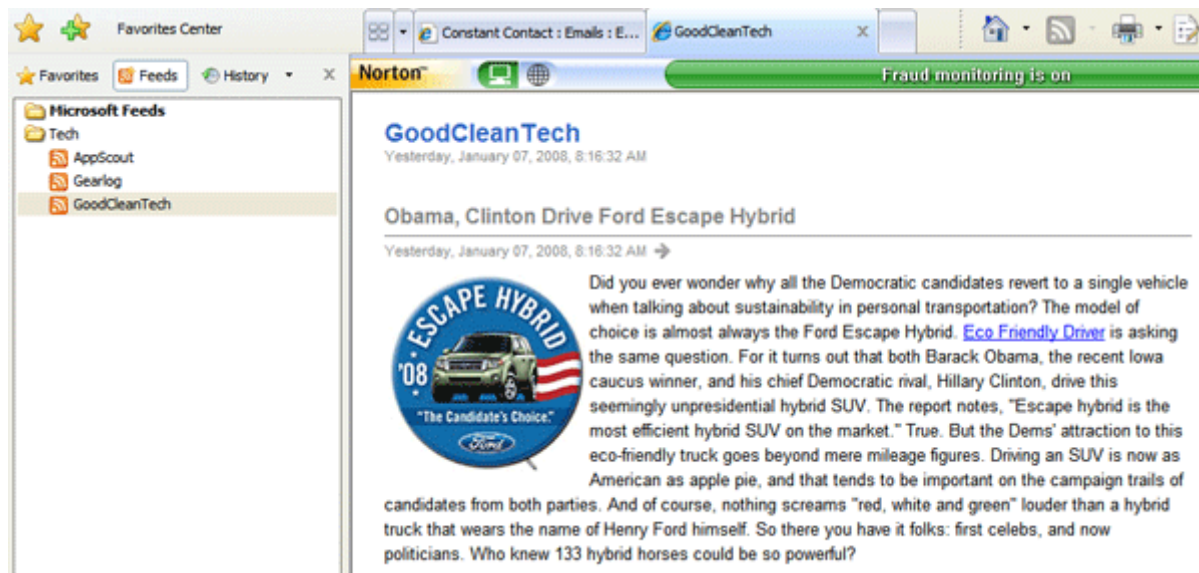
Click "Subscribe to this feed" to add it to your RSS Reader

The feed is now available in your RSS Reader. So what is a RSS Reader? It is simply a place to read Internet Explorer 7 has the ability to keep track of all of your RSS Feeds. You find the Reader by clicking the yellow star on the left-hand side of the toolbar. This is how you bring up your Favorites. What you may have noticed is that the second button says "Feeds". Click on that and you will see the Feeds that you are



In Internet Explorer 7 click on the Yellow Star, then click on Feeds

Click on the feed name and viola, you can now read the website news on the right. Now you can see how to simply click on the different feeds that you subscribe to and read the latest news.



Click on the Feed name on the left, then read the latest news on the right

AOL and RSS

If you use AOL you will need to upgrade to version 9.1 to get the RSS Reader. On the other hand, if you use a Cable modem you can use Internet Explorer 7 as your RSS Reader and follow the instructions above to use AOL 9.1 as your RSS reader the following information from AOL will help you use it.

What is an RSS Feed?

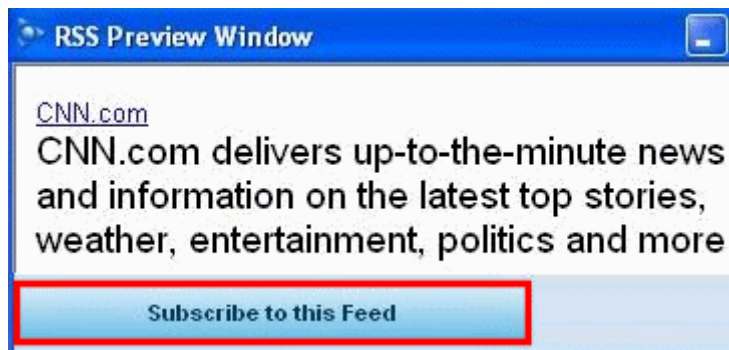
Really Simple Syndication (RSS) is an XML-based format for syndicating news and other content. It provides automatic updates when an RSS publisher adds new articles to an existing RSS feed. It's simply a way to keep up with changing content on Web sites without having to visit each site individually.

How RSS Works With AOL® 9.1?

AOL 9.1 comes with the ability to easily find and add RSS Feeds to myAOL™ Favorites. When you visit a site that contains RSS Feeds, the orange RSS icon in the upper right of the address bar gets enabled. Clicking the icon opens a drop-down menu to open, which contains the list of available feeds on that site.



Choose a RSS feed, then click the Preview button.



Click the Subscribe to this Feed button to add the feed to your myaol Favorites.

What is an RSS Reader?

RSS content can be read using a software called RSS reader, also commonly called an aggregator. To use a feed by entering the feed's link into the reader or by clicking the RSS icon in the upper right of the browser address bar initiates the subscription process. The reader checks the subscribed feeds regularly for new content, and displays any update that it finds (for example myAOL™ favorites).

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What is myAOL™ Favorites?

myAOL Favorites is the ideal Web destination to save, organize and read, share and re-write your favorite pages and bookmarks for easy access from any computer on the Web. myAOL Favorites is a best in class Web bookmark product. myAOL Favorites lets you view everything you like best from all over the Web. You can view content from CNN.com or HBO.com, view all your headlines in one place.

Apple Mac OSX and RSS

You will need Safari 2.0 or higher to use RSS. Many websites offer RSS feeds. Using RSS feeds, you can view content from several websites in one window, be notified when a website has new articles, and use a bookmark to save specific websites for specific terms.

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

The screenshot shows the Google News homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'History', 'Bookmarks', 'Window', and 'Help'. The address bar contains 'http://news.google.com/'. Below the address bar are various search and navigation buttons, including 'Search News' and 'Search the Web'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Top Stories' with a dropdown menu set to 'U.S.', a 'Personalize this page' section with various news links, and 'In The News' with a grid of names. A sidebar on the left lists categories like 'World', 'U.S.', 'Business', 'Elections', 'Sci/Tech', 'Sports', 'Entertainment', 'Health', and 'Most Popular'. There are also links for 'News Alerts', 'Text Version', 'Image Version', 'RSS | Atom', 'About Feeds', and 'Mobile News'.

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

Many websites have more than one RSS feed. For example, a newspaper's website may have separate feeds for sports, and entertainment articles. The RSS button in the address bar displays just one of those feeds. You can search the website for links to them.

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